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## September Announcements

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### November Elections are Just Around the Corner

November is when we elect the officers for the AARC Board. We will be appointing an election committee during the September meeting so that there is time to prepare for the election. If you are interested in serving as our election committee this year please let the Board know. And if you have a vision for Arlington ARCs future please be encouraged to run for an office on our board.

### AARC Membership Survey

We have recently sent out a club member survey via email. Please take a few minutes to print it and fill it out and bring it to the club meeting on Friday or send it to our P.O. Box. We will also have some copies to fill out at the meeting. The survey is to help us learn what our members' interests are and what they hope to get out of their membership in Arlington ARC. We would love to know what you think and what you'd like to see and what you would like to contribute to future efforts.

### AARC Fund-Raising Raffle

**Yaesu FT-2900R 2 meter  
75 watt transceiver**  
\$5.00 per ticket (one chance in the drawing per ticket). Purchase as many tickets as you want! The drawing will be held during our December Christmas dinner. You do not need to be present to win.



### Ham Nation!

Join **Bob Heil K9EID** and **Gordon West WB8NOA** each Tuesday night at 8pm online at TWIT.tv for this great new program! Also download past shows!

## September Presentation


**Dennis McGrath, N5ACK** will do a presentation on various topics. This presentation is one that was originally slated for July when our projector was AWOL. So come out and hear about everything from coax repair to using salt water as an ingredient in your next antenna.

## Arlington ARC Events Calendar

- Sept. 16, Fri, 6:30pm, Monthly Board Meeting at 501 W Sanford
- Sept. 16, Fri, 7:30pm, Monthly Club Meeting at 501 W Sanford
- Sept. 17, Sat, 10:00am, Amateur License test Session at 401 W Sanford
- Sept. 17, Sat, 5:00pm, Dining Out – Chuy's, 4001 Bagpiper Way, Arlington
- Oct. 1, Sat, 8:30am, 1st Saturday breakfast – Fuzzy's Taco Shop, 4201 West Green Oaks Blvd., Arlington
- Oct. 1, Sat, 10:00am, Amateur License Test Session at 401 W Sanford
- Oct. 5, Wed. 12:30pm, Arlington Siren Test
- Oct. 21, Fri, 7:30pm, Monthly Club Meeting at 501 W Sanford

Our website has an Events Calendar, so check it out for the latest information on upcoming events at [www.k5sld.com](http://www.k5sld.com)

## AARC Financial Report – July 2011

AARC August 2011 Financial Report						
						
	Actual Apr-11	Actual May-11	Actual Jun-11	Actual Jul-11	Actual Aug-11	
<b>Income</b>						
Dues	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$37.50	\$62.50	\$25.00	
PayPal Dues	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$23.97	
Good & Welfare	\$10.00	\$6.00	\$44.00	\$38.00	\$0.00	
AT&T overpayment refund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
CD interest	\$0.35	\$0.37	\$0.25	\$0.28	\$0.20	
	<u>\$35.35</u>	<u>\$31.37</u>	<u>\$81.75</u>	<u>\$100.78</u>	<u>\$49.17</u>	
<b>Expenses</b>						
Storage Hut	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
1-800-Flowers (G&W)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$124.18	\$0.00	
Bank fees	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	
Bank fee donation	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$15.00	-\$15.00	-\$15.00	
AT&T	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
2011 Field Day gas and supplies	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$65.90	
Donation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
SafeHaven donation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Liability Insurance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Web Hosting	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Arlington Yacht Club	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Flowers by Linda (G&W)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Chris Webster (club expenses)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Bank check order	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Printing supplies	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
1 year PO Box fees	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Fry's - UPS for IRLP link PC	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
406-430 MHz yagi (to Maurice; IRLP; repeater fund)	\$55.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Ham Radio Outlet (4 under door jumpers)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Accent Awards	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
	<u>\$130.00</u>	<u>\$15.00</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$124.18</u>	<u>\$65.90</u>	
<b>Variance</b>	<u>-\$94.65</u>	<u>\$16.37</u>	<u>\$81.75</u>	<u>-\$23.40</u>	<u>-\$16.73</u>	
	Actual Apr-11	Actual May-11	Actual Jun-11	Actual Jul-11	Actual Aug-11	Ending Balances
General Fund	-\$50.00	\$10.00	\$37.50	\$62.50	-\$16.93	\$1,444.34
Repeater Fund	-\$55.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,211.90
Good & Welfare	\$10.00	\$6.00	\$44.00	-\$86.18	\$0.00	\$598.40
Chase Checking	-\$95.00	\$16.00	\$81.50	-\$23.68	-\$16.93	\$3,254.64
Chase CD	\$0.35	\$0.37	\$0.25	\$0.28	\$0.20	\$2,159.91
<b>Total Chase Bank</b>	<b>-\$94.65</b>	<b>\$16.37</b>	<b>\$81.75</b>	<b>-\$23.40</b>	<b>-\$16.73</b>	<b>\$5,414.55</b>
Petty Cash	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
<b>Total - All Balances</b>	<b>-\$94.65</b>	<b>\$16.37</b>	<b>\$81.75</b>	<b>-\$23.40</b>	<b>-\$16.73</b>	<b>\$5,439.55</b>

Note: \$225.00 for 6 month's storage paid 9/1/2011; good through 2/29/2012.

Prepared by Chris Webster, K5LTX  
Treasurer AARC since August 2009

## August 2011 Board Meeting Minutes

*Submitted by Andy Kapushoc, KB2VQA, Secretary*

The regular meeting of the Executive Board of the AARC was held on August 19th, 2011 at 6:34pm. Present were President, Jack W5JCK; Vice President, Dennis N5ACK; Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT; Treasurer, Chris K5LTX; Editor, Virginia NV5F; Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW; and Trustee, Maurice KM5RF.

Dennis N5ACK went in-person to Chase Bank to discuss the monthly fees. He was not able to successfully negotiate a way to avoid the fees. Phil N5PWW will investigate the possibility of opening an account with Arlington Federal Credit Union.

Don Stevenson KF5GWQ presented to the Board the idea of distributing a survey to the Membership regarding their interests in amateur radio.

Maurice KM5RF suggested that the Club raffle a mobile amateur radio in an effort to raise funds for the Club. The idea will be brought before the Membership.

Bill AE5BT presented a list of expenses, primarily gasoline and plastic utensils, he incurred during Field Day.

The meeting adjourned at 7:18pm.

## August 2011 Membership Meeting Minutes

*Submitted by Andy Kapushoc, KB2VQA, Secretary*

The regular meeting of the Membership of the AARC was called to order at 8:00pm August 19th, 2011 by the President, Jack W5JCK. Other Board members present included Vice President, Dennis N5ACK; Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT; Editor, Virginia NV5F; Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW; and Trustee, Maurice KM5RF. Absent was the Treasurer, Chris K5LTX.

Jack W5JCK asked that the meeting attendees introduce themselves by name and call sign.

Virginia NV5F printed and distributed the newsletter. A motion was made and carried to accept for audit the financial report as published.

The minutes for the July meetings were submitted for publication in the August 2011 newsletter. A motion was made and carried to accept the minutes as published.

Don Stevenson KF5GWQ presented to the Membership the idea of a questionnaire regarding their interests in amateur radio.

Maurice KM5RF asked the Membership if they would be interested in the Club sponsored raffle of a mobile amateur radio, in an effort to raise funds for the Club. The members in attendance expressed interest in the raffle. A motion was made and carried to purchase a mobile amateur radio and raffle it.

Maurice mentioned that due to a donation of radio equipment to the Club, the VHF and UHF power output of the repeaters has been increased.

Phil N5PWW will continue to hold testing sessions on the first and third Saturdays of the month. There are currently no classes being conducted. Phil will organize a Technician Class training session that will run for a duration of four to six weeks, two evenings a week. It will be held at the South Arlington Medical Center.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:12pm.

The sign-in sheet showed 27 people in attendance, 20 indicating AARC membership.

## Volunteers Needed to Help Test the Warning Sirens

If you live or work in Arlington, chances are, you have heard the wail of one of our warning sirens. In the event of severe weather, these sirens going off might save your life. But, what if they did not go off? Where would we be then?

Volunteers, working in conjunction with the Arlington Fire Department, Office of Emergency Management, assist in the testing of the city's sirens on the first Wednesday of each month. The test is conducted between 12:30pm to 1:30pm on the AARC repeater, K5SLD, 147.140 MHz, pl 110.9.

If you have the time available, we would love to enlist your cooperation and radio expertise in this most necessary and rewarding effort. Your report of a malfunctioning siren just might mean the saving of a life or avoidance of bodily injury.

Please monitor our 147.140 repeater starting about 11:00am on the day of the test. The net will begin about 12:15pm on test day, and you may join us any time that you are able. Detailed maps in PDF and printed formats will be available upon request to assist you in locating siren locations. For more info contact Jack Swinden, W5JCK, AARC President.




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### Repeater Committee

Chairman Paul Baumgardner W5PSB

Maurice Martin KM5RF and Harold Reasoner K5SXK