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June Program

Virginia, NV5F, will give a short program on the trials and tribulations of putting up your first tower.

Field Day!

It's that time of year again, the day when we drag out the generators, coax, power supplies, radios, computers, antenna's, food and ourselves to put the Arlington ARC on the air for the ARRL Field Day. Last year's Field Day was a huge success with the return of a CW station and a 3A designation for the first time in many years. I'm sure some club members had doubts about the viability of a CW station but Virginia, NV5F, was adamant that the station would pull it's weight. And that it did, easily out scoring the digital and SSB stations. Wayne, AD5ST, had one of the best V/UHF performances in quite a while thanks to a great 6m opening. The digital station cracked the 100 QSO mark for the second year in a row thanks to David, KF5CFW, and the SSB station did it's usual bang up job under the guidance of Phil, N5PWW. Jack, W5JCK, coached newer Amateurs at the GOTA station.



Most of the crew will be back at their stations this year with a couple of exceptions. Jack will hand over the reigns of the GOTA station to Dennis, N5ACK, and Norman, WA5WJY will be back with his station to try to nab one of those elusive satellites.

All of these stations will be available for you to operate. Want to give PSK31 a try? No problem, you don't even need to be able to type, just a couple of mouse clicks and you've made a contact. Wonder if you can still copy code by ear? Head over to Virginia's trusty Ten-Tec and see if you've still got it. If you do, why not grab the key and make a few contacts? SSB more your style? Phil and Terry would love for you to give them a break. Have you been licensed less than a year or been inactive for a while and just getting back into Amateur Radio? Then the GOTA station is for you. Wayne would love for you to move some traffic on 2 meters or work the magic band (6m). Still not sure about operating? How about logging for one of the stations? Continued page 2.



Photo courtesy of KM4FI

Field Day (cont)

We'll start setting up about 9:30am and around noon we'll take a break to down a few slices of pizza before we get on the air. Field Day is a lot of work and a lot of fun. It's impressive to see a dedicated club like ours set up such a complex communications system so quickly.

This year we will stream live video of Field Day on the internet through ustream.tv. Point your browser to www.ustream.tv/channel/k5sld and watch us if you can't be there in person.



Calendar of Events

June 15 Executive Board meeting – 6:30pm, 501 W. Sanford. This is an open meeting, everyone is encouraged to attend.

June 15 General Membership meeting – 7:30pm, 501 W. Sanford

June 16 VE Testing – 10:00am, 401 W. Sanford. Enter on the North side of the building.

June 16 Dining out – 5:00pm, Kincaid's, Arlington Highlands.

June 23- 24 ARRL Field Day – 9:30am Setup, 1:00pm On the Air, 401 W. Sanford

July 7 First Saturday Breakfast - TBA

July 7 VE Testing – 10:00am, 401 W. Sanford. Enter on North side of the building.

Fourth of July

Paul Baumgardner, W5PSB, is still looking for volunteers for the Fourth of July parade in Arlington. Club members have always supported the parade in the past, so shoot Paul an email for details or give him a call. Email is pbaumg1@sbcglobal.net or phone at 817-994-0320

Tidbits

Chris, K5LTX, has donated a copy of Omega Games Ranger to be given away at this Friday's raffle. Here's a description from the Omega Games website:

***Ranger**, one of the best selling board wargames of all time, has been completely revised and updated with new weapons, equipment and tactics. This unique game has been a great cross over success with players who do not play traditional wargames. **Ranger** is very easy to play and as realistic as any board game ever developed.*

May 2012 Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Andy KB2VQA, Secretary

The regular meeting of the Executive Board of the AARC was held on May 18th, 2012 at 6:33pm. Present were President, Dennis N5ACK; Vice President, Virginia NV5F; Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Treasurer, Chris K5LTX; Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT; Editor, Rob NV5E; Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW; and Trustee, Maurice KM5RF.

Chris K5LTX reported that he will work with Phil to arrange for the transfer of the Certificate of Deposit to the new bank.

Phil N5PWW will hold a testing session tomorrow. There are no training sessions in progress.

In preparation for Field Day, Maurice will change the oil in the generators.

Virginia recommended that the Board consider the new position of Public Information Officer.

The meeting adjourned at 7:04pm.

May 2012 Membership Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Andy KB2VQA, Secretary

The regular meeting of the Membership of the AARC was called to order at 7:30pm May 18th, 2012 by the President, Dennis N5ACK. Other Board members present included Vice President, Virginia NV5F; Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Treasurer, Chris K5LTX; Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT; Editor, Rob NV5E; Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW; and Trustee, Maurice KM5RF.

Dennis N5ACK asked that the meeting attendees introduce themselves by name and call sign.

Phil N5PWW continues to hold test sessions on the first and third Saturdays of the month. He is not currently conducting a training session.

Virginia NV5F posed the idea of appointing a new position of Public Information Officer. If you would be interested in the position, please speak with Virginia or Chris K5LTX.

Chris K5LTX reviewed the financial report. A motion was made and carried to accept for audit the financial report as published.

Bill AE5BT described the plans for Field Day which will be held on June 23 and 24. He also encouraged those who attend the dinner on Saturday evening to bring side dishes.

Rob NV5E printed and distributed the newsletter. He reviewed the plans for the particular stations which will be set up for Field Day.

The minutes for the April meetings were submitted for publication in the May 2012 newsletter. A motion was made and carried to accept the minutes as published.

A break was taken at 8:00pm. At 8:15pm the meeting resumed, and various club members participated in a show-and-tell.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:00pm.

The sign-in sheet showed 27 people in attendance, 24 indicating AARC membership.

AARC April 2012 Financial Report



	Actual Nov-11	Actual Dec-11	Actual Jan-12	Actual Feb-12	Actual Mar-12	Actual Apr-12	
Income							
Dues	\$12.50	\$0.00	\$578.00	\$295.00	\$100.00	\$50.00	
PayPal Dues	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$249.41	\$71.91	\$0.00	\$153.53	
Radio Raffle Dec 2011	\$0.00	\$175.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Good & Welfare	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12.00	\$19.00	\$12.00	\$6.00	
AT&T overpayment refund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
CD interest	\$0.31	\$0.31	\$0.21	\$0.25	\$0.31	\$0.27	
	\$12.81	\$175.31	\$839.62	\$386.16	\$112.31	\$209.80	
Expenses							
Storage Hut	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$225.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
1-800-Flowers (G&W)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Bank fees	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$0.00	
Bank fee donation	-\$15.00	-\$15.00	-\$15.00	-\$15.00	-\$15.00	\$0.00	
AT&T	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
FT2900 radio for Dec 2011 raffle	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
2011 Field Day gas and supplies	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Donation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
SafeHaven donation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	
Liability Insurance	\$320.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Web Hosting	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$59.88	
Arlington Yacht Club	\$0.00	\$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	\$0.00	
Chris Webster (club expenses)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Bank check order	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Printing supplies	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
1 year PO Box fees	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$76.00	
Fry's - UPS for IRLP link PC	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
406-430 MHz yagi (to Maurice; IRLP; repeater fur	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$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	\$0.00	
Accent Awards	\$0.00	\$49.41	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
	\$320.00	\$49.41	\$0.00	\$225.00	\$200.00	\$135.88	
Variance	-\$307.19	\$125.90	\$839.62	\$161.16	-\$87.69	\$73.92	
	Actual Nov-11	Actual Dec-11	Actual Jan-12	Actual Feb-12	Actual Mar-12	Actual Apr-12	Ending Balances
General Fund	-\$307.50	\$125.59	\$827.41	\$141.91	-\$100.00	\$67.65	\$2,123.21
Repeater Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,211.90
Good & Welfare	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12.00	\$19.00	\$12.00	\$6.00	\$647.40
Chase/Capital One Checking	-\$307.50	\$125.59	\$839.41	\$160.91	-\$88.00	\$73.65	\$3,982.51
Chase CD	\$0.31	\$0.31	\$0.21	\$0.25	\$0.31	\$0.27	\$2,162.19
Total Chase Bank	-\$307.19	\$125.90	\$839.62	\$161.16	-\$87.69	\$73.92	\$6,144.70
Petty Cash	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
Total - All Balances	-\$307.19	\$125.90	\$839.62	\$161.16	-\$87.69	\$73.92	\$6,169.70

Note: \$225.00 for 6 month's storage paid 2/22/2012; good through 8/31/2012.

Prepared by Chris Webster, K5LTX
Treasurer AARC since August 2009

Volunteers Needed to Help Test 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?

Volunteer observers, 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, weather permitting. Observers monitor and report on the RC repeater, K5SLD, 147.140 MHz, pl 110.9. There are provisions for call-in reports from non-ham observers as well.

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.

Siren observer lists are emailed to known participants 1 to 2 days in advance. Please monitor our 147.140 repeater starting about 11:45am. on the day of the test. Announcements begin at 12:15pm pm., and the formal net opens about 12:45pm on test day. All observers should be on location and checked in by that time. Testing begins at 1:00pm and is usually concluded by 1:20pm. You may join us at any time that you are able. Detailed maps in PDF and printed formats will be available upon request to assist you in locating the sirens. We particularly need observers in the western and southern parts of Arlington. For more information contact Linda, W5LMC, at l_mcmillen@prodigy.net or the Office of Emergency Management at 817-459-6939.

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Membership Application: http://k5sld.com/forms/aarc_membership_application_form_distributed.pdf