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July Program

Virginia, NV5F, will present a conversation with Bob Heil, K9EID via a live Internet link. Bob and Gordon West, WB6NOA host "Ham Nation" on twit.tv. See next page for more information.



Honors for Linda McMillen, W5LMC

Linda McMillen, an Arlington Fire Department Office of Emergency Management Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) volunteer, was awarded the second annual Jack Colley Award for Volunteerism on June 15 at the annual Texas Unites Citizen Corps/Volunteers Organizations Active in Disaster Conference. The award was presented by Steve McCraw, director of the Texas Department of Public Safety, and Penny Redington, executive director of the Texas Association of Regional Councils.



The award honors an outstanding volunteer who exhibits leadership, dedication, self-sacrifice and service to the State of Texas in the field of emergency management. This statewide recognition is the highest honor presented to a volunteer by the state's Citizen Corps Program.

McMillen has been instrumental to the success of the Arlington CERT program since 2007. During her time with the CERT program, she has participated in numerous training classes, exercises and emergency responses. McMillen was vital to the response following the April 3 tornadoes through the organization of more than 40 volunteers to support the Arlington Emergency Operations Center and the city's Tornado Recovery Center. She also participates in several monthly tests of the outdoor warning system and represents the Arlington EOC on the Tarrant County RACES radio net. McMillen has volunteered in many special events and EOC activations, including the 2010 NBA All-Star Game, Super Bowl XLV and a full-scale exercise at Cowboys Stadium. (Continued next page.)

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The Jack Colley Leadership Award was established in honor of Jack Colley, chief of the Texas Division of Emergency Management from 1998-2010, for his unwavering support, dedication, and service to the citizens of Texas during times of crises and for his outstanding leadership in the profession of emergency management. The award is given annually to recognize the outstanding leadership and service of a Citizen Corps volunteer.

This is a very prestigious award and is only awarded to one person per year. Linda was also named Volunteer of the Month in June by the City of Arlington. Way to go Linda! Thanks for all you do for the club and the community. See the story here: <http://myarlingontx.com/2012/07/10/volunteer-of-the-month-linda-mcmillen-cert/>

Calendar of Events

July 20 Executive Board meeting – 6:30pm, 501 W. Sanford. This is an open meeting, everyone is encouraged to attend.

July 20 General Membership meeting – 7:30pm, 501 W. Sanford

July 21 VE Testing – 10:00am, 401 W. Sanford. Enter on the North side of the building.

July 21 Dining out – 5:00pm, China Harbor, 4606 S. Cooper

August 4 First Saturday Breakfast – Jay Jay's, 1001 S. Bowen

August 4 VE Testing – 10:00am, 401 W. Sanford. Enter on North side of the building.

Tidbits

From Virginia, NV5F, about this month's program:

"We will have a live Internet feed with Bob Heil, K9EID of Heil Sound and Ham Nation. Bob will talk about Ham Nation and relevant topics in ham radio and audio (his specialty) and he will be happy to take questions from the members for the bulk of the program, so everybody think of something to ask Bob about ham radio or audio. We will be set up on Skype with a camera and a microphone so that members can ask questions directly to Bob and we will have Bob on the big screen! Should be great fun. I'd encourage members to check out Ham Nation here on the TWIT network: <http://twit.tv/hn>

"The show has lots of great topics and cool guests. It airs live on Wednesday nights at 8pm local or can be watched later on-demand."

The Arlington ARC has made a donation of \$50.00 to the ARRL Scholarship Fund in memory of Joe Lively, AA5L.

Thanks to everyone who came out to Field Day and helped set up, take down and operate. This was the best organized FD since I became a member in 2004.

It's nice to know that other Amateurs outside of Arlington read our newsletter. I received a nice note from Bil, K1ATV, the other day. One of the photos in the June newsletter looked to him like we were doing some Amateur TV. I had to tell him that no one in the club (as far as I know) does fast scan ATV. He sent along a few links for those of you who may be interested.

<http://www.atn-tv.org/> - There's a good overview here.

<http://73s.com/hambriefs?page=44> – Bil featured in a nice webcast.

Lots of pictures and stuff from Field Day next month.

June 2012 Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Andy KB2VQA, Secretary

The regular meeting of the Executive Board of the AARC was held on June 15th, 2012 at 6:40pm. 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 he will work with Phil this month to arrange for the transfer of the Certificate of Deposit to the new bank.

Phil N5PWW will hold a testing session tomorrow, as well as at Field Day. There are no training sessions in progress.

In memory of club member Joe Lively, the Board has decided to bring before the Membership the motion to donate \$50 to the ARRL Foundation Scholarship fund in his name.

In preparation for Field Day, Bill will visit the storage shed to load the supplies.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.

June 2012 Membership Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Andy KB2VQA, Secretary

The regular meeting of the Membership of the AARC was called to order at 7:33pm June 15th, 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 will also offer a test session at Field Day. He is not currently conducting a training session.

Chris K5LTX reviewed the financial report. The April report was incorrectly reprinted in the May newsletter, so Chris read the May report to the Club. The income for the month was \$89.18, with no expenditures. A motion was made and carried to accept for audit the financial report as read by Chris.

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.

Virginia NV5F posed the idea of appointing a new position of Public Information Officer. If you would like to know more about the position, please speak with Virginia or Chris K5LTX.

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

A motion was brought before the Membership to donate the sum of \$50 to the ARRL Foundation Scholarship fund in the memory of Joe Lively. The motion carried.

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(Meeting minutes continued)

A break was taken at 8:10pm. At 8:25pm the meeting resumed, and Virginia gave a presentation on the process of installing a tower.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:00pm.

The sign-in sheet showed 30 people in attendance, 27 indicating AARC membership.

June Financial Report

Submitted by Chris, K5LTX, Treasurer

AARC June 2012 Financial Report			
	Beginning	Actual	Ending
	Balances	Jun-12	Balances
Income			
Dues		\$0.00	
PayPal Dues		\$81.62	
Good & Welfare		\$16.00	
		\$97.62	
Expenses			
Donation - ARRL scholarship fund		\$50.00	
		\$50.00	
Variance			
		\$47.62	
General Fund	\$2,196.15	\$81.62	\$2,277.77
Repeater Fund	\$1,211.90	\$0.00	\$1,211.90
Good & Welfare	\$663.40	-\$34.00	\$629.40
Chase/Capital One Checking	\$4,071.45	\$47.62	\$4,119.07
Chase CD/Capital One CD (as of June 2012)	\$2,162.43	\$0.00	\$2,162.43
Total Chase Bank	\$6,233.88	\$47.62	\$6,281.50
Petty Cash	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
Total - All Balances	\$6,258.88	\$47.62	\$6,306.50
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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Maurice Martin KM5RF and Harold Reasoner K5SXX

Join us! http://www.k5sld.com/forms/aarc_membership_application_form_distributed.pdf