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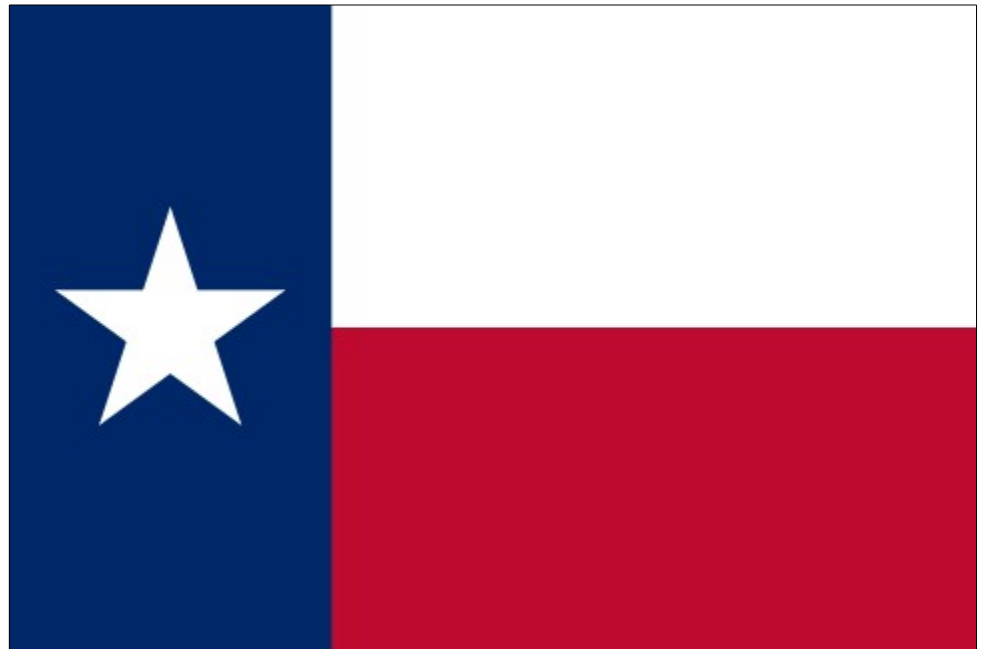
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## Texas QSO Party

Mark your calendars now for the Texas QSO Party, the last weekend in September. TQP is an excellent contest for those of us who live in Texas and aren't K5ZD, K5TR, NR5M, or the handful of others with superstations. It's one of those rare occasions when most of us, regular hams with modest stations, actually stand a chance of holding a run frequency on 20 or 40 meters.



## Club Meetings

Meetings are held the third Friday of each month in the Human Services building at 501 W. Sanford in central Arlington at 7:30 pm, following the executive board meeting at 6:30 pm. Members generally begin arriving at 7:00 pm.

## K5SLD Repeaters

- 147.14+ PL 110.9 (linked to 224.8)  
224.8- PL 110.9 (linked to 147.14)  
444.2+ PL 100.0 (linkable to IRLP)

The most recent issue of *NCJ* mentioned an interesting bit of TQP-related history. Texas has had 254 counties for nearly the past century, but a 255th county existed for a portion of 1986: Armadillo County was created by the governor on occasion of the Texas Sesquicentennial that year and subsequently deleted later in the year. The 1986 Great Armadillo Run (which would later become the TQP), featured the special county in addition to the normal 254 that year.

## Calendar of Events

**September 20: Executive Board Meeting** 6:30 pm, 501 W. Sanford.

*Board meetings are open and anyone is welcome to attend.*

**September 20: General Membership Meeting** 7:30 pm, 501 W. Sanford.

**September 21: VE Testing** 10:00 am, 401 W. Sanford. Enter on north side of the building.

**September 21: Dining Out** 5:00 pm, .

**October 5: First Saturday Breakfast** 8:30 am, .

**October 5: VE Testing** 10:00 am, 401 W. Sanford. Enter on north side of the building.

## Tidbits

If you install a roof tower and have any intention of the tower feet ever becoming separate from the particular shingles below them, either one or eighty-one years down the road, you may not want to use tar-in-a-tube to weather-seal the installation. Your editor found this out the hard way while removing his roof tower last week to move to the new station. The upside is the 4' 6" roof tower is now a 4' 6 1/8" roof tower. The suggestion has been made to use a silicone sealant instead to achieve similar weatherproofing while also being removable. Film at eleven.

## Welcome New Members

Virginia Goldermann KF5FVW

Bill Keele NT5T

## Happy Birthday

Bill Heishman N5HNN (9/7)

Randon Porter WA5BEG (9/10)

John Stevenson KF5GWQ (9/10)

John Hoskins WA5NJG (9/15)

Bill Keele NT5T (9/16)

Bill Tatsch AE5BT (9/23)

Tom Barton WA5WXQ (9/25)

Wallace Callahan KF5UNQ (9/25)

Mark Cayton KF5VQY (9/28)

Pat Patrick KE5IQM (9/29)

Lothar Heller KF5FWB (10/1)

Bill Patton AC5AS (10/3)

Virginia Smith NV5F (10/4)

## Contest Corner

TQP is fast approaching, the last weekend of this month, so start preparing your station now. It's loads of fun (if you've never worked it before, you should try) and low pressure compared to the majors. It's one of the few contests where being a Texas station will get you calls, and if you're in a rare county (like Loving, with 82 residents, and presumably not many hams) you might land a pileup. Since TQP is essentially a daytime-only contest, don't forget to look for counties on 40 meters (before the band goes long) in addition to running out-of-staters on the higher bands.

**September 28-29: Texas QSO Party** 14Z-2Z, 14Z-20Z. Exchange: RST and TX county or state.

**September 28-29: CQ Worldwide DX Contest (RTTY)** Full 48 hours. Exchange: RST, CQ Zone, state.

**October 5-6: California QSO Party** 18Z-22Z. Exchange: serial number and state.

**October 10: Ten-Ten Intl. 10-10 Day Sprint** 0Z-24Z. Exchange: name, state, member number.

**State QSO Parties:** Texas (9/28); California (10/5); Pennsylvania, Arizona (10/12)

For more information on these and other contests, see the WA7BNM Contest Calendar at [hornucopia.com/contestcal](http://hornucopia.com/contestcal).

For more information on contesting in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex, visit DFW Contest Group at [dfwcontest.com](http://dfwcontest.com).

## DX Spot

**September 6-16: XW Laos** XW8XZ, XW1YC. QSL: M0URX, W5UE.

**October 7-18: K9W Wake Atoll (IOTA C-053)** K9W [wake2013.org](http://wake2013.org)

**October 20-28: YB Indonesia, Mapta Is. (IOTA OC-276)** YB9Y, island's first activation. [yb9y.com](http://yb9y.com)

**November 5-18: T33 Banaba (IOTA OC-018)** T33A [t33a.com](http://t33a.com)

For more information on DXing in Texas, visit Lone Star DX Association at [lsdxa.org](http://lsdxa.org) or [dxe.org](http://dxe.org).

## Public Service

The City Of Arlington tests its outdoor warning sirens at 1:00 pm on the first Wednesday of each month, using volunteer observers, most of whom are hams reporting into a net held on the AARC's 2m repeater (147.140+, PL 110.9). Check-ins begin during the noon hour, and the test typically concludes before 1:30 pm. More observers are always needed, so please consider helping with this valuable effort if you can spare about an hour at lunchtime once a month. For more information, contact Linda W5LMC ([L\\_mcmillen@prodigy.net](mailto:L_mcmillen@prodigy.net)) or the Office Of Emergency Management (817-459-6939).

## August 2013 Membership Meeting Minutes

*submitted by Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA, secretary*

The regular meeting of the Membership of the AARC was called to order at 7:32pm August 16th, 2013 by the President, Dennis N5ACK. Other Board members present included Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Treasurer, Joyce W5FJB; and Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW.

Absent was Vice President, David KB3UBD; Editor, Wayne AD5ST; Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT; and the Trustee, Maurice KM5RF.

Dennis N5ACK called the meeting to order.

The Membership was asked if they would be interested in participating the the JOTA event on Saturday, October 19, 2013. The Membership expressed interest in doing so.

David Walker W5DJO let the Membership know of the opportunity to assist hams at UT-Arlington. Interested people should contact David.

A break was taken to conduct the eating of ice cream and baked goods as part of the annual ice cream social, in parallel with a slide show of events that had taken place over the past 12 months.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30pm.

The sign-in sheet showed 22 people in attendance, 20 indicating AARC membership.

## August 2013 Executive Board Meeting Minutes

*submitted by Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA, secretary*

The regular meeting of the Executive Board of the AARC was held on August 16th, 2013 at 6:33pm. Present were President, Dennis N5ACK; Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Treasurer, Joyce W5FJB; Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT; and Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW. Absent was the Vice President, David KB3UBD; Editor, Wayne AD5ST; and Trustee, Maurice KM5RF.

Joyce W5FJB reviewed the financial report. She noted a potential service charge that the bank may charge the Club. At this time the Club is able to avoid the charge. She also noted that she would contact Chris Webster regarding the filing of forms related to the tax exempt status of the Club.

David Walker W5DJO made the Board aware of an opportunity to assist the ham radio club at UT-Arlington. Anyone interested or wanting additional information should contact David.

Bill AE5BT informed the Board of the upcoming Boy Scout event known as Jamboree on the Air (JOTA). He asked if the Board and Membership would be interested in the opportunity to setup a station and participate in the event on Saturday, October 19th. The Board decided to bring the matter before the Membership at the Membership meeting.

Phil N5PWW continues to conduct testing sessions on the first and third Saturdays of the month at 10am. Training sessions will resume in the fall.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10pm.

## August 2013 Financial Report

*submitted by Joyce Waites W5FJB, treasurer*

<b>ACCOUNTS</b>	9/11/13	General Fund	\$3445.54
		Repeater Fund	<u>1211.90</u>
<b>BALANCE</b>	Checking		<b>4657.44</b>
		Good and Welfare	560.00
<b>INCOME</b>		Dues and Paypal	23.97
<b>EXPENSES</b>		Divine Florist	50.71
		CD at Capital One (matures 12/19/2013)	<b>2167.17</b>
<b>Total at Capital One 9/11/13</b>			<b>6824.61</b>
Petty Cash			<b>25.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>6849.61</b>

Joyce Waites, W5FJB  
Treasurer 2013

## 2013 Club Officers

<b>President:</b>	Dennis McGrath N5ACK – <a href="mailto:n5ack@arrl.net">n5ack@arrl.net</a> – 972-352-6602
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<b>Repeater Committee:</b>	Paul Baumgardner W5PSB (chair), Maurice Martin KM5RF, Harold Reasoner K5SXX

## Membership

Print a membership form from our website [k5sld.org](http://k5sld.org) and join us. Annual dues are \$25 for individuals.