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Club Meetings

Meetings are held the third Friday of each month in the Human Services building located at: 501 W. Sanford in central Arlington at 7:30 p.m. Members generally begin arriving at 7:00 pm. The executive board meeting is held prior to the general member meeting at starting at 6:30 pm. All members are welcome to attend the executive board meeting.

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)

March Meeting

This month's meeting presentation will be by Gary Gregg KD5TDC, Police Technical Services Manager, City of Euless.

The topic will be Trunked Public Safety Radio Systems.

Mark your calendars! On **Sunday, April 26th**, the City of Arlington will host The Lone Star Races Half-Marathon, 10K, and "The Mayor's 5K: **Run** the American Dream City." Race organizers have requested the assistance of 20 to 25 amateur radio operators to help monitor the course, medical and water stations, and to provide additional communications in conjunction with the Office of Emergency Management.

No previous experience necessary and a good opportunity to get involved and gain public service experience.

More information and sign up sheets will be available at the meeting next Friday.

Calendar of Events

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

Board meetings are open and anyone is welcome to attend.

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

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

March 21: Dining Out 5:00 pm, Ton's BBQ 1171 SW Green Oaks Blvd. Arlington

April 4: First Saturday Breakfast 8:30 am Golden Corral in the Highlands 465 E I-20

April 4: VE Testing 10:00 am, 401 W. Sanford. Enter on north side of the building.

Tidbits

“Thank you”, it seems such a small thing to you say. How do I express my heart felt feelings to such a wonderful group of people? Thank you, for your prayers, the vase of beautiful spring flowers and the visitors while I was the hospital, they all have meant so much to me.

Sherry W5YUP

Wanted

- I am looking for a mag mount for my van. I don't know anything about them including how much I should be paying, so be kind. If anyone had one they are willing to part with please let me know. Abundant blessings, Lisa KF5TSQ

For Sale

Antenna mounts

I have a light bar that has 3 MNO antenna mounts (on top) and 2 for COMET(one each side) antennas. Turn/stop lights are LEDs with backup lights.

This sold for \$500+.... Will take \$250.00 It is made to fit the stake holes in the bed and setup for a TUNDRA. Can be made to fit others. Dave Walker W5DJO 817-557-5219

Birthdays

James Canada W5WTW 3/7

Anthony Flores KE5UYI 3/22

Delbert Hirst KE5YNM 3/28

Kathleen Holley 3/3

Next Meeting 3/20/2015



From the President:

As we get closer to the “real” spring season, it is time to start looking at what we can do this year as a club to reach our goal of more fun and increased member participation. I have reviewed the results of last month’s survey and feel there are several things we can focus on. First, I would like to discuss what activity or celebration we can put together for our 60th anniversary. I would like to try for something in Late May or early July. During other activities we can also promote the 60th anniversary, such as a special sign or announcement as part of our Field Day program. Based on the survey results and what I would like to see the club accomplish over the next year, here are some thoughts to ponder:

- 1) The club membership is eager for more fun activities. Therefore, I would like to discuss some specific ideas and possibly form a committee that would be responsible for planning activities throughout the year. I think the first big activity to focus on is a 60th anniversary party. I also think that we should plan something like a fox-hunt for April or May.
- 2) The monthly programs are doing well, and we will continue to do our best to come up with interesting and informative presentations. I will discuss with the Vice President some of the ideas presented in the surveys.
- 3) Members agree that we should communicate more with other clubs and plan a joint activity. I have begun getting our club more involved with the region by attending the joint ARC meeting and speaking about our club. The VP and I will contact some clubs to see what they have planned this year. There may be an opportunity to have a joint activity, and we may want to invite other clubs to attend our 60th anniversary party.
- 4) While the club was agreeable to ambivalent about forming a membership committee, I think we should setup such a committee and have them focus on membership drives and welcoming new members. The committee may also be able to plan fund-raising activities.
- 5) I think we will leave membership dues alone for now, and try the fund-raising route if we need more funds for activities and programs.
- 6) The membership is very agreeable to more participation in community service and emergency services. We should discuss some ways we can participate and put together a presentation about RACES / ARES. There are other ways we can help the community, and we will discuss some ideas over the next couple of meetings. I am anxious to get started on the year’s planning, particularly since we are already in March. Before you know it, the year will be half over. Let’s roll up our sleeves and get busy this month! I look forward to a great year!

David
KB3UBD

March/April Contest Calendar

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|---|---|
| + NAQCC CW Sprint | 0030Z-0230Z, Mar 19 |
| + RSGB 80m Club Championship, SSB | 2000Z-2130Z, Mar 19 |
| + QRP Fox Hunt | 0100Z-0230Z, Mar 20 |
| + NCCC RTTY Sprint | 0145Z-0215Z, Mar 20 |
| + NCCC Sprint | 0230Z-0300Z, Mar 20 |
| + BARTG HF RTTY Contest | 0200Z, Mar 21 to 0200Z, Mar 23 |
| + SARL VHF/UHF Analogue/Digital Contest | 1000Z, Mar 21 to 1000Z, Mar 22 |
| + Russian DX Contest | 1200Z, Mar 21 to 1200Z, Mar 22 |
| + Oklahoma QSO Party | 1300Z, Mar 21 to 0100Z, Mar 22 and 1300Z-1900Z, Mar 22 |
| + AGCW VHF/UHF Contest | 1400Z-1700Z, Mar 21 (144) and 1700Z-1800Z, Mar 21 (432) |
| + Virginia QSO Party | 1400Z, Mar 21 to 0200Z, Mar 22 and 1200Z-2400Z, Mar 22 |
| + Feld Hell Sprint | 1700Z-1859Z, Mar 21 |
| + UBA Spring Contest, SSB | 0700Z-1100Z, Mar 22 |
| + SKCC Sprint | 0000Z-0200Z, Mar 25 |
| + QRP Fox Hunt | 0100Z-0230Z, Mar 25 |
| + CWops Mini-CWT Test | 1300Z-1400Z, Mar 25 and 1900Z-2000Z, Mar 25 and 0300Z-0400Z, Mar 26 |
| + QRP Fox Hunt | 0100Z-0230Z, Mar 27 |
| + NCCC RTTY Sprint | 0145Z-0215Z, Mar 27 |
| + NCCC Sprint | 0230Z-0300Z, Mar 27 |
| + FOC QSO Party | 0000Z-2359Z, Mar 28 |
| + CQ WW WPX Contest, SSB | 0000Z, Mar 28 to 2359Z, Mar 29 |
| April 2015 | |
| + QRP Fox Hunt | 0100Z-0230Z, Apr 1 |
| + SARL 80m QSO Party | 1700Z-2000Z, Apr 2 |
| + QRP Fox Hunt | 0100Z-0230Z, Apr 3 |
| + LZ Open 40m Sprint Contest | 0400Z-0800Z, Apr 4 |
| + Missouri QSO Party | 1400Z, Apr 4 to 0400Z, Apr 5 and 1400Z-2000Z, Apr 5 |
| + Mississippi QSO Party | 1400Z, Apr 4 to 0200Z, Apr 5 |
| + SP DX Contest | 1500Z, Apr 4 to 1500Z, Apr 5 |
| + Montana QSO Party | 1800Z, Apr 4 to 0559Z, Apr 5 |
| + UBA Spring Contest, 6m | 0600Z-1000Z, Apr 5 |
| + ARS Spartan Sprint | 0100Z-0300Z, Apr 7 |
| + QRP Fox Hunt | 0100Z-0230Z, Apr 8 |
| + QRP Fox Hunt | 0100Z-0230Z, Apr 10 |
| + JIDX CW Contest | 0700Z, Apr 11 to 1300Z, Apr 12 |
| + New Mexico QSO Party | 1400Z, Apr 11 to 0200Z, Apr 12 |
| + Georgia QSO Party | 1800Z, Apr 11 to 0359Z, Apr 12 and 1400Z-2359Z, Apr 12 |
| + WAB 3.5/7/14 MHz Data Modes | 1200Z-2200Z, Apr 12 |
| + Hungarian Straight Key Contest | 1500Z-1700Z, Apr 12 |
| + Holyland DX Contest | 2100Z, Apr 17 to 2100Z, Apr 18 |
| + TARA Skirmish Digital Prefix Contest | 0000Z-2359Z, Apr 18 |
| + ES Open HF Championship | 0500Z-0859Z, Apr 18 |
| + CQ Manchester Mineira DX Contest | 1200Z, Apr 18 to 2359Z, Apr 19 |
| + Nebraska QSO Party | 1200Z, Apr 18 to 0200Z, Apr 19 and 1700Z-2300Z, Apr 19 |
| + Michigan QSO Party | 1600Z, Apr 18 to 0400Z, Apr 19 |
| + North Dakota QSO Party | 1800Z, Apr 18 to 1800Z, Apr 19 |
| + Ontario QSO Party | 1800Z, Apr 18 to 1800Z, Apr 19 |
| + YU DX Contest | 2100Z, Apr 18 to 1700Z, Apr 19 |
| + ARRL Rookie Roundup, SSB | 1800Z-2359Z, Apr 19 |
| + 10-10 Int. Spring Contest, Digital | 0001Z, Apr 25 to 2359Z, Apr 26 |
| + SP DX RTTY Contest | 1200Z, Apr 25 to 1200Z, Apr 26 |
| + Helvetia Contest | 1300Z, Apr 25 to 1259Z, Apr 26 |
| + Florida QSO Party | 1600Z, Apr 25 to 0159Z, Apr 26 and 1200Z-2159Z, Apr 26 |

The above is an abbreviated list only.

For more information on these and other contests, see the WA7BNM Contest Calendar at hornucopia.com/contestcal

For more information on contesting in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex, visit DFW Contest Group at dfwcontest.com.



February 2015 Membership Meeting Minutes submitted by Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA, secretary

The regular meeting of the membership of the AARC was called to order at 7:31pm February 20th, 2015 by the President, David KB3UBD. Other board members present included the Vice President, Linda W5LMC; Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Treasurer, Terry KD5RA; Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW; and Repeater Trustee, Maurice KM5RF. Absent were the Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT; and the Editor, Dennis N5ACK.

David KB3UBD called the meeting to order and asked the attendees to introduce themselves by name and call sign.

Terry KD5RA reported that tonight he and three member volunteers would conduct the financial audit of the records pertaining to 2014. Terry also reported that the tax forms for 2014 have been filed. The financial information published in the January newsletter was not the correct information. The March newsletter will contain the January and February information and will be reviewed at the March membership meeting.

The minutes for the January meetings were submitted for publication in the February 2015 newsletter. A motion was made and carried to accept the minutes as published.

Phil N5PWW continues to hold test sessions on the first and third Saturdays of the month.

Linda W5LMC mentioned this evening's program would be on the topic of APRS. She is also seeking feedback from the membership on the types of programs they would be interested in.

Maurice KM5RF informed the membership that the Yaesu System Fusion repeaters would arrive in March.

David KB3UBD distributed a survey to the membership to gain information on how to improve the club.

A break was taken at 8:00pm. At 8:15pm the meeting resumed with a presentation by David Kendrick and Bill Adams on the topic of APRS.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00pm. The sign-in sheet showed 33 people in attendance, 30 indicating AARC membership.

February 2015 Executive Board Meeting Minutes submitted by Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA, secretary

The regular meeting of the Executive Board of the AARC was held on February 20th, 2015 at 6:32pm. Present were President, David KB3UBD; Vice President, Linda W5LMC; Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Treasurer, Terry KD5RA; Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW; and Repeater Trustee, Maurice KM5RF. Absent were the Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT; and the Editor, Dennis N5ACK.

David KB3UBD will call a special Executive Board meeting with the Repeater Committee to discuss the repeater upgrade.

Terry will conduct an audit of the 2014 financial records at tonight's meeting. He also filed the appropriate tax forms for 2014. The newsletter did not contain the correct information for the January 2015 financial report, so the March newsletter will contain financial reports for January and February.

David KB3UBD will distribute a survey to the membership tonight in regard to the types of club activities they would be interested in.

The meeting adjourned at 7:23pm.

January/February 2015 Financial Reports

Submitted by Terry Lines KD5RA 2015 Treasurer

Arlington Amateur Radio Club January 2015 Financial Report

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|-------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Accounts as of 12/31/14 | General fund | 2575.48 | 1920.48 |
| | G&W | 372.55 | 372.55 |
| | Repeater fund | 1211.90 | 1866.90 |
| | Checking | 4159.93 | 4159.93 |
| | C.D. | 2170.06 | See Notes |
| Last Month Total Capital One | | 6329.99 | |
| Expenses | XX | 0.00 | |
| | XX | 0.00 | |
| | XX | 0.00 | |
| | XX | 0.00 | |
| | XX | 0.00 | |
| | | 0.00 | |
| Income | Dues | 458.53 | |
| | G&W Raffle | 0.00 | |
| | Raffle | 0.00 | |
| | Donation | 0.00 | |
| | Other | 0.00 | |
| | | 458.53 | |
| | Net Change | 458.53 | |
| Balances | Checking this month | 4618.46 | |
| | Bank Statement | 4618.46 | |
| | Checkbook Balance | 4618.46 | |
| C.D. (renew 6/19/15) | Interest this month | 0.18 | 2170.24 |
| Total Capital One this month | | 6788.70 | |
| Petty cash | | | 25.00 |
| TOTAL as of 01/31/15 | | 6813.70 | |

Note: I moved Christmas raffle funds (\$155) from general fund to repeated fund.
As agreed at the January Meeting, moved \$500 from general fund to repeater fund.

Arlington Amateur Radio Club February 2015 Financial Report

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| Accounts as of 1/31/15 | General fund | 2379.01 | |
| | G&W | 372.55 | |
| | Repeater fund | 1866.90 | |
| | Checking | 4618.46 | |
| | C.D. | 2170.24 | |
| Last Month Total Capital One | | 6788.70 | |
| Expenses | Storage Hut 3/15 thru 8/15 | 225.00 | |
| | GoDaddy K5SLD.net & .com | 23.46 | |
| | Flowers, etc. (G&W) | 58.16 | |
| | XX | 0.00 | |
| | XX | 0.00 | |
| | | 306.62 | |
| Income | Dues | 411.47 | |
| | G&W Raffle | 0.00 | |
| | Christmas Raffle | 0.00 | |
| | Donation | 0.00 | |
| | Other | 0.00 | |
| | | 411.47 | |
| | Net Change | 104.85 | |
| Balances | Calc checking total | 4723.31 | |
| | Bank Statement | 4723.31 | |
| | Checkbook Balance | 4723.31 | |
| C.D. (renew 6/19/15) | Interest this month | 0.18 | 2170.42 |
| This Month Total Capital One | | 6893.73 | |
| Petty cash | | | 25.00 |
| Club TOTAL as of 02/28/15 | | 6918.73 | |

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) or the Office Of Emergency Management (817-459-6939).

Membership

Print a membership form from our website k5sld.org and join us. Annual dues are \$25 for individuals.

2015 Club Officers

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| President: | David Spore KB3UBD – davids@instruments.com – 301-481-8244 |
| Vice President: | Linda McMillen W5LMC - L_mcmillen@prodigy.net) - 817-795-0999 |
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| Emergency Coordinator: | Bill Tatsch Jr. AE5BT – ae5bt@att.net – 817-296-8026 |
| Trustee: | Maurice Martin KM5RF – km5rf@att.net – 817-266-9906 |
| Agent of Record: | Phil Stage N5PWW – n5pww@sbcglobal.net – 817-465-5624 |
| Public Information Officer: | David Lucas KF5CFW – kf5cfw@gmail.com – 817-781-7256 |
| Webmaster: | David Lucas KF5CFW – kf5cfw@gmail.com – 817-781-7256 |
| Repeater Committee: | Paul Baumgardner W5PSB (chair), Maurice Martin KM5RF, Harold Reasoner K5SXX |