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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

224.8- PL 110.9

444.2+ PL 100.0

November Meeting

2016 Officer Elections

Elections for officers of the Executive Board of the Arlington Amateur Radio Club will be held at this month's regular meeting. All single year-term offices (that is, all except the License Trustee and the Agent Of Record, which are 10 year offices concurrent with the club's Station License which expires in 2018) are up for election for next year. All members in good standing are eligible to vote.

According to the AARC by-laws Article IV section 4, prior to the election of officers, eligible voters need to be notified in writing or via electronic mail that the election of officers shall take place.

We will be voting on the offices of: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Training Coordinator, Emergency Coordinator, and Editor.

AARC Holiday Party:

Thursday December 10, 2015 6:30pm-9pm

Black-eyed Pea (Lincoln Square)

1400 North Collins Street, Arlington, TX Thieving Santa gift exchange (participation is optional): Bring a wrapped gift valued in the range of \$8 to \$12. *This party will be in place of our normal December meeting, so our next normally scheduled meeting will be January 15th.*



Calendar of Events

November 20: Executive Board Meeting 6:30 pm, 501 W. Sanford. *Board meetings are open and anyone is welcome to attend.*

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

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

November 21: Dining Out 5:00pm Pei Wei 4133 S Cooper St #307 Arlington, TX 76015

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

December 5: First Saturday Breakfast Golden Corral The Highlands, 465 E Interstate 20, Arlington, TX 76018

December 10: Holiday Party Black-eyed Pea (Lincoln Square) 6:30 – 9:00

For Sale

Birthdays

W5GVP	Tom Little	November 23
KF5CFW	David Lucas	November 13

Next Meeting 11/20/2015

November/December Contest Calendar

November 2015	
+ QRP Fox Hunt	0100Z-0230Z, Nov 4
+ QRP Fox Hunt	0100Z-0230Z, Nov 6
+ NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Nov 6
+ ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, CW	2100Z, Nov 7 to 0300Z, Nov 9
+ QRP Fox Hunt	0100Z-0230Z, Nov 11
+ QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Nov 13
+ NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Nov 13
+ WAE DX Contest, RTTY	0000Z, Nov 14 to 2359Z, Nov 15
+ 10-10 Int. Fall Contest, Digital	0001Z, Nov 14 to 2359Z, Nov 15
+ Kentucky QSO Party	1400Z, Nov 14 to 0200Z, Nov 15
+ CQ-WE Contest	1900Z-2300Z, Nov 14 (CW/Digital) and 0100Z-0500Z, Nov 15 (Phone) and 1900Z-2300Z, Nov 15 (Phone) and 0100Z-0500Z, Nov 16 (CW/Digital)
+ Homebrew and Oldtime Equipment Party	1300-1500Z, Nov 15 (40m) and 1500-1700Z, Nov 15 (80m)
+ Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	0200Z-0400Z, Nov 16
+ QRP Fox Hunt	0100Z-0230Z, Nov 18
+ QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Nov 20
+ NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Nov 20
+ All Austrian 160-Meter Contest	1600Z, Nov 21 to 0700Z, Nov 22
+ ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, SSB	2100Z, Nov 21 to 0300Z, Nov 23
+ NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Nov 27
+ CQ Worldwide DX Contest, CW	0000Z, Nov 28 to 2400Z, Nov 29
+ ARRL EME Contest	0000Z, Nov 28 to 2359Z, Nov 29
December 2015	
+ QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Dec 2
+ QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Dec 4
+ NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Dec 4
+ ARRL 160-Meter Contest	2200Z, Dec 4 to 1600Z, Dec 6
+ TARA RTTY Melee	0000Z-2400Z, Dec 5
+ Ten-Meter RTTY Contest	0000Z-2400Z, Dec 6
+ QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Dec 9
+ QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Dec 11
+ NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Dec 11
+ ARRL 10-Meter Contest	0000Z, Dec 12 to 2400Z, Dec 13
+ QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Dec 16
+ QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Dec 18
+ NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Dec 18
+ RAC Winter Contest	0000Z-2359Z, Dec 19
+ ARRL Rookie Roundup, CW	1800Z-2359Z, Dec 20
+ Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	0200Z-0400Z, Dec 21
+ NCCC Sprint	0230Z-0300Z, Dec 25

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.



October 2015 Membership Meeting Minutes submitted by Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA, Secretary

The regular meeting of the membership of the AARC was called to order at 7:30pm on October 16th, 2015 by the President, David KB3UBD. Other board members present included Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Treasurer, Terry KD5RA; Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT; Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW; and Repeater Trustee, Maurice KM5RF. Absent were the Vice President, Linda W5LMC; and the Editor, Dennis N5ACK.

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

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

Terry KD5RA reviewed the treasurer's report from the month of September. A motion was made and carried to accept for audit the financial report as published.

Phil N5PWW continues to hold test sessions on the first and third Saturdays of the month at 10am. At this time Phil is not conducting any training classes.

Phil will be accepting ballots for the Ham of the Year. Members may vote one time only, either via email or in person at the membership meeting.

Bill AE5BT informed the membership of an opportunity to participate in the amateur radio related scouting event known as Jamboree On The Air (JOTA). Bill will travel to the Sid Richardson Scout Ranch tomorrow, Saturday, October 17th for the whole-day event.

Maurice KM5RF will coordinate with the Repeater Committee Chair to take a trip to the repeater site for the purpose of installing the new RF amplifier and a firmware upgrade.

David KB3UBD announced that at the November membership meeting there will be the election of club officers (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Training Coordinator, Emergency Coordinator, and Editor). After the elections, Dave will bring several amateur radio related videos to view. Maurice will bring his crimp kit so that the membership can attached connectors to their coaxial cables.

Dave Walker W5DJO let the membership know about the upcoming Heroes Run that needs the communication excellence of the amateur radio community. On November 7th the Fire Department is holding the 5k and Fun Run at Veterans Park in Arlington. Contact Dave if you are interested in assisting at the event.

A break was taken at 8:00pm. The meeting resumed at 8:10 with a show-and-tell by Dave Walker on the Gonset Communicator II 2 meter transmitter/receiver.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30pm. The sign-in sheet showed 19 people in attendance, 19 indicating AARC membership.

October 2015 Executive Board Meeting Minutes submitted by Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA, Secretary

The regular meeting of the Executive Board of the AARC was held on October 16th, 2015 at 6:30pm. Present were President, David KB3UBD; Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Treasurer, Terry KD5RA; Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT; Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW; and Repeater Trustee, Maurice KM5RF. Absent were the Vice President, Linda W5LMC; and the Editor, Dennis N5ACK.

Dennis will not be running for the office of Editor for 2016.

Terry KD5RA reviewed the treasurer's report from the month of September. He would like to remove the unwanted and unused equipment from the storage locker and offer it for sale to the membership at the January meeting.

Bill AE5BT will be traveling to the Sid Richardson Scout Ranch on Saturday, October 17th to participate in Jamboree On The Air (JOTA). He will be leaving Arlington at 8am. Terry will visit the storage locker to retrieve an antenna, coaxial cable, extension cords, and flagging material.

Phil N5PWW continues to offer testing sessions on the first and third Saturdays of the month. He will be collecting ballots for Ham of the Year. The membership may vote via email or at the November club meeting.

Maurice KM5RF will coordinate a trip to the repeater site for the purpose of installing the new RF power amplifier and upgrading the firmware.

The meeting adjourned at 7:18pm.

October 2015 Financial Reports

Submitted by Terry Lines KD5RA 2015 Treasurer

Arlington Amateur Radio Club October 2015 Financial Report

Accounts as of 9/30/15		General fund	2436.78
		G&W	157.53
		Repeater fund	224.00
		Checking	2818.31
		C.D.	2171.67
Last Month Total Capital One	-----		4989.98
Expenses	GoDaddy - K5SLD.ORG Domain	11.92	
	Mercer Consumer - Insurance	320.00	
	XX	0.00	
	XX	0.00	
	XX	0.00	
		331.92	
Income	Dues	47.94	
	G&W Raffle	0.00	
	Christmas Raffle	0.00	
	Donation	0.00	
	Other	0.00	
		47.94	
		Net Change	-283.98
Balances	Calc checking total		2534.33
	Bank Statement		2534.33
	Checkbook Balance		2534.33
C.D. (renew 6/19/15)	Interest this month	0.18	2171.85
This Month Total Capital One			4706.18
Petty cash			25.00
Club TOTAL as of 10/31/15	-----		4731.18



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

President:	David Spore KB3UBD – davids@instruments.com – 301-481-8244
Vice President:	Linda McMillen W5LMC - L_mcmillen@prodigy.net) - 817-795-0999
Secretary:	Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA – kb2vqa@optonline.net – 817-652-0307
Treasurer:	Terry Lines KD5RA – kd5ra@live.com – 817-874-5463
Editor:	Dennis McGrath N5ACK – n5ack@arrl.net - 972-352-6602
Training Coordinator:	Phil Stage N5PWW – n5pww@sbcglobal.net – 817-465-5624
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, Gerry Dalton W5MAY



K5SLD AARC REPEATER ETIQUETTE

1. Always identify yourself according to the regulations. This means every ten (10) minutes and at the end of your transmission. This is not only AARC's policy; it is also required by our license. It never hurts to give your station's call sign more than less. It helps other users know you are there if they are listening.
2. Avoid lengthy conversations, pause between transmissions. This in no way means keep the repeater quiet. On the contrary AARC put the repeater on the air to be used and we are very happy when it is busy. It does, however, mean that we all should remember to leave pauses for those to have their say.
3. Always yield the frequency to a breaking station (any station with emergency traffic). The pro sign "break" has a very specific meaning on ham radio. So if you hear it, then give them the frequency. If you use it, remember the importance of its use. Ham radio has saved many lives and you never know when it may need to save yours.
4. Yield existing conversations to recognized activities: Weekly Nets, RACES, Siren Testing, etc.
5. Do not engage in political soap boxing or views on religious matters. These subjects are very personal to others listening and should be avoided. Do not engage in any personal antagonisms. Keep in mind that some conversations are best held in private. Hate speech or derogatory remarks directed at any person or group (political, ethnic, racial, religious, sexual orientation, etc.) are never allowed on AARC repeaters. Please keep that stuff to yourself, nobody else wants to hear your personal rants over the airwaves. AARC is firm on this policy, you will be warned and if you continue you may be asked to leave the repeater.
6. Do not use CB lingo/language or phonetics excessively. This is FM, not like HF so we all can hear you loud and clear.
7. Selling items OTHER than ham related equipment is not allowed, nor is conducting any business. This is not only our policy but is also a prohibition against our license. As Amateur Radio operators, we are prohibited from gaining any pecuniary benefit from our operation of our amateur radio stations. When in doubt take it off the air.
8. Watch your language; the repeater is "G Rated" 24 hours a day. Sometimes slips happen. That being said there is a complete difference between an inadvertent slip and an intentional act.
9. If you hear stations jamming or interfering do not make any comment, ignore them. Do not antagonize those interfering! This is not going to make them stop; it also puts your license at risk as well.