



# COMMUNICATOR

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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

## January Meeting

**David Greig N3BUO,  
N1NM Logging program  
From the Mansfield Johnson Radio Service**

### Letter from the President

Happy New Year!

I hope all of you had a great holiday season. My Christmas and New Year's went very well, but I am glad the kids are back in school and I am ready to start the New Year. I wanted to thank you for voting me HAM of the Year for 2015. It is a great honor, and I appreciate all of the support. I hope to do even more this year and really build on what we started in 2015.

We will definitely have more activities and continue to promote the club in our communities. We will be holding workshops this year, as I feel it is important to keep everybody active with the hobby and practice new skills. Besides, it will be fun and is something kids can participate in. We will also be working more closely with some other clubs in the area. I have been talking with Randy Berger about doing some joint ventures, including a trip to a national park this year for the special ARRL event, "National Parks on the Air".

I attended Senator Konni Burton's ribbon cutting ceremony on December 16<sup>th</sup>, which was a good opportunity to meet some people and talk with the Senator (I've placed my thank-you letter to the senator in the newsletter). During this gathering I met some representatives from the Fort Worth Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. I talked with them about how HAM Radio can help with public events. Since they were so nice during our meeting, I've agreed to help them promote their first event this year, which is held at the Rodeo. I've asked that a flyer be put in the newsletter. We should all keep an eye out for opportunities and volunteer whenever we can. The idea is to get our club noticed in the public and business sectors, which can lead to more opportunities for public service, as well as potential sponsorships for events. I am looking forward to a terrific 2016. Thanks again for putting your trust in me and helping me make our club a success.

David Spore  
KB3UBD



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Senator Konni Burton  
933 W. Weatherford  
Suite 203  
Fort Worth, TX 76102

January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Dear Senator Burton:

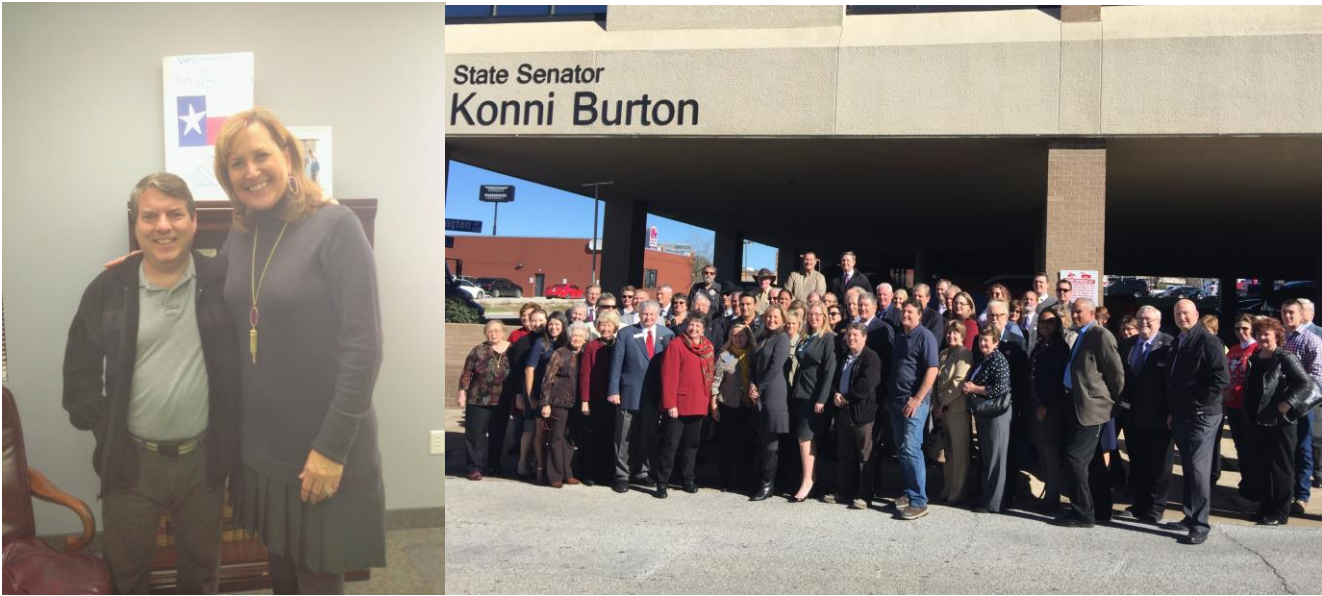
Thank you for inviting me to your ribbon cutting ceremony, and congratulations on the opening of your new office. It was a pleasure meeting you, and I am happy that you and your husband take an interest in HAM radio. I was honored to represent my club and HAM radio in general, as I feel it is important that our elected officials know about HAM radio and the benefits provided by this 100+ year-old hobby. HAM radio is more than just a hobby; it is a community service and a terrific introduction to science and exploration for our young folks. For that reason, I am very interested in working more to introduce young people to HAM radio and help them explore the possibilities.

Should you ever see an opportunity for our club to participate in public events, either in a communications capacity or possibly a learning experience for children, please let me know. It was nice talking with you briefly about our club, and I hope that you and your husband can pay us a visit at our next event. I would be happy to email you a schedule of events, and will keep you posted on activities. If your husband should wish to study HAM radio further, please let me know. He is welcome to attend meetings, and hopefully we will be able to hold a HAM radio class this year.

I hope you had a great holiday season, and that you have a very successful year as Senator and everything else you are involved with. Please do not hesitate to write if you have any questions. As a good representative of HAM radio, I will also alert you to any issues important to the hobby.

Sincerely,

David A. Spore  
KB3UBD  
President, AARC



## Calendar of Events

**January 15: Executive Board Meeting** 6:30 pm, 501 W. Sanford. *Board meetings are open and anyone is welcome to attend.*

**January 15: General Membership Meeting** 7:30 pm, 501 W. Sanford.

**January 16: VE Testing** 10:00 am, 401 W. Sanford. Enter on north side of the building.

**January 22: Fiesta Night** - See flyer below

**January 30: SkyWarn Training** - January 30 is the Tarrant County date It will be held at South Hills High School in Fort Worth.

**February 6: VE Testing** 10:00 am, 401 W. Sanford. Enter on north side of the building.



**33RD ANNUAL  
FIESTA NIGHT  
AT THE 120TH STOCK SHOW AND RODEO**

**DINNER, RODEO, AND DANCE**

This event is our first fundraiser for 2016 and we would love to have your support.

**January 22, 2016**

Come join us at the Round Up Inn at the legendary Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo. Enjoy a Barbecue Dinner, Auction & Raffle, Rodeo and Dance.



Will Rogers Coliseum  
3400 Crestline  
Fort Worth, Texas 76107

**5:30pm-7:30pm**  
Dinner

**7:30pm-9:30pm**  
Rodeo

**9:30pm-11:30pm**  
Dancing

**Fort Worth Hispanic Chamber of Commerce**

To purchase tickets or make a donation, please  
visit [fwhec.org](http://fwhec.org) or call **817.625.5411**

## **For Sale**

## **Birthdays**

Scott Clark AE5PC Jan 8th

David Spore KB3UBD Jan 11th

Mary Canada W5LAM Jan 15th

Johnny Hayes NJ5T Jan 24th

Sharon Patton AB5YV Jan 26th

**Next Meeting 1/15/2016**

## **Membership Meeting Minutes**

### **November 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 November 20th, 2015 by the President, David KB3UBD. Other board members present included Vice President, Linda W5LMC; Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; and Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW. Absent were the Treasurer, Terry KD5RA; Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT; Editor, Dennis N5ACK; and Repeater Trustee, Maurice KM5RF.

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

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

Terry KD5RA was absent so the review of the treasurer's report from the month of October was postponed until January 2016.

Phil N5PWW continues to hold test sessions on the first and third Saturdays of the month at 10am. Phil will conduct a training class when a minimum of 10 people express interest.

Linda W5LMC informed the membership of upcoming volunteer events. There will be a Jingle Bell Run on December 5th, a Reindeer Dash on December 19th, and the Cowtown Marathon on February 26-28, 2016. A meeting of the Joint Radio Clubs will be held in January, and all are welcomed to attend.

A discussion of the AARC Repeater Etiquette was had by the membership.

A break was taken at 8:00pm.

The meeting resumed at 8:10 with the election of club officers.

Rob May NV5E, informed the membership that officer elections would be held tonight. All offices were open for nominations, with the exception of the offices of Agent of Record, and Station Trustee. The slate of candidates was President, David Spore KB3UBD; Vice President, Linda McMillen W5LMC; Secretary, Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA; Training Coordinator, Phil Stage N5PWW; Emergency Coordinator, Bill Tatsch Jr. AE5BT; Editor, Trey Seastruck AF5XS; and Treasurer, Terry Lines KD5RA.

With no additional nominations from the floor, Rob made a motion that the slate of candidates be elected by acclamation. The motion carried, and those present voted in the affirmative, with no opposition voiced. The slate of candidates was elected.

At 8:17 David Spore shared pictures of this amateur radio trip to Costa Rica with the membership and answered questions from the membership.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55pm. The sign-in sheet showed 21 people in attendance, 20 indicating AARC membership.

### **November 2015 Executive Board Meeting Minutes submitted by Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA, Secretary**

The regular meeting of the Executive Board of the AARC was held on November 20th, 2015 at 6:41pm. Present were President, David KB3UBD; Vice President, Linda W5LMC; Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; and Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW. Absent were the Treasurer, Terry KD5RA; Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT; Editor, Dennis N5ACK; and Repeater Trustee, Maurice KM5RF.

David KB3UBD would like to plan a picnic for next year, as well as a program on mesh networking, and coordinate with Rob May to hold a couple of workshops.

Linda W5LMC is lining up programs for 2016. She informed the board of the upcoming Joint Radio Clubs meeting in January, as well as the Cowtown Marathon.

Phil N5PWW continues to offer testing sessions on the first and third Saturdays of the month. There are no training classes in

session, as the minimum number of people (10) to hold a class have yet to express interest.

The meeting adjourned at 7:01pm.



## December 2015 Financial Reports

Submitted by Terry Lines KD5RA 2015 Treasurer

### Arlington Amateur Radio Club December 2015 Financial Report

<b>Accounts as of 11/30/15</b>	General fund	2152.80
	G&W	171.53
	Repeater fund	224.00
	Checking	<b>2548.33</b>
	C.D.	2172.03
<b>Last Month Total Capital One</b>	-----	<b>4720.36</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	XX	0.00
	XX	0.00
	XX	0.00
	XX	0.00
	XX	0.00
		<b>0.00</b>
<b>Income</b>	Dues	47.94
	G&W Raffle	0.00
	Christmas Raffle	0.00
	Donation	0.00
	Other	0.00
		<b>47.94</b>
	<b>Net Change</b>	<b>47.94</b>
<b>Balances</b>	Calc checking total	<b>2596.27</b>
	Bank Statement	2596.27
	Checkbook Balance	2596.27
C.D. (renew 6/19/15)	Interest this month	0.18
<b>This Month Total Capital One</b>		<b>4768.48</b>
Petty cash		25.00
<b>Club TOTAL as of 12/31/15</b>	-----	<b>4793.48</b>

## 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).

## Membership

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

## 2016 Club Officers

<b>President:</b>	David Spore KB3UBD – <a href="mailto:davids@instruments.com">davids@instruments.com</a> – 301-481-8244
<b>Vice President:</b>	Linda McMillen W5LMC - <a href="mailto:l_mcmillen@prodigy.net">l_mcmillen@prodigy.net</a> ) - 817-795-0999
<b>Secretary:</b>	Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA – <a href="mailto:kb2vqa@optonline.net">kb2vqa@optonline.net</a> – 817-652-0307
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<b>Emergency Coordinator:</b>	Bill Tatsch Jr. AE5BT – <a href="mailto:ae5bt@att.net">ae5bt@att.net</a> – 817-296-8026
<b>Trustee:</b>	Maurice Martin KM5RF – <a href="mailto:km5rf@att.net">km5rf@att.net</a> – 817-266-9906
<b>Agent of Record:</b>	Phil Stage N5PWW – <a href="mailto:n5pww@sbcglobal.net">n5pww@sbcglobal.net</a> – 817-465-5624
<b>Public Information Officer:</b>	David Lucas KF5CFW – <a href="mailto:kf5cfw@gmail.com">kf5cfw@gmail.com</a> – 817-781-7256
<b>Webmaster:</b>	David Lucas KF5CFW – <a href="mailto:kf5cfw@gmail.com">kf5cfw@gmail.com</a> – 817-781-7256
<b>Repeater Committee:</b>	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.