



# 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

## Announcements

### September Meeting Topic

THE HISTORY OF THE ARLINGTON AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

### Special Election – Treasurer

There will be a special election held at this month's regular meeting for the position of Treasurer.

## Birthdays

Duane Steward	KG5HXW	9/1
Randon Porter	WA5BEG	9/10
John Stevenson	KF5GWQ	9/10
Bill Tatsch Jr	AE5BT	9/23\

## Silent Key

On August 26<sup>th</sup> we said goodbye to another friend. Terry Lines passed away on August 18<sup>th</sup> from esophageal cancer complications. I was very glad to see a good number of club members attend the funeral services, and I'm sure it meant a great deal to his wife, JoAnn. Not only was he a friend, he contributed a great deal to our club and served with dedication and perseverance no matter how grave his situation. I didn't know Terry for very long, but I can tell he was a good, honest man who always made the most of life. And that is what we all must remember; to make the most of life no matter what the situation is. We couldn't have a better example than Terry Lines.

David, KB3BUD

## Calendar of Events

**September 16: General Membership Meeting** 7:30 pm, 501 W. Sanford.

**September 17: Testing** 10:00 am, 401 W. Sanford. Enter on north side of the building.

**==== Dining Out (Saturday after the club meeting, 5:00pm) ====**

Got a suggestion for October? Let us know!

**==== Breakfast (first Saturday, 8:30am) ====**

Got a suggestion for October? Let us know!

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).

# Meeting Minutes

## **August 2016 Membership Meeting Minutes submitted by Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA, Secretary**

The eating of ice cream commenced at 7:30pm.

The regular meeting of the membership of the AARC was called to order at 8:01pm on August 19th, 2016 by the Vice President, Linda W5LMC. Other board members present included the Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Editor, Trey AF5XS; and Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW.

Absent were the President, David KB3UBD; Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT; and Repeater Trustee, Maurice KM5RF. The office of Treasurer was vacant.

Linda W5LMC called the meeting to order and asked the attendees to introduce themselves by name and call sign.

Phil N5PWW informed the membership of the deaths of Bob Schlotzhauer and Terry Lines.

Phil holds test sessions on the first and third Saturdays of the month at 10am. He may conduct a class for the Technician or General license if a minimum of 10 people commit to the class. Please contact Phil if you are interested in taking a class.

He also thanked those who contributed pictures to the slide show.

Linda W5LMC reviewed the plans for presentations, with August being an ice cream social accompanied by a slide show, and September being a history of the AARC presented by Jim and Martha Stiebing. Linda reminded the membership that David KB3UBD was in San Antonio as part of a National Parks on the Air activation.

A motion was made and carried to accept the meeting minutes from June and July as published in the August newsletter.

A motion was made and carried to spend \$50 in the form of a memorial gift for Bob Schlotzhauer. Phil will ask the family of Terry Lines about their wishes for a memorial gift.

Trey AF5XS published the August newsletter.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15pm, however the eating of desserts continued. The sign-in sheet showed 15 people in attendance, 13 indicating AARC membership.

## **August 2016 Executive Board Meeting Minutes submitted by Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA, Secretary**

The regular meeting of the Executive Board of the AARC was held on August 19th, 2016 at 7:02pm. Present were the Vice President, Linda W5LMC; Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Editor, Trey AF5XS; and Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW.

Absent were the President, David KB3UBD; Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT; and Repeater Trustee, Maurice KM5RF. The office of Treasurer was vacant.

Phil N5PWW informed the board of the deaths of Bob Schlotzhauer and Terry Lines. Phil will conduct a test session tomorrow. No training classes are currently in session.

It was discussed to bring before the membership a motion to spend \$50 on a memorial donation for Bob Schlotzhauer.

Linda W5LMC reviewed upcoming presentations, including the ice cream social and slide show, a history of the AARC by the Stiebings, and Ufer grounding.

The meeting adjourned at 7:13pm.

### **Arlington Amateur Radio Club June 2016 Financial Report Not available at time of publication**

## **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
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<b>Webmaster:</b>	David Lucas KF5CFW – <a href="mailto:kf5cfw@gmail.com">kf5cfw@gmail.com</a> – 817-781-7256
<b>Repeater Committee:</b>	Maurice Martin KM5RF (chair), 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.