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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

President's Corner

October is here, and soon we will be in the holiday season! The year is passing by at a rapid pace. There are several topics to touch on this month, as we get ready for the new year. First, I would like to remind everybody that now is the time to start putting in your vote for Ham of the Year. Be sure to put in your votes between now and November's meeting. The coffee can will be available at both meetings. Plans are coming along for this year's Christmas party, and we are going to try something a little different. Andy will be providing us with details at the next meeting.

I would like to thank Linda for her service as Vice President. It was great working with her and she has done a great deal of work for Ham radio. As I mentioned last month, she had to step down due to health reasons. I look forward to seeing her at future meetings and hope she is able to continue working on different projects. I am looking forward to working with Virginia as the next vice president. I feel that this coming year is going to be very active and productive. I hope to serve another year as president and complete certain projects and make significant progress with membership and club participation. We are going to be doing even more this coming year in terms of activities, public events and membership drives.

This month I had my first official meeting with our new Membership Committee Chairman (Gray Strickland). We tossed around some great ideas and I feel he is going to do a great job getting that committee off the ground and implementing its charter. I encourage club members to volunteer and participate. There will be opportunities for full-time committee members as well as occasional volunteering at specific events. One of my main goals as president this coming year is to help guide the Membership Committee and ensure that it gets off to a good start. I have been waiting for the past year for all the right ingredients, and the key ingredient was a chairman willing to take on the task of getting the committee organized. I want to shout out a special thanks to Gray for taking on the challenge.

Be sure to come next month for the elections, and be ready to party in December! It is hard to believe we are already here. At the same time, I am very enthusiastic about the coming year and the growth of our club.

David Spore
KB3UBD

Announcements

September Meeting Topic

Antennas

Equipment Wanted

. My needs are a transceiver (even a "boat anchor" which I truly love), antenna(s), voltage regulator for powering a mobile unit from my shack, etc (just the basic stuff with which to get on the air). Should you need any further information, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thanks for your assistance.

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Calendar of Events

October 21: General Membership Meeting 7:30 pm, 501 W. Sanford.

==== Dining Out (October 22, 5:00pm) ====

David's Barbecue
Village Park Shopping Center, 2224 W Park Row Dr, Pantego, TX 76013

==== Breakfast (November 5, 8:30am) ====

Pioneer Restaurant

306 109th St, Arlington, TX 76011

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

November 19: Testing 10:00 am, 401 W. Sanford. Enter on north side of the building.

==== Dining Out (November 19, 5:00pm) ====

Pei Wei Asian Diner

Village By the Parks, 4133 S Cooper St #307, Arlington, TX 76015

==== Dining Out (December 3, 5:00pm) ====

Golden Corral in the Highlands

465 E Interstate 20, Arlington, TX 76018

AARC Holiday Party

on the evening of Monday December 12

Spring Creek BBQ

3608 S Cooper St, Arlington, TX 76015

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 David Walker W5DJO (cushmantx@sbcglobal.net)
or the Office Of Emergency Management (817-459-6939).

Meeting Minutes

September 2016 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 September 16th, 2016 by the President, David KB3UBD. Other board members present included the Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT; Repeater Trustee, Maurice KM5RF; Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW, and Editor, Trey AF5XS.

The offices of Vice President, and Treasurer were vacant.

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

David informed the membership of the need for a special election for the offices of Vice President and Treasurer.

The floor was open for nominations for the office of Treasurer. A motion was made and carried to nominate Maurice KM5RF. No other nominations were made for the office of Treasurer. A motion was made and carried to vote by acclamation to accept Maurice as Treasurer. The vote carried.

The floor was open for nominations for the office of Vice President. A motion was made and carried to nominate Virginia NV5F. No other nominations were made for the office of Vice President. A motion was made and carried to vote by acclamation to accept Virginia as Vice President. The vote carried.

Maurice KM5RF reported that the repeaters are working fine. He plans on conducting a fox hunt on the Saturday following the October meeting. If you are interested in participating, contact Maurice.

Phil N5PWW informed the membership that the memorial donation in the name of Bob Schlotzhauer was made to the SPCA.

A motion was made and carried to make a memorial donation of \$50 in the name of Terry Lines to the Music Ministry at First Methodist Church of Mansfield.

Phil holds test sessions on the first and third Saturdays of the month at 10am. At the next meeting, Phil will bring pricing information for AARC shirts and jackets.

Bill AE5BT informed the membership of the Jamboree-On-The-Air (JOTA) on October 15th, and Council Camporee on November 12th, which are both volunteer opportunities to spread the word about amateur radio to the Boy Scouts of America community.

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

Trey AF5XS published and distributed the September newsletter. If the membership has any information that they would like published in the newsletter, please make a submission to Trey.

A break was taken at 7:55pm and resumed at 8:10pm with a presentation by Jim and Martha Stiebing on their experiences with the AARC over the past 30 years.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45pm. The sign-in sheet showed 20 people in attendance, 18 indicating AARC membership.

September 2016 Executive Board Meeting Minutes submitted by Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA, Secretary

The regular meeting of the Executive Board of the AARC was held on September 16th, 2016 at 6:32pm. Present were the President, David KB3UBD; Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT; Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW; Repeater Trustee, Maurice KM5RF; and Editor, Trey AF5XS.

The offices of Vice President, and Treasurer were vacant.

The mailbox key and storage locker key, previously held by Terry Lines, were returned to David Spore KB3UBD.

Bill AE5BT informed the board of the upcoming Boy Scouts of America amateur radio event known as Jamboree-On-The-Air (JOTA). It is an opportunity for club members to set up a station and allow scouts to use ham radio to communicate with hams and other scouts around the world. It will be held on October 15 and 16, and Bill is planning on setting up a station on the 15th at Sid Richardson Scout Ranch in Bridgeport, TX.

There will be another event on November 12th known as the Boy Scouts of America Council Camporee which will be held at Texas Motor Speedway.

If you are interested in participating in either event, contact Bill.

Maurice KM5RF reported that the repeaters are working well.

Phil N5PWW informed the board that the memorial donation in the name of Bob Schlotzhauer was given to the SPCA. Phil spoke with the family of Terry Lines, and they expressed their wishes of donations being made to the American Cancer Society or Music Ministries at First Methodist Church of Mansfield.

Phil will conduct a test session tomorrow. No training classes are currently in session.

Dave Walker will keep the membership informed of volunteer events that were previously monitored by Linda W5LMC.

David KB3UBD reported that the August trip to San Antonio for the National Parks on the Air event was effectively rained-out.

The meeting adjourned at 7:18pm.

Arlington Amateur Radio Club July - September 2016 Financial Report

Accounts as of 6/31/16

	General Fund	2,693.16
	G&W	201.53
	Repeater Fund	364.00
	Checking	3,258.69
	C.D.	2,173.10
Last Month Total		<u>5,431.79</u>

Expenses

Check# EFT	7/12/2016	AFCU Opening of Savings Account	25.00
Check # EFT	7/17/2019	Member Services Checks	30.00
Check # 8000	8/5/16	David Spore (Club Picnic)	135.00
Check # 2000	9/17/16	Storage Hut (9/16- 3/16)	225.00
Check# 2001	9/26/16	SPCA (N5TIB)	50.00
Check # 2002	9/26/16	First United Methodist Mansfield (K5REA)	50.00
Total Expenses			<u>515.00</u>

Income

Dues	23.97
G&W Raffle	0.00
Net Change	-491.03

Balances

` Checking Total	2,767.66
Savings	25.00
C.D. (renew 12/19/16)	2,173.28
This Month Total	4,965.94
Petty Cash	25.00
Club TOTAL as of 9/30/16	4,990.94

Membership

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

2016 Club Officers

President:	David Spore KB3UBD – davids@instruments.com – 301-481-8244
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Webmaster:	David Lucas KF5CFW – kf5cfw@gmail.com – 817-781-7256
Repeater Committee:	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 ARRC 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.