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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

Presidents Corner

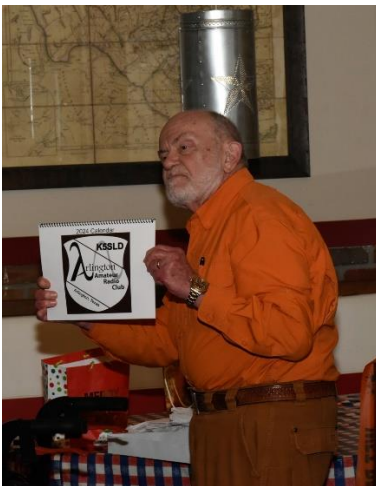
Welcome to a new year! We're carrying over the same board of officers from last year with two exceptions. Price Woolridge (K5NNL) will be your Vice President, and I will be your President. Special thanks to Jack Weaver (AA5VZ) and Torre Quinn (AA5CX), our outgoing President and Vice President. Our Christmas Party was a lot of fun, especially with Thieving Santa and recognition of the 2023 ham of the year. Congratulations, Andy Kapushoc (KB2VQA), and thanks for organizing the event!

As the new year dawns, I'm looking forward to new activities and new experiences. Winter Field Day is coming up on January 27th! It will be the second for the club, and the first for me. Price has already lined up our first two programs for the club, and more are coming! Looking at the calendar the Cowtown Hamfest is coming up, and the National Weather Service is starting Skywarn classes. In the news the FCC recently removed the symbol rate restrictions on the HF bands, so look for digital modes to adapt!

It's an exciting time to be in ham radio, so let's kick things off right! Hope to see everyone at Friday's meeting!

- Joe Wigner, K5MGY
President AARC

Holiday Party 2024 Memories



January 2024 program

TBA

AARC Calendar

The calendar is by request or on demand ONLY. If no one wants a calendar then none will be made. If one person wants a copy, then one will be printed. I think the calendars will cost under \$15 each and sell for \$20, or about \$5 / calendar sold provide there is a demand. I would let you, Maurice, and the Board know how many orders and the cost before the actual printing is done.

This is not really a purchase (as in a loss for exchange of a tangible item like food or letterhead). The bank account will register the withdrawal from the time of printing until it is redeposited with additional monies "profit or donations from the purchasers." The time frame should be less than a week. I don't think membership needs to vote. Maybe the by-laws need to be changed?

I can "foot the bill" for the printing and donate the "profit" to the club.

I thought it may be more official or easier to deal with if the club could handle the financial part of the project.

Philip, KD5WBW

Note: To run this through the club, It would need to be brought to the membership and approved to do so.

Items of Note

Events

Cowtown Hamfest

JANUARY 19-20, 2024

FRIDAY 3PM-7PM AND SATURDAY 7AM-3PM

FOREST HILL CIVIC AND CONVENTION CENTER

6901 WICHITA STREET FOREST HILL, TEXAS 76140\

[Cowtown Hamfest, Fort Worth Texas](#)

January 2024 R.A.C.E.S. Activities in one place

R.A.C.E.S. Renewal Training (Sign up on Better Impact)

January 20th - 13:00 - 15:00

This will be in one of the upstairs rooms during the Hamfest.

SkyWarn Spotter Training (Sign up on Better Impact)

January 27th - 09:00 to 11:30

Also at the Forest Hill Event & Convention Center

R.A.C.E.S. New Member Class (Sign up on Better Impact)

January 27th - 12:00 - 15:00

This will be held immediately following SkyWarn in the same place.

Hope that Helps!

Chuck

Amateur Radio Club of Parker County, TX - Technician License Class And Exam

The ARC of Parker County, Texas will conduct an Amateur Radio Technician License Class during two Saturdays 8AM - 4PM CT.

Location - Parker County EOC Building located at 215 Trinity St., Weatherford, Texas.

The first half of this Class will be conducted 8AM - 4PM CT on Saturday February 3.

The second half of this Class will be conducted 8AM - 4PM CT on Saturday February 10.

Doug May's (WB5VQQ) Test Team will conduct the Technician License Exam 4PM - 5:30PM CT on February 10 at the end of the second half of this Class.

Pre-Exam Requirements:

An FCC Registration Number (FRN) is required to take the Exam - Go to this URL Address to apply for an FRN# -

<https://www.fcc.gov/wireless/support/knowledge-base/universal-licensing-system-uls-resources/getting-fcc-registration>

A \$15 Cash Fee is required to take the Exam.

An additional \$35 Cash Fee is required from Participants that Pass the Exam to pay the FCC Technician License Fee.

Participants should purchase The ARRL Ham Radio License Manual, 5th edition prior to attending this Technician Class. The ARRL Ham Radio License

Manual is available to purchase online at this link - <https://home.arrl.org/action/Store/Product-Details/productId/2003373064> (or from Amazon).

Please signup for this Class at the link below and bring your ARRL Ham Radio License Manual with you when you attend the Class.

The Participant SignUp Sheet is available at this link - <https://volunteersignup.org/PBAWL>

Feb 24-25, 2024 The Cowtown Marathon

For volunteer info contact:

Chuck Inmon <message@volunteer2mail.com>

Greater Houston Hamfest:

March 1st and 2nd 2024

The Greater Houston HamFest is back and now the largest hamfest in Texas. This will be a Two day show both Friday and Saturday.

Friday 12PM - 8PM Saturday 8AM - 3PM

Greater Houston Hamfest will again be at the Fort Bend County Fairgrounds.

For more information go to: <https://houstonhamfest.org>

Newsletter Submissions

Submissions for the newsletter are due by the Saturday preceding the monthly club meeting. I would prefer receive them in Word format or in a text editor like Notepad. If you can avoid it please don't send it in PDF format, as it is a pain, to tear apart a PDF, if I need to change any formatting or make any edits.

Birthdays

Ryan Miller 1/7

Scott Clark 1/8

Lyle Baker 1/18

If I missed your birthday, let me know (I won't include the year, it makes me feel old) – Trey

Calendar of Events

January 19: Board Meeting 6:30 pm, 501 W. Sanford, Arlington, TX, 76011

All members are welcome attend.

January 19: General Membership Meeting 7:30 pm, 501 W. Sanford, Arlington, TX, 76011

If you want to join via Zoom:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8337970242?pwd=OUpJMzRyV25EUVN6WEVCUkE5VFBDdz09>

Meeting ID: 833 797 0242

Passcode: b4PhCx

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Passcode: 684354

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8337970242?pwd=OUpJMzRyV25EUVN6WEVCUkE5VFBDdz09>

==== Dining Out (January 20, 5:00PM) =====

Kincaid's Hamburgers, 3900 Arlington Highlands Blvd #113, Arlington, TX 76018

==== Breakfast (February 3, 8:30 am) =====

Pioneer Restaurant 306 109th St, Arlington, TX 76011

Testing:

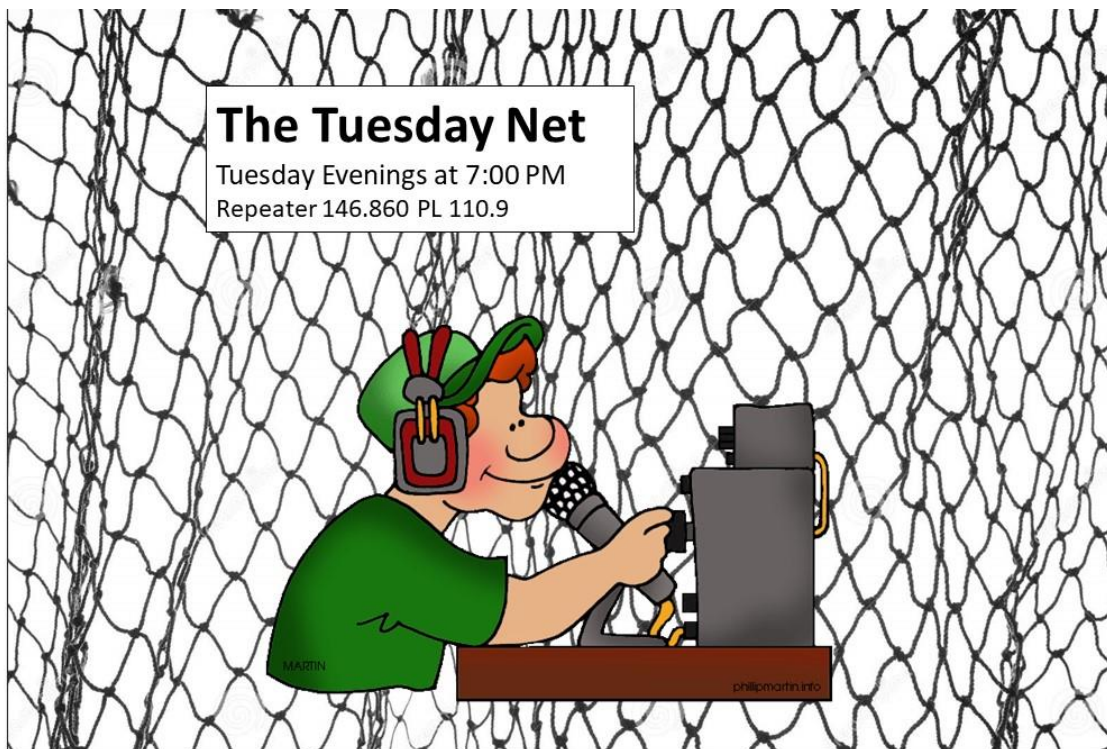
There is a \$14 cash fee for taking the test (if you pass and want to take the test for the next level, the \$14 covers the additional test(s) as well).

As of April 13, 2022 the FCC will begin charging an application fee of \$35.00 for license applications.

Also note you will need your FRN number and a valid email prior to taking that first test.

January 20: Testing - 10:00 am, 401 W. Sanford. Enter on north side of the building.

February 3: Testing - 10:00 am, 401 W. Sanford. Enter on north side of the building



Join us for the Tuesday Net

 ACCENT AWARDS & TROPHIES 1815 W. PARK ROW • ARLINGTON, TX 76013 TROPHIES • PLAQUES • RIBBONS • ENGRAVING SIGNAGE • BADGES • ACRYLICS sales@accentawards.us 817.469.8791 www.accentawards.us	 DAVE W5DJ0
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Need a Badge? \$10.95 + Tax

Warning sirens

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 the Office of Emergency Management (817-459-6939).

Meeting Minutes

November 2023 Membership Meeting Minutes submitted by Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA, Secretary

The regular meeting of the membership of the AARC was called to order on November 17th, 2023, at 7:31 pm by the President, Jack AA5VZ. Other board members present included Vice President, Torre AA5CX; Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Treasurer and Repeater Trustee, Maurice KM5RF; Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW; Emergency Coordinator, Clayton K5CWS; and Editor, Trey AF5XS.

Jack AA5VZ called the meeting to order and asked attendees to introduce themselves by name and call sign.

Jack mentioned that the siren test held in November went well, and the next siren test will be held on December 6th. Jack thanked Joe Wigner K5MGY for his presentation of fox hunting and for volunteering to fill the position of nominating committee chair. Jack informed the membership that election of club officers will be held tonight. The election will be followed by an open discussion of various ham radio topics. The collection of "Ham of the Year" ballots will end tonight, with the presentation of the award taking place at the Christmas party on December 14th.

Jack reminded the membership that money was allocated last month to participate in Winter Field Day. A discussion was had on various site locations. It was agreed upon to use the same site as last year, being J.W. Dunlop Sports Center.

Jack reminded the membership of the Irving ARC micro-grant program which provides money to assist in purchasing equipment to further the amateur radio hobby. During last month's meeting there was a discussion of obtaining a new repeater antenna. Jack has prepared the application for the micro-grant program and is ready to submit it.

Torre AA5CX mentioned that the election of officers will be held tonight. There is no official meeting in December, but there will be a Christmas party.

Philip KD5WBW, in the role of Public Information Officer, had nothing to report.

Andy KB2VQA noted that the November newsletter contained the minutes from the October meetings. A motion was made and carried to accept the minutes as published.

Maurice KM5RF reviewed the financial report. A motion was made and carried to accept the October report as published for audit.

Maurice reviewed with the membership his research on companies that can provide a new antenna for the repeater. Prices varied and he felt that the company providing the option that cost \$1,466 was the safest. An option provided last month costing \$1,000 was later determined to have some issues. Assuming that a micro-grant is awarded to cover half the cost of the safer option, a motion was made and carried to spend up to \$750 for the new repeater antenna.

Trey AF5XS compiled and distributed the newsletter for November 2023. The Christmas party will be held on Thursday, December 14th. The weekly net has been changed to Tuesday.

Phil N5PWW continues to hold testing sessions in person promptly at 10 am on the first and third Saturdays of the month at 401 W. Sanford Street (use the entrance on the north side). Fees include \$14 and a \$35 fee from the FCC which needs to be paid via their web site in a timely fashion. An FRN and active email address is required at the time of taking the exam.

Clayton K5CWS informed the membership of the upcoming volunteer opportunities for RACES members. There will be various runs and races, including the Jingle Bell Run and Candy Cane Course.

Old business: No old business was presented.

New business: No old business was presented.

A break was taken at 8:30 pm. The meeting resumed at 8:47 pm with the nominating committee chair Joe K5MGY leading the election of club officers.

As nominating committee chair, Joe K5MGY assembled a slate of candidates which did not include president or vice president. All offices were open for nominations. Joe Wigner was nominated for president, and Price Woolridge was nominated for vice president.

The slate of candidates was as follows: President, Joe Wigner, K5MGY; Vice President, Price Woolridge, K5NNL; Secretary, Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA; Treasurer, Maurice Martin KM5RF;

Training Coordinator, Phil Stage N5PWW; Emergency Coordinator, Clayton Starkweather K5CWS; and Editor, Trey Seastrunk AF5XS

It was asked three times if there were any additional nominations. No additional nominations were made. A motion was made that the slate of candidates be elected by acclamation. The motion carried, and a majority of those present voted in the affirmative. The slate of candidates was elected.

The meeting adjourned at 9:08 pm. The sign-in sheet showed 18 people in attendance, 17 indicating AARC membership. Zoom attendees numbered 3.

November 2023 Executive Board Meeting Minutes submitted by Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA, Secretary

The regular meeting of the Executive Board of the AARC was held on November 17th, 2023, at 6:41 pm. Present were President, Jack AA5VZ; Vice President, Torre AA5CX; Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Treasurer and Repeater Trustee, Maurice KM5RF; Emergency Coordinator, Clayton K5CWS; Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW; and Editor, Trey AF5XS.

Jack AA5VZ called the meeting to order.

Jack mentioned that election of club officers will be held tonight. The next siren test will be held on December 6th. Jack will thank Joe Wigner K5MGY for his presentation of fox hunting and for volunteering for position of nominating committee chair. Jack will have the membership decide on a location to hold Winter Field Day activities in January.

Torre AA5CX mentioned that election of club officers will be held tonight and that the nominating committee chair has been able to fill all positions except for the offices of president and vice president.

Phil N5PWW continues to hold face to face testing sessions promptly at 10 am on the first and third Saturdays of the month. Training classes are not being held.

Philip KD5WBW, in the role of Public Information Officer, had nothing to report.

Andy KB2VQA confirmed that the November 2023 newsletter contained the minutes from the October 2023 meetings.

Maurice KM5RF reviewed the financial report. He provided historical financial information for the purpose of being informed while budgeting in the future. Maurice presented his research on companies that can provide a new antenna for the repeater. An application will be made to the Irving ARC micro-grant program to cover 50% of the cost of the antenna.

Trey AF5XS published and distributed the newsletter.

Clayton K5CWS had nothing to report.

The meeting adjourned at 7:31 pm.

November 2023 Financial Report

		DESCRIPTION	CATEGORY	BALANCE
BALANCE	10/31/2023		GENERAL FUND	1,758.94
			GOOD & WELFARE	831.13
			REPEATER FUND	798.24
			CHECKING	3,388.31
			SAVINGS	2,236.10
			PETTY CASH	25.00
			NET TOTAL	5,649.41
EXPENSE				
#2055	MAURICE MARTIN	PAVILOIN RENTAL	CLUB ACTIVITY W/FD	90.00
EFT	AARL INSURANCE	CLUB LIABILITY INS.	LIABILITY INSURANCE	200.00
			TOTAL	290.00
INCOME				
		DUES	2024 DUES	63.22
		GOOD & WELFARE	GOOD & WELFARE	10.00
			TOTAL	73.22
			OVERALL NET CHANGE	216.78
BALANCE	11/30/2023		GENERAL FUND	1,517.16
			GOOD & WELFARE	841.13
			REPEATER FUND	813.24
			CHECKING	3,171.53
			SAVINGS	2,236.10
			PETTY CASH	25.00
			NET TOTAL	5,432.63

December 2023 Financial Report

		DESCRIPTION	CATEGORY	BALANCE
BALANCE	11/30/2023		GENERAL FUND	1,517.16
			GOOD & WELFARE	841.13
			REPEATER FUND	813.24
			CHECKING	3,171.53
			SAVINGS	2,236.10
			PETTY CASH	25.00
			NET TOTAL	5,432.63
EXPENSE				
#2056	ACCENT AWARDS	PLAQUE AND BADGE	HAM OF THE YEAR	75.95
			TOTAL	75.95
INCOME				
#####		DUES	2024 DUES	81.83
		DIVIDEND	INTREST INCOME	0.23
			TOTAL	82.06
			OVERALL NET CHANGE	6.11
BALANCE	12/31/2023		GENERAL FUND	1,508.04
			GOOD & WELFARE	841.13
			REPEATER FUND	828.24
			CHECKING	3,177.41
			SAVINGS	2,236.33
			PETTY CASH	25.00
			NET TOTAL	5,438.74

Membership

Let me know if you need any club business cards, which are handy for introducing people to the club or handing out during Ham conventions.

Want to join the club

2024 Club Dues are due

Print a membership form from our website k5sld.org and join us. Annual dues are \$25.00 Individual, \$35.00 Family, or \$15.00 Associate

Membership dues received after July 1st from applicants that were not members the previous year shall be one-half of the annual dues

2024 Club Officers

President:	Joe Wigner, K5MGY – joe.wigner@gmail.com
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Repeater Committee:	Maurice Martin, KM5RF (chair), Rob May, W5WS, Don Kovatch N5YAK, Gerry Dalton, W5MAY