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July Announcements

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Photos Needed!

The AARC ice cream social is next month and we like to put up a fun slide show of the year's photos. So if you have a good bunch of radio photos from any year or if you too pictures at Field Day, we'd like to show them in August while we eat ice cream. Please email any picture files you'd like to contribute to **Dennis McGrath N5ACK** n5ack@arrl.net

Speaking of photos...

Thanks to **Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA** for the various Field Day photos placed throughout the newsletter. Some of the best ones yet.

And speaking of ice cream...

Please start thinking about what you might be able to contribute to the ice cream social in August. Last year we had plenty of ice cream and toppings and alternative deserts for people who don't eat dairy, but there was not a good way to keep it all cool during the first part of the meeting. A great help this year would be folks who can come early with coolers and ice to keep everything from melting since there is not a freezer in the building.



Field Day Determination

Wayne Hoskins AD5ST – fueled by Dr Pepper - makes contacts on VHF during AARC's Field Day last month.



July Presentation

July will have a mixed bag of smaller topics. **Dennis McGrath N5ACK** will talk about HT batteries and using salt water to create a variable wavelength antenna. We will also ask the members what kind of programs you'd like to see in the future. In addition, **Maurice Martin KM5RF** will have a chance to give us an in-depth tutorial on use of the club's IRLP system. So come with some future program ideas in mind.

Arlington ARC Events Calendar

July 15, Fri, 6:30pm, Monthly Board Meeting at 501 W Sanford

July 15, Fri, 7:30pm, Monthly Club Meeting at 501 W Sanford

June 16, Sat, 10:00am, Amateur License test Session at 501 W Sanford

June 16, Sat, 5:00pm, Dining Out - Catfish Sam's, 2735 West Division St., Arlington

June 25 – 26, Sat am – Sun am, Field Day – 501 W. Sanford

August 3, Wed 12:30pm, Arlington Siren Test

August 6, Sat, 8:30am, 1st Saturday Breakfast – Pioneer restaurant, 306 109th Street, Arlington

August 6, Sat, 10:00am, Amateur License Test Session at 501 W Sanford

August 19, Fri, 7:30pm, Monthly Club Meeting at 501 W Sanford

Our website has an Events Calendar, so check it out for the latest information on upcoming events at www.k5sld.com

AARC Financial Report – June 2011

AARC June 2011 Financial Report							
							
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	
	Jan-11	Feb-11	Mar-11	Apr-11	May-11	Jun-11	
Income							
Dues	\$615.00	\$195.00	\$139.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$37.50	
PayPal Dues	\$249.41	\$0.00	\$129.56	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Good & Welfare	\$30.00	\$31.00	\$25.00	\$10.00	\$6.00	\$44.00	
AT&T overpayment refund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
CD interest	\$0.37	\$0.33	\$0.37	\$0.35	\$0.37	\$0.25	
	\$894.78	\$226.33	\$293.93	\$35.35	\$31.37	\$81.75	
Expenses							
Storage Hut	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$225.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Bank fees	\$0.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$0.00	
AT&T	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Donation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
SafeHaven donation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Liability Insurance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Web Hosting	\$0.00	\$41.62	\$59.88	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Arlington Yacht Club	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Flowers by Linda (G&W)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Chris Webster (club expenses)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Bank check order	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Printing supplies	\$193.06	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
1 year PO Box fees	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Fry's - UPS for IRLP link PC	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
406-430 MHz yagi (to Maurice; IRLP; repeater fund)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$55.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Ham Radio Outlet (4 under door jumpers)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Accent Awards	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
	\$193.06	\$56.62	\$449.88	\$130.00	\$15.00	\$0.00	
Variance	\$701.72	\$169.71	-\$155.95	-\$94.65	\$16.37	\$81.75	
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Actual	Ending
	Jan-11	Feb-11	Mar-11	Apr-11	May-11	Jun-11	Balances
General Fund	\$671.35	\$138.38	-\$181.32	-\$50.00	\$10.00	\$37.50	\$1,398.77
Repeater Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$55.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,211.90
Good & Welfare	\$30.00	\$31.00	\$25.00	\$10.00	\$6.00	\$44.00	\$684.58
Chase Checking	\$701.35	\$169.38	-\$156.32	-\$95.00	\$16.00	\$81.50	\$3,295.25
Chase CD	\$0.37	\$0.33	\$0.37	\$0.35	\$0.37	\$0.25	\$2,159.43
Total Chase Bank	\$701.72	\$169.71	-\$155.95	-\$94.65	\$16.37	\$81.75	\$5,454.68
Petty Cash	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
Total - All Balances	\$701.72	\$169.71	-\$155.95	-\$94.65	\$16.37	\$81.75	\$5,479.68
Note: \$225.00 for storage paid 3/12/2011; good through 8/31/2011.							
Prepared by Chris Webster, K5LTX Treasurer AARC since August 2009							

June 2011 Board Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Andy Kapushoc, KB2VQA, Secretary

The regular meeting of the Executive Board of the AARC was held on June 17th, 2011 at 6:33pm. Present were President, Jack W5JCK; Vice President, Dennis N5ACK; Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Treasurer, Chris K5LTX; Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT; Editor, Virginia NV5F; as well as Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW. Absent was the Trustee, Maurice KM5RF.

Phil N5PWW confirmed that the Club has the Sanford St. location reserved for Field Day activities. Phil will offer testing at the Field Day site. He also coordinated the donation of ham radio equipment to the Club.

Chris K5LTX investigated the bank fees that the Club incurred. There is no way to escape the fees, so Chris will be looking for a different bank to host the Club's accounts.

Locations for dining out and first Saturday breakfast were decided upon for the remainder of the year.

The meeting adjourned at 7:06pm

June 2011 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 June 17th, 2011 by the President, Jack W5JCK. Other Board members present included Vice President, Dennis N5ACK; Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Treasurer, Chris K5LTX; Editor, Virginia NV5F; Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT; as well as Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW. Absent was the Trustee, Maurice KM5RF.

Jack W5JCK asked that the meeting attendees introduce themselves by name and call sign.

Virginia NV5F printed and distributed the newsletter.

Chris K5LTX reviewed the financial report for May 2011. A motion was made and carried to accept for audit the financial report.

The minutes for the May meetings were submitted for publication in the June 2011 newsletter. A motion was made and carried to accept the minutes as published.

Phil N5PWW will continue to hold testing sessions on the first and third Saturdays of the month, as well as during Field Day. There are currently no classes being conducted. Phil, and Dave Walker W5DJO, coordinated the donation of amateur radio equipment to the Club.

Bill AE5BT announced that for Field Day the plan is to set up on Saturday morning and be on the air by 1pm. The club will be on the air until 1pm the following day.

A break was taken at 8:21pm and the presentation started at 8:35pm.

For the presentation, Dennis N5ACK demonstrated how to use a digital picture frame to display QSL cards.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:50pm.

The sign-in sheet showed 32 people in attendance, 31 indicating AARC membership.



Field Day!

This year's ARRL Field Day activities were a nice way to kick off the summer. Fortunately it wasn't too hot, as things got under way during setup on Saturday morning. With the help of several operators, the CW station had a successful return, stacking up more QSOs than any other station with 274 contacts. Digital ran second with 154 and sideband phone made a laid back showing as a fun chance just to talk on the air and see what it's like to try to beat a pileup with 132 Qs. Wayne AD5ST and company also outdid themselves on VHF this year with 89, while GOTA gave some new hams and a couple of aspiring operators a taste of what is to come in their ham careers, totaling 18 contacts.



Antenna setup

**SSB
phone,
the
voice
of
K5SLD**



VHF Antennas

Let's get digital.



**20m
Buddi-
Piping**



CQ on CW



**Pick a key...
any key!**



Some members of the Arlington Fire Department joined us for a fine barbecue dinner provided by Bill AE5BT and other members, and a little evening bagpiping could be heard over the generator noise as the sun went down. Several ops stayed overnight, but things got pretty slow between 1 and 4 am while a few folks took naps. We operated until about 10 am Sunday and then packed it in for another year while enjoying some nice donuts brought by a member of the ample cleanup crew. For the most part, things went smoothly and everyone who came had a chance to contribute and get involved. We hope next year is even better.

Volunteers Needed to Help Test the Warning Sirens

If you live or work in Arlington, chances are, you have heard the wail of one of our warning sirens. In the event of severe weather, these sirens going off might save your life. But, what if they did not go off? Where would we be then?

Volunteers, working in conjunction with the Arlington Fire Department, Office of Emergency Management, assist in the testing of the city's sirens on the first Wednesday of each month. The test is conducted between 12:30pm to 1:30pm on the AARC repeater, K5SLD, 147.140 MHz, pl 110.9.

If you have the time available, we would love to enlist your cooperation and radio expertise in this most necessary and rewarding effort. Your report of a malfunctioning siren just might mean the saving of a life or avoidance of bodily injury.

Please monitor our 147.140 repeater starting about 11:00am on the day of the test. The net will begin about 12:15pm on test day, and you may join us any time that you are able. Detailed maps in PDF and printed formats will be available upon request to assist you in locating siren locations. For more info contact Jack Swinden, W5JCK, AARC President.



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Repeater Committee

Chairman Paul Baumgardner W5PSB

Maurice Martin KM5RF and Harold Reasoner K5SXK

Membership Application available at: http://k5sld.com/images/forms/aarc_membership_application.pdf