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2014 Officer Elections Results

Elections for officers of the Executive Board of the Arlington Amateur Radio Club were held at the November meeting. Sherry Shelton W5YUP was elected as President and former President Dennis McGrath N5ACK was elected as Newsletter Editor. Congratulations and thank you to Sherry for accepting the new position as President.



Holiday Party

Phil Stage N5PWW was the well deserved winner of the Ham of the Year (HOTY) award. Congratulations Phil!!

Club Meetings

Meetings are held the third Friday of each month in the Human Services building at 501 W. Sanford in central Arlington at 7:30 pm, following the executive board meeting at 6:30 pm. Members generally begin arriving at 7:00 pm.

K5SLD Repeaters

147.14+ PL 110.9 (linked to 224.8) **224.8–** PL 110.9 (linked to 147.14) **444.2+** PL 100.0 (linkable to IRLP)



Calendar of Events

January 17: Executive Board Meeting 6:30 pm, 501 W. Sanford.

Board meetings are open and anyone is welcome to attend.

January 17: General Membership Meeting 7:30 pm, 501 W. Sanford.

January 18: VE Testing 10:00 am, 401 W. Sanford. Enter on north side of the building.

January 18: Dining Out 5:00 pm, Asian Buffet near SE corner of I-30 @ Collins.

February 1: First Saturday Breakfast 8:30 am, Golden Corral at the Highlands

February 1: VE Testing 10:00 am, 401 W. Sanford. Enter on north side of the building.

Tidbits

Tokyo Hy-Power, a manufacturer of Amateur Radio amplifiers, antenna tuners, and other equipment, is in bankruptcy, and its plant, in Saitama Prefecture near Tokyo, has been shuttered.

FCC has authorized the Maxim Memorial Station W1AW to also use the call sign W100AW during 2014, the ARRL's centennial year.

Contacts made from the Maxim Memorial Station in Newington, from regional Centennial conventions, and during the IARU HF Championship will use W100AW, with portable designators as appropriate. The "W1AW WAS" operations throughout 2014 from each of the 50 states will use W1AW, not W100AW.

Bulletins and code practice transmissions during 2014 also will still use W1AW. Contacts with W100AW are worth 100 points in the ARRL Centennial QSO Party.

Information on the ARRL Centennial QSO Party may be found on the web at, http://www.arrl.org/centennial-qso-party

Happy Birthday

Kevin Wieberg N5KLW (1/4), Scott Clark AE5PC (1/8), David Spore KB3UBD (1/11), Chuck Bailey KC5YZS (1/16), Sam Xie W5XIE (1/18), Johnny Hayes NJ5T (1/24), Sharon Patton AB5YV (1/26), Randy Eaton KK5QJ (2/8), Jay Cox W5USM (2/14)

Next Meeting 1/17/2014

At the January meeting, since it's the first meeting of the new year, yearly club dues are due.

Dues can be paid online via Paypal (link is on the website), or our treasurer Joyce will be happy to take cash or checks at the meeting. Best time to see her would be during the break before the presentation.

Our presentation this month will be a video called "Buddies in the Caribbean Suitcase DXpedition 2011 – Dominica", which highlights the Buddipole guys on a trip to Dominica and setting up camp on a beach. Also included will be a video including ARRL's "Amateur Radio Today", narrated by Walter Cronkite. There is also a short 4 minute video about the spacecraft Juno that is on its way to Jupiter. There was a project by which HAMS over the world sent a message to Juno on its way out to space.

Since we'll be watching movies, what better way to enjoy the movies with POPCORN!

Yes, we will have a big popcorn machine to make popcorn for anyone who would like some.

Since popcorn tends to be a bit dry, anyone wanting to bring some drinks for themselves or to share with others would be encouraged to do so.

Contest Corner January

	NAQCC Straight Key	y/Bug Sprint	0130Z-0330Z,	Jan 16
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NCCC Sprint Ladder	0230Z-0300Z, Jan 17
LZ Open Contest	0000Z-0400Z, Jan 18
Hungarian DX Contest	1200Z, Jan 18 to 1159Z, Jan 19
North American QSO Party, SSB	1800Z, Jan 18 to 0559Z, Jan 19
ARRL January VHF Contest	1900Z, Jan 18 to 0359Z, Jan 20
Feld Hell Sprint	2000Z, Jan 18 to 0300Z, Jan 19
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	0200Z-0400Z, Jan 20
SKCC Sprint	0000Z-0200Z, Jan 22
QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Jan 22
CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z-1400Z, Jan 22 and 1900Z-2000Z, Jan 22 and 0300Z-0400Z, Jan 23
NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint	0130Z-0330Z, Jan 24
QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Jan 24
NCCC Sprint Ladder	0230Z-0300Z, Jan 24
CQ 160-Meter Contest, CW	2200Z, Jan 24 to 2159Z, Jan 26
REF Contest, CW	0600Z, Jan 25 to 1800Z, Jan 26
BARTG RTTY Sprint	1200Z, Jan 25 to 1200Z, Jan 26
UBA DX Contest, SSB	1300Z, Jan 25 to 1300Z, Jan 26
QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Jan 29
QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Jan 31
NCCC Sprint Ladder	0230Z-0300Z, Jan 31

For more information on these and other contests, see the WA7BNM Contest Calendar at hornucopia.com/contestcal.

For more information on contesting in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex, visit DFW Contest Group at dfwcontest.com.

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). Checkins 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 (<u>I_mcmillen@prodigy.net</u>) or the Office Of Emergency Management (817-459-6939).

November 2013 Membership Meeting Minutes

submitted by Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA, secretary

The regular meeting of the membership of the AARC was called to order at 7:32pm November 15th, 2013 by the President, Dennis N5ACK. Other board members present included the Vice President, David KB3UBD; Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Treasurer, Joyce W5FJB; Editor, Wayne AD5ST; Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT; Repeater Trustee, Maurice KM5RF; and Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW.

Dennis N5ACK called the meeting to order and asked the attendees to introduce themselves by name and call sign.

Joyce W5FJB reviewed the financial report for October 2013. Both the club's insurance and certificate of deposit are coming due. A motion was made and carried to accept for audit the financial report as published.

Maurice KM5RF has almost completed the form 1023 for tax exempt status. He plans on submitting it in January 2014.

The IRLP transmitter needs a new power amplifier, which will be installed.

Phil N5PWW continues to hold test sessions on the first and third Saturdays of the month. No training sessions are scheduled. The test question pool for the Technician license will change in June of 2014.

David KB3UBD informed the membership of his plans to have a ham movie night in January and a ham TV presentation in February.

Bill AE5BT let the membership know that it was a lot of fun setting up the JOTA station, and that the district commissioner visited.

Wayne AD5ST sent out the newsletter and brought hard copies for tonight's meeting.

The minutes for the October meetings were submitted for publication in the November 2013 newsletter. A motion was made and carried to accept the minutes as published.

Rob May NV5E is starting a ham radio lending library for the use of the club members.

A break was taken at 8:00pm, prior to the election of club officers.

Rob May NV5E informed the membership that the following people has expressed interest in running for the following offices: Sherry Shelton W5YUP, President; David Spore KB3UBD, Vice President; Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA, Secretary; Joyce Waites W5FJB, Treasurer; Dennis McGrath N5ACK, Editor; Phil Stage N5PWW, Training Coordinator; and Bill Tatsch AE5BT, Emergency Coordinator.

Rob opened the floor to additional nominations. No additional nominations were made from the floor. Rob made a motion to accept the slate of candidates by acclamation. The motion carried and the slate of candidates was accepted by acclamation.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30pm. The sign in sheet showed 26 people in attendance, 25 indicating AARC membership.

November 2013 Executive Board Meeting Minutes

submitted by Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA, secretary

The regular meeting of the Executive Board of the AARC was held on November 15th, 2013 at 6:37pm.

Present were President, Dennis N5ACK; Vice President, David KB3UBD; Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Treasurer, Joyce W5FJB; Editor, Wayne AD5ST; Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT; Repeater Trustee, Maurice KM5RF; Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW.

Joyce W5FJB reviewed the financial report and noted that the clubis insurance was coming due.

Phil N5PWW continues to conduct testing sessions on the first and third Saturdays of the month at 10am. No training sessions are currently being conducted.

David KB3UBD noted is plans for presentations in 2014. They will include a movie night and ham TV.

Dennis N5ACK acquired a new projector for the club.

Bill AE5BT informed the board of the activities related to setting up and operating the JOTA (Jamboree on the Air) station.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10pm.

November 2013 Financial Report

submitted by Joyce Waites W5FJB, treasurer

Accounts	11/30/ 13	General Fund	\$ 3319.04	
		Repeater Fund	<u>1211.90</u>	
Balance	Checking	-	4530.94	
Good and We	lfare		560.00	
Expenses: Insurance			\$320.00(outstanding)	
Income: Money for drawing			\$70.00	
CD at Capital	One(matures 1	2/19/2013)	2,167.73	
Total at Capit	tal One 11/30/	13	6698.67	
Petty Cash			25.00	
TOTAL			6723.48	

Submitted by Joyce Waites, W5FJB Treasurer 2013

December 2013 Financial Report

submitted by Joyce Waites W5FJB, treasurer

Accounts	12/31/13	General Fund	\$ 3018.04
		Repeater Fund	<u>1211.90</u>
Balance	Checking		4229.94
Good and Welfare			560.00
Expenses: Inst	\$320.00		
На	56.11		
Income: Mon	\$75.00		
CD at Capital	2,167.91		
Total at Capital One 12/31/13			6397.85
Petty Cash			25.00
TOTAL	6422.85		

Submitted by Joyce Waites, W5FJB Treasurer 2013

2014 Club Officers

President: Sherry Shelton W5YUP - <u>camperstar44@yahoo.com</u> - 817-275-2075

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Repeater Committee: Paul Baumgardner W5PSB (chair),

Maurice Martin KM5RF, Harold Reasoner K5SXK

Membership

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