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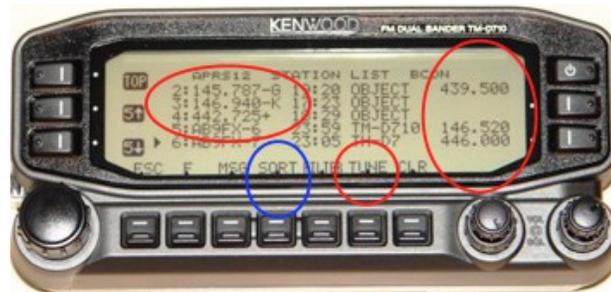
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## February Meeting

This month's meeting presentation will be about APRS (Automatic Packet Reporting System). The presentation will be presented by David Kendrick and Bill Adams.



## 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

**February 20: Executive Board Meeting** 6:30 pm, 501 W. Sanford.

*Board meetings are open and anyone is welcome to attend.*

**February 20: General Membership Meeting** 7:30 pm, 501 W. Sanford.

**February 21: VE Testing** 10:00 am, 401 W. Sanford. Enter on north side of the building.

**February 21: Dining Out** 5:00 pm, Spring Creek BBQ 3608 S Cooper St.

**March 7: First Saturday Breakfast** 8:30 am Pioneer Restaurant 306 109th St.

**March 7: VE Testing** 10:00 am, 401 W. Sanford. Enter on north side of the building.

## Tidbits

If you have anything for sale that you'd like to post here on the newsletter, just send me an email at [N5ACK@ARRL.NET](mailto:N5ACK@ARRL.NET) and I'll include it in the next month's newsletter. Likewise, if someone needs some help, or is looking for a particular amplifier or widgeit, let me know and I'll post it here.

Also, if you have any announcements, or especially any ideas to include in the newsletter or for a presentation, please feel free to send them to myself, or any board member.

**Also, if you have any ideas for places to eat at our "Dining Out" and "First Saturday Breakfast" events, please let any of the board members know.**

## Wanted

- I am looking for a mag mount for my van. I don't know anything about them including how much I should be paying, so be kind. If anyone had one they are willing to part with please let me know. Abundant blessings, Lisa KF5TSQ

## For Sale

Antenna mounts

I have a light bar that has 3 MNO antenna mounts (on top) and 2 for COMET( one each side) antennas. Turn/stop lights are LEDs with backup lights.

This sold for \$500+.... Will take \$250.00 It is made to fit the stake holes in the bed and setup for a TUNDRA. Can be made to fit others. Dave Walker W5DJO 817-557-5219

## Birthdays

Randy Eaton 2/6

Richard Para 2/1

**Next Meeting 2/20/2015**

## February / March Contest Calendar

± AGCW Semi-Automatic Key Evening	1900Z-2030Z, Feb 18
± RSGB 80m Club Championship, CW	2000Z-2130Z, Feb 19
± NCCC RTTY Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, Feb 20
± QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Feb 20
± NCCC Sprint Ladder	0230Z-0300Z, Feb 20
± ARRL Inter. DX Contest, CW	0000Z, Feb 21 to 2400Z, Feb 22
± REF Contest, SSB	0600Z, Feb 21 to 1800Z, Feb 22
± Russian PSK WW Contest	2100Z, Feb 21 to 2100Z, Feb 22
± High Speed Club CW Contest	0900Z-1100Z, Feb 22 and 1500Z-1700Z, Feb 22
± SARL Digital Contest	1300Z-1600Z, Feb 22
± CQC Winter QSO Sprint	0100Z-0259Z, Feb 23
± SKCC Sprint	0000Z-0200Z, Feb 25
± NCCC RTTY Sprint	0145Z-0215Z, Feb 27
± CQ 160-Meter Contest, SSB	2200Z, Feb 27 to 2200Z, Mar 1
± UBA DX Contest, CW	1300Z, Feb 28 to 1300Z, Mar 1
± North American QSO Party, RTTY	1800Z, Feb 28 to 0559Z, Mar 1
± SARL Hamnet 40m Simulated Emerg Contest	1200Z-1400Z, Mar 1
± North Carolina QSO Party	1500Z, Mar 1 to 0059Z, Mar 2
± ARS Spartan Sprint	0200Z-0400Z, Mar 3
± AGCW YL-CW Party	1900Z-2100Z, Mar 3
± AWA John Rollins Memorial DX Contest	2300Z, Mar 4 to 2300Z, Mar 5 and 2300Z, Mar 7 to 2300Z, Mar 8
± QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Mar 6
± ARRL Inter. DX Contest, SSB	0000Z, Mar 7 to 2400Z, Mar 8
± Wake-Up! QRP Sprint	0600Z-0800Z, Mar 7
± DARC 10-Meter Digital Contest	1100Z-1700Z, Mar 8
± F9AA Cup, SSB	1200Z, Mar 14 to 1200Z, Mar 15
± AGCW QRP Contest	1400Z-2000Z, Mar 14
± EA PSK63 Contest	1600Z, Mar 14 to 1600Z, Mar 15
± Idaho QSO Party	1900Z, Mar 14 to 1900Z, Mar 15
± North American Sprint, RTTY	0000Z-0400Z, Mar 15
± Wisconsin QSO Party	1800Z, Mar 15 to 0100Z, Mar 16
± Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	0200Z-0400Z, Mar 16

### **The above is an abbreviated list only.**

For more information on these and other contests, see the WA7BNM Contest Calendar at [hornucopia.com/contestcal](http://hornucopia.com/contestcal).

For more information on contesting in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex, visit DFW Contest Group at [dfwcontest.com](http://dfwcontest.com).

## **January 2015 Membership Meeting Minutes submitted by Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA, secretary**

The regular meeting of the membership of the AARC was called to order at 7:33pm January 16th, 2015 by the President, David KB3UBD. Other board members present included the Vice President, Linda W5LMC; Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Treasurer, Terry KD5RA; Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT; Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW; Editor, Dennis N5ACK; and Repeater Trustee, Maurice KM5RF.

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

Terry KD5RA reported that the account signatures at the bank had been updated. Terry reviewed the treasurer's report from the month of December. Raffle money had been incorrectly attributed to the General Fund and will be placed into the Repeater fund. A motion was made and carried to accept for audit the financial report as published with the noted correction. An audit will be conducted at the February meeting. Three volunteers from the membership will be required to conduct the audit of the financial records.

The minutes for the November meetings were submitted for publication in the January 2015 newsletter. It was noted that the phrase "club's repeater can be repair or replaced" should have read "repaired". A motion was made and carried to accept the minutes as published with the noted correction.

Phil N5PWW continues to hold test sessions on the first and third Saturdays of the month. He will be conducting a test session for a class of approximately 30 people.

Bill AE5BT reminded the membership that Field Day 2015 will be held on June 27th, 2015.

Dennis N5ACK published the January 2015 newsletter and distributed it to the membership.

Linda W5LMC mentioned several programs that she is planning, including the subjects of the ARRL, trunking systems, APRS, and DXing in the Caribbean.

Maurice KM5RF informed the membership of the Yaesu System Fusion repeater program, which offers clubs a discount of repeater equipment. A discussion was had by the membership on replacing the club's 2m and 70cm repeater equipment via the program. A motion was made and carried to transfer \$500 from the General Fund to the Repeater Fund for the purchase of the equipment. A motion was made and carried to allocate \$1,633 for the purchase of new repeater equipment.

A break was taken at 8:30pm. At 8:40pm the meeting resumed with a presentation by Rob May NV5E on the subject of CHIRP radio programming software.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15pm. The sign-in sheet showed 29 people in attendance, 25 indicating AARC membership.

## **January 2015 Executive Board Meeting Minutes submitted by Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA, secretary**

The regular meeting of the Executive Board of the AARC was held on January 16th, 2015 at 6:40pm. Present were President, David KB3UBD; Vice President, Linda W5LMC; Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Treasurer, Terry KD5RA; Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT; Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW; Editor, Dennis N5ACK; and Repeater Trustee, Maurice KM5RF.

Terry will be prepared of an audit of the financial records at the February meeting.

Phil will conduct a test session on Sunday for a class of approximately 30 students.

Maurice informed the board of the opportunity to replace the club's 2m and 70cm repeater equipment via the Yaesu System Fusion repeater program.

The board decided that it would bring before the membership the motion to transfer \$500 from the General Fund to the Repeater Fund to cover the cost of the new repeater equipment.

David KB3UBD would like to start planning for the celebration of the AARC 60th Anniversary at the February meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20pm.



## 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). 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).

## Membership

Print a membership form from our website [k5sld.org](http://k5sld.org) and join us. Annual dues are \$25 for individuals.

## 2015 Club Officers

<b>President:</b>	David Spore KB3UBD – <a href="mailto:davids@instruments.com">davids@instruments.com</a> – 301-481-8244
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<b>Repeater Committee:</b>	Paul Baumgardner W5PSB (chair), Maurice Martin KM5RF, Harold Reasoner K5SXX