



# COMMUNICATOR

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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.

## President's Corner

This month from our VP –

### K5SLD Celebrates Radio Scouting

This fall The Arlington ARC worked with the Boy Scouts of America at two separate events to further the cause of amateur radio in scouting. Many scouts are not even aware of amateur radio or its connection with the scouts, so we did our best to expose these youngsters to one of the more technical, personal and far-reaching activities which is available to them as scouts. In October Bill Tatsch AE5BT, Dave Spore KB3UBD, Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA, Dave Walker W5DJO, and Virginia Smith NV5F took their portable gear out to Sid Richardson Scout Ranch to celebrate JOTA - Jamboree on the Air, a worldwide radio scouting event. The idea was to get scouts talking to other scouts on the radio. Then the second weekend in November, the same intrepid crew set up an amateur radio booth on the midway at the Longhorn Council Camporee, an event which hosts thousands of area scouts every four years at Texas Motor Speedway. The weather was perfect and we met hundreds of scouts. And thanks to Dave Walker and his 2 meter setup, and the Arlington repeater, many of the boys jumped on the air for a chat with local hams. Virginia demonstrated global HF communication as well as Morse code. And of course Bill's long time connection with scouting went a long way in planning and executing these outings. For us they were like a miniature Field Day, and we certainly learned a great deal on both occasions, perhaps even more than the scouts did! Thanks to all who participated!

## K5SLD Repeaters

147.14+ PL 110.9

224.8- PL 110.9

444.2+ PL 100.0



73  
Virginia NV5F

## Announcements

### November Meeting Topic

### Officer Elections

Just when you thought the elections were over, it's time for the elections that really count. An election where everyone can win. The AARC officer elections! See you there! 😊

Trey, AF5XS

## Birthdays

David Lucas 11/13

Abdulmanan Saleh 11/14

## Calendar of Events

**November 18: General Membership Meeting** 7:30 pm, 501 W. Sanford.

**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

### ==== Breakfast (December 3, 8:30am) ====

Saturday December 3, 8:30 am  
Golden Corral in the Highlands  
465 E Interstate 20, Arlington, TX 76018

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

## AARC Holiday Party

Monday December 12 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm.  
Gather in the meeting room at 6:30 pm.  
Order dinner at 6:45 pm.  
Spring Creek BBQ  
3608 S Cooper St, Arlington, TX 76015  
Thieving Santa gift exchange (participation is optional): Bring a wrapped gift valued in the range of \$8 to \$12.

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

## Meeting Minutes

### October 2016 Membership Meeting Minutes submitted by Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA, Secretary

The regular meeting of the membership of the AARC was called to order at 7:30 pm on October 21st, 2016 by the President, David KB3UBD. Other board members present included the Vice President, Virginia NV5F, Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Treasurer and Repeater Trustee, Maurice KM5RF; Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW, and Editor, Trey AF5XS.

Absent was the Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT.

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

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

Trey AF5XS published and distributed the October newsletter.

Maurice KM5RF reported that the repeaters are working well. For 2017, he would like to install an RF amplifier on the VHF repeater. As Treasurer, Maurice sent to the membership the financial reports for the months of July, August, and September. These reports were published in the October newsletter. A motion was made and carried to accept for audit the reports as published.

Phil holds test sessions on the first and third Saturday of the month at 10 am. A three-day class for the Technician license will be held during the week of December 12th. Contact Phil or David Walker if you are interested in participating in the class, which will be held during the day.

Virginia NV5F informed the membership that she is planning a presentation for November. If the membership has any ideas or interests for programs, please contact Virginia.

Bill AE5BT, while not present at the meeting, passed information to the membership via David Walker. The upcoming Council Camporee will be held on November 12th at Texas Motor Speedway. This is a volunteer

opportunity to spread the word about amateur radio to the Boy Scouts of America community. He plans on setting up a station from 9 am to 4:45 pm. The Jamboree-On-The-Air (JOTA) held on October 15th, 2016 was a lot of fun for those AARC members who participated at the Sid Richardson Scout Ranch.

David KB3UBD met with the Chair of the Membership Committee to discuss upcoming events and opportunities to bring new members into the club.

Ham of the Year ballots are currently being accepted from now until the November meeting. The winner will be announced at the holiday party in December.

A break was taken at 8:10 pm and resumed at 8:22 pm with a presentation by Maurice on the topic of Ufer grounding.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 pm. The sign-in sheet showed 23 people in attendance, 22 indicating AARC membership.

### **October 2016 Executive Board Meeting Minutes submitted by Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA, Secretary**

The regular meeting of the Executive Board of the AARC was held on October 21st, 2016 at 6:31 pm. Present were the President, David KB3UBD; Vice President, Virginia NV5F; Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT; Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW; Treasurer and Repeater Trustee, Maurice KM5RF; and Editor, Trey AF5XS.

Maurice KM5RF reported that the repeaters are in working order and that next year he would like to install a 40 Watt RF amplifier on the VHF repeater. As the newly elected Treasurer, Maurice took care of bank paper work with Phil N5PWW.

Phil N5PWW holds test sessions on the first and third Saturday of the month. During the week of December 12th, Phil and Dave Walker will be conducting a class for the Technician license.

Andy KB2VQA reported that the AARC holiday party will be held on Monday, December 12th at the Spring Creek BBQ on Cooper Street starting at 6:30 pm.

Bill AE5BT informed the board that the Boy Scouts of America amateur radio event known as Jamboree-On-The-Air (JOTA) was a success. Several AARC members volunteered their time to set up and operator stations at Sid Richardson Scout Ranch in Bridgeport, TX.

On November 12th, an event known as the Boy Scouts of America Council Camporee will be held at Texas Motor Speedway. The plan is to set up a station from about 8 am until 4:45 pm. If you are interested in participating in the event, contact Bill.

David KB3UBD had a conversation with Gray Strickland KG5CEA, the Membership Committee Chair, regarding future events.

Trey AF5XS compiled and distributed the October newsletter.

The meeting adjourned at 7:16 pm.

## Arlington Amateur Radio Club October 2016 Financial Report

Date	Num	Description	Memo	Category	Clr	Amount
BALANCE						
9/30/2016				GENERAL FUND		\$2,202.13
				G&W		\$201.53
				REPEATER FUND		\$364.00
				CHECKING		\$2,767.66
				C.D.		\$2,173.28
TOTAL 9/30/2016						<b>\$4,940.94</b>
						-
EXPENSES	2003	Mercer Insurance	12/01/16-12/01/17	Liability Insurance		\$320.00
INCOME	DEP	Dues		DUES		\$50.00
	DEP	G&W		G&W		\$7.00
				NET CHANGE		-\$263.00
BALANCE						
10/31/2016				AARC CHECKING		<b>\$2,504.66</b>
				SAVINGS		\$25.00
				C.D.		\$2,173.28
				PETTY CASH		\$25.00
				NET TOTAL		<b>\$4,727.94</b>

## Membership

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

## 2016 Club Officers

<b>President:</b>	David Spore KB3UBD – <a href="mailto:davids@instruments.com">davids@instruments.com</a> – 301-481-8244
<b>Vice President:</b>	Virginia Smith NV5F - <a href="mailto:virginia@pipertoo.com">virginia@pipertoo.com</a> - 601-467-5920
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<b>Repeater Committee:</b>	Maurice Martin KM5RF (chair), Gerry Dalton W5MAY