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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

## On Frequency

This month from our VP –

### AARC Holiday Fun!

The Arlington Amateur Radio Club held the annual holiday party on the evening of December 12th at Spring Creek Barbecue in Arlington. It was our first time in this location, which proved to be a promising venue for future events. Their roomy private party space was more than adequate for a fairly small - but high-quality - group. We honored Dave Walker W5DJO as Ham of the Year for his contribution to club activities in 2016. Since club president Dave Spore KB3UBD was unable to attend the festivities, the award plaque was presented to Dave by vice president Virginia Smith NV5F.

Next, club Secretary Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA presided over the "Thieving Santa" gift exchange. The proceedings were generally civil with some nice gifts offered, and only one major incident where Virginia lost custody of a really cool portable air compressor to which she had grown rather attached. When asked later how she felt about the whole thing, Virginia was very satisfied with the electronic sound-activated key finders she had scored following the air compressor theft (perpetrated by David Lucas KF5CFW). Erin May also made off with a pretty nifty multi-tool, which her husband Rob NV5E seemed to be eyeing as the gift exchange drew to a close.

We all had a fun time and a nice visit. The party was a great start to the Christmas season with great friends, good food and peach cobbler for dessert! Thanks to all who attended.



Ham of the year

## Announcements

### January Meeting Topic

#### Winter Radio - January 2017

Program presented by Virginia Smith NV5F

The winter is a quiet, still time of year for most of us. Even the electromagnetic signals in the atmosphere seem to take a nap for a few months. Winter is a wonderful time to find a warm corner to catch up on your radio projects, to develop some skills, and to make some new friends on the air. Amateur radio has a special meaning for each of us, and a unique place in each of our hearts. So this month's program will focus on slowing down and taking this time to discover or re-discover your heart for the greatest hobby in the world. Whether you are brand new to this amazing and diverse family, or whether you've been on the air through thick and thin, there is something in this program for you. Let's have a friendly chat about what ham radio means to each of us. See you there! 73 Virginia NV5F

## **Birthdays**

SCOTT CLARK 1/8  
DAVID SPORE 1/11  
JOHNNY HAYES 1/24

## **Calendar of Events**

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

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

**==== Dining Out (January 21, 5:00pm) ====**

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

**February 4: Testing** 10:00 am, 401 W. Sanford. Enter on north side of the building.

### ***Cowtown Hamfest***

January 20 and 21 is the [Cowtown Hamfest](#) this year.

Cowtown Hamfest 2017 Will Be Held At Forest Hill Civic And Convention Center, 6901 Wichita Street Forest Hill, Texas 76140

### ***SkyWarn Training***

January 28 is the Tarrant County date.

It will be held at South Hills High School in Fort Worth

## 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

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

The regular meeting of the membership of the AARC was called to order at 7:33 pm on November 18th, 2016 by the President, David KB3UBD. Other board members present included 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 Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT.

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

Maurice KM5RF reviewed the treasurer's report as it appeared in the newsletter. A motion was made and carried to accept for audit the report as published.

Phil N5PWW continues to hold test sessions on the first and third Saturdays of the month at 10 am. Phil will conduct a Technician Class training session from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm on December 12th to the 14th.

Maurice KM5RF informed the membership of the plans to install an RF power amplifier on the UHF repeater.

The minutes for the October meetings were submitted for publication in the November 2016 newsletter. The minutes incorrectly read that the new RF amplifier was going to be installed on the 'VHF repeater', when it should have read 'UHF repeater'. A motion was made and carried to accept the minutes as published with the correction noted.

Trey AF5XS published and distributed the November newsletter. If you would like to submit information for publication in the newsletter, email Trey no later than the Saturday before the club meeting.

Virginia NV5F informed the membership that she is planning programs for 2017, and she is open to suggestions.

David KB3UBD introduced Gray Strickland KG5CEA, the Membership Committee Chair. Gray would like to determine the interests of the club so that future events can align with them.

A break was taken at 7:55 pm.

The meeting resumed at 8:05 pm with the election of club officers.

Rob May NV5E, informed the membership that officer elections would be held tonight. All offices were open for nominations, with the exception of the offices of Agent of Record, and Station Trustee. The slate of candidates was President, David Spore KB3UBD; Vice President, Virginia Smith NV5F; Secretary, Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA; Treasurer, Maurice Martin KM5RF; Training Coordinator, Phil Stage N5PWW; Emergency Coordinator, Bill Tatsch Jr. AE5BT; and Editor, Trey Seastrunk AF5XS.

With the floor open for additional nominations, none were made. Rob made a motion 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 8:08pm. The sign-in sheet showed 15 people in attendance, 14 indicating AARC membership.

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

The regular meeting of the Executive Board of the AARC was held on November 18th, 2016 at 6:36 pm. Present were President, David KB3UBD; 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 Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT.

Maurice KM5RF reviewed the financial report with the board.

Virginia NV5F is attempting to coordinate presentations via the Internet by Gordon West and Bob Heil.

Phil N5PWW continues to offer testing sessions on the first and third Saturdays of the month. He and Dave Walker W5DJO will be conducting a Technician Class training session during the day from December 12th to the 14th.

Trey AF5XS published and distributed the November newsletter.

Gray Strickland KG5CEA, the Membership Committee Chair, discussed with the board his ideas on distributing a survey to the membership to better understand their interests.

The meeting adjourned at 7:26 pm.

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Corrected Financial Reports. I was told, I grabbed the wrong files the first time

## Arlington Amateur Radio Club November 2016 Financial Report

DATE	NUM	DESCRIPTION	CATEGORY	AMOUNT	BALANCE
BALANCE 10/31/2016					
			GENERAL FUND		\$1,932.13
			G&W		\$208.53
			REPEATER FUND		\$364.00
			CHECKING		\$2,504.66
			SAVINGS		\$25.00
			C.D.		\$2,173.28
			PETTY CASH		\$25.00
TOTAL 10/31/2016			NET TOTAL		<b>\$4,727.94</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	<b>EFT</b>		<b>FEES/WEBHOSTING</b>	<b>\$50.17</b>	
INCOME	DEP	Dues	DUES		\$100.00
	DEP	G&W	G&W		\$11.00
			NET CHANGE		\$59.83
BALANCE 11/30/2016					
			GENERAL FUND		\$1,981.96
			G&W		\$219.53
			REPEATER FUND		\$364.00
			CHECKING		<b>\$2,565.49</b>
			SAVINGS		\$25.00
			C.D.		\$2,173.28
			PETTY CASH		\$25.00
			NET TOTAL		<b>\$4,788.77</b>

## Arlington Amateur Radio Club December 2016 Financial Report

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BALANCE 11/30/2016					
			GENERAL FUND		\$1,981.96
			G&W		\$219.53
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EXPENSES                      2004    Accent Awards    Ham Of the Year            \$56.11

INCOME	DEP	Dues	DUES		\$0.00
	DEP	G&W	G&W		\$0.00
			NET CHANGE		-\$56.11

BALANCE 12/31/2016					
			GENERAL FUND		\$1,925.85
			G&W		\$219.53
			REPEATER FUND		\$364.00
			CHECKING		<b>\$2,509.38</b>
			SAVINGS		\$25.00
			C.D.		\$2,173.28
			PETTY CASH		\$25.00
			NET TOTAL		<b>\$4,732.66</b>

### 2016 Taxes

The taxes for 2016 have been filed and accepted by the IRS.

## 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

**President:** David Spore KB3UBD – [davids@instruments.com](mailto:davids@instruments.com) – 301-481-8244  
**Vice President:** Virginia Smith NV5F - [virginia@pipertoo.com](mailto:virginia@pipertoo.com) - 601-467-5920  
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**Emergency Coordinator:** Bill Tatsch Jr. AE5BT – [ae5bt@att.net](mailto:ae5bt@att.net) – 817-296-8026  
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