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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

Cowtown Hamfest 2017

The 2017 Cowtown Hamfest was held Friday and Saturday January 20-21 at the Forest Hill Civic and Convention Center. The event is also host to the ARRL North Texas Section Convention, ongoing programs, license testing, and a number of informative exhibits, including the Salvation Army Emergency Service, AMSAT, as well as major dealers and manufacturers including Ham Radio Outlet and Kenwood. The indoor dealers area was packed with great prices and wall-to-wall hams looking for great deals. The space was perfect, with room for folks to sit and chat while enjoying a variety of reasonably priced concessions. To top it all off... great door prizes. And it looks like they're already planning a great hamfest for 2018.

73 Virginia NV5F



Something for everyone at the Cowtown Hamfest

Announcements

February Meeting Topic

Homebrew Accessories for Field Day

Finally, something that you can build from 'scratch' with simple tools and a few hours of spare time. Make field day more enjoyable for everyone with some coax and connectors. An easy and relatively cheap way to keep most of the nasty CW station out of the SSB station - *and vice versa* - and increase the club score and decrease the blood pressure!

Birthdays

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Calendar of Events

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

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

==== Dining Out (February 18, 5:00 pm) ====

February Andalous Mediterranean Grill (next to Gander Mountain, in the Highlands) 457 I-20 East, Ste 100, Arlington, TX 76018

==== Breakfast (March 4, 8:30 am) ====

Pioneer Restaurant 306 109th St, Arlington, TX 76011

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

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) or the Office Of Emergency Management (817-459-6939).

Meeting Minutes

January 2017 Membership Meeting Minutes submitted by Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA, Secretary

The regular meeting of the membership of the AARC was called to order at 7:31 pm on January 20th, 2017 by the President, David KB3UBD. Other board members present included Vice President, Virginia NV5F; Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Treasurer and Repeater Trustee, Maurice KM5RF; Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT; Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW; and Editor, Trey AF5XS.

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

The minutes for the November meetings were submitted for publication in the January 2017 newsletter. A motion was made and carried to accept the minutes 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 March 8th to the 10th. Contact David Walker for additional information.

Virginia NV5F informed the membership that she is working on a program for February, and if the membership has an interest in a particular topic, let her know. The program tonight will be presented by Virginia on her recent reintroduction into ham radio and the AARC.

Bill AE5BT thanked the membership for re-electing him to the position of Emergency Coordinator and announced that there were only 155 days until Field Day.

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. He informed the membership that the tax forms for 2016 were submitted and accepted. Maurice will review the 2016 financial records with the audit committee at the

next club meeting.

Maurice KM5RF informed the membership of his plan to install an RF power amplifier on the UHF repeater during the first half of 2017.

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

David KB3UBD is working with Gray Strickland KG5CEA, the Membership Committee Chair, on ways to retain current members and attract new members. David would like to utilize the AARC web page more with the addition of content, such as articles and photographs. He would also like for the club to conduct two workshops this year in the form of a radio kit and an antenna.

A break was taken at 8:00 pm and resumed at 8:15 pm with a presentation by Virginia entitled 'Winter Radio: Warming up our radio hearts' which included suggestions on reading material and kits during the winter down time.

The meeting adjourned at 8:56 pm. The sign-in sheet showed 26 people in attendance, 24 indicating AARC membership.

January 2017 Executive Board Meeting Minutes submitted by Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA, Secretary

The regular meeting of the Executive Board of the AARC was held on January 20th, 2017 at 6:31 pm. Present were President, David KB3UBD; Vice President, Virginia NV5F; Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Treasurer and Repeater Trustee, Maurice KM5RF; Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW; and Editor, Trey AF5XS.

Phil N5PWW will offer a testing session tomorrow. He and Dave Walker W5DJO will be conducting another Technician Class training session during the day from March 8th to the 10th.

Bill AE5BT mentioned an event known as Winter Field Day, which is held in January. Maybe the AARC will participate in 2018 if the membership is interested.

Andy KB2VQA submitted the meeting minutes from the month of November for publication in the January newsletter.

Maurice KM5RF reviewed the financial report with the board. He would like to convene an audit committee to review the financial records from 2016 at the February meeting. Maurice informed the board that he completed the tax forms for 2016 and they were filed and accepted.

Virginia NV5F is working on coordinating presentations for the next several meetings.

Trey AF5XS published and distributed the January newsletter.

David KB3UBD directed Gray Strickland KG5CEA, the Membership Committee Chair, to distribute the survey to the membership so that the results can be reviewed at the February meeting. David KB3UBD

requested David Lucas KF5CFW to post more articles and photographs on the AARC web page. David KB3UBD would like for the club to host two workshops this year.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

AARC January 2017 Financial Report

DATE	NUM	DESCRIPTION	CATEGORY	AMOUNT	BALANCE
BALANCE 12/31/2016					
		GENERAL FUND			\$1,925.85
		G&W REPEATER FUND			\$219.53
		CHECKING			\$364.00
		SAVINGS			\$2,509.38
		C.D.			\$25.00
		PETTY CASH			\$2,173.28
		NET TOTAL			\$25.00
					\$4,732.66
EXPENSES					
INCOME	DEP	Dues	DUES		\$540.15
	DEP	G&W	G&W		\$12.00
			NET CHANGE		\$552.15
BALANCE 12/31/2016 1/31/2017					
		GENERAL FUND			\$2,466.00
		G&W REPEATER FUND			\$231.53
		CHECKING			\$364.00
		SAVINGS			\$3,061.53
		C.D.			\$25.00
		PETTY CASH			\$2,173.28
		NET TOTAL			\$25.00
					\$5,284.81

Membership

Print a membership form from our website k5sld.org and join us. Annual dues are \$25 for individuals. 2017 Dues are due.

2016 Club Officers

President:	David Spore KB3UBD – davids@instruments.com – 301-481-8244
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