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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

Note from Brent Boydston:

Hello Again, North Texas ARRL Clubs and Members!

Thanks to the many, many of you who shared your thoughts, support and suggestions for moving the North Texas Section forward. I really appreciate the time you took to share your thoughts, etc.

I received word from Mr. Ewald, though that my capable opponent, Mr. Jay Urish is the successful candidate. I would hope that you, like I, will join in congratulations and support for a successful time as manager.

Sincerely,

Brent Boydston
KF5THB

Announcements

March Meeting Topic

Bob Heil: Receive Matters

Bob Heil, founder of Heil Sound, host of the popular Ham Nation podcast, and lifetime radio amateur will be with us via Skype. He is returning with his expertise and enthusiasm for Ham Radio for the first time since 2012, and we are happy to welcome him back! Last time he discussed the principles of quality audio, and now he will be exploring improving receive stages. Please join us for this special treat on Friday March 17th at 7:30 pm!



Birthdays

KATHLEEN HOLLEY 3/3

DARIN MUIR 3/30

Calendar of Events

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

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

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

Corky's Brick Oven Pizzeria 4760 Little Rd, Arlington, TX 76017

==== Breakfast (April 1, 8:30 am) ====

Pioneer Restaurant 306 109th St, Arlington, TX 76011

April 1: 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

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

The regular meeting of the membership of the AARC was called to order at 7:30 pm on February 17th, 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.

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.

The minutes for the January meetings were submitted for publication in the February 2017 newsletter. A motion was made and carried to accept the minutes as published.

Virginia NV5F informed the membership that she is setting up a presentation by Bob Heil (via Skype) for the

March meeting. The program tonight will be given by David Bernheisel on the topic of how to make home-brew RF filters that can be helpful during Field Day operations.

Virginia asked the membership of their interest in purchasing an AARC Field Day t-shirt.

Bill AE5BT announced that there were only 127 days until Field Day.

Rob May NV5E is looking for several volunteers to assist with Field Day organization and operations. Rob took an inventory of the ham radio equipment belonging to Terry Lines, and Rob will distribute the list of items for sale.

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. Maurice will convene the audit committee tonight for the review of the 2016 financial records.

Maurice KM5RF informed the membership that he has connected the repeater to a WIRES-X node, and it is currently in the test phase.

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

David KB3UBD is scheduling the AARC picnic for May 20, and he is attempting to schedule joint events with other amateur radio clubs. For an antenna building workshop, Rob May NV5E asked the membership of they would be more interested in building a VHF/UHF dual band yagi, or an HF G5RV.

A break was taken at 8:20 pm and resumed at 8:35 pm with a presentation by David Bernheisel on the topic of coaxial cable stub filters and their usefulness during Field Day.

The meeting adjourned at 9:22 pm. The sign-in sheet showed 30 people in attendance, 26 indicating AARC membership.

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

The regular meeting of the Executive Board of the AARC was held on February 17th, 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 a Technician Class training session in the month of March. If at least 10 people express interest in the General Class, then a training session will be held.

David KB3UBD mentioned that Gray Strickland KG5CEA, the Membership Committee Chair, is looking to recruit several people for the committee. David is planning the AARC picnic for the month of May.

Rob May NV5E would like to convene a Field Day Committee comprised of 3 or 4 people to organize and execute Field Day activities. At the AARC picnic in May, he would like to see several people take the opportunity to get experience operating on the HF band as preparation for Field Day. One of the workshops that Rob will conduct will be an antenna building project, which will be either a yagi or G5RV.

Membership

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

2017 Club Officers

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