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## May Announcements

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### Field Day is Coming!

Yep, next month it's time again for amateur radio's biggest event of the year. We plan to operate once again from our normal club meeting location on West Sanford in Arlington. The space worked very well last year, affording us plenty of space to spread out and have dinner, as well as entertaining our guests. We will operate in the class 3A this year so we can have dedicated voice, digital and CW stations. We will also plan for VHF operation and will run a **GOTA (Get on the Air)** station for new hams and guests to enjoy.



At the next couple club meetings we will sort out logistics, food and volunteer opportunities. **Bill Tatsch, AE5BT** is the man to contact for information or to volunteer services or equipment. Bill will also have your field day shirts at the May meeting. So if you ordered a shirt at the last meeting, don't forget to see Bill to pick it up. Wear your Field Day shirt with pride and start advertising early!

### IRLP is Back On Line!

Thanks to the valiant efforts of **Marice Martin KM5RF**, **Dave Walker W5DJO** and members of the repeater committee, the club IRLP connection has been successfully restored. Maurice will give a brief tutorial at this month's club meeting before the regular program. Instructions and codes for use for the IRLP are available to club members. IRLP is available on the 444.010 repeater.

### Ham-Com June 10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>

Our yearly Ham Radio extravaganza is coming up soon. **Ham-Com** will once again be held at the Plano Centre on Friday and Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are \$10 at the door or \$8 online. Ham-Com will also be the site of the ARRL National Convention this year. So come out and meet all those folks you've been talking to on the radio face-to-face. Attend a presentation on a new mode, or find that rare piece of gear you've been looking for. [www.hamcom.org](http://www.hamcom.org)

## May Presentation

Have you had any amazing, obscure, or otherwise interesting QSOs recently – or ever? Often our most exciting exploits are pinned to the walls of the shack and are rarely seen by others. So here is everyone's chance to show us your stuff, whether it's rare DX or a meaningful state-to-state or city-city contact. Bring in a card or two or three and let us know what you've been up to on the air.



## Arlington ARC Events Calendar

**May 20**, Fri, 6:30pm, Monthly Board Meeting at 501 W Sanford

**May 20**, Fri, 7:30pm, Monthly Club Meeting at 501 W Sanford

**May 21**, Sat, 10:00am, Amateur License test Session at 501 W Sanford

**May 21**, Sat, 5:00pm, Dining Out - Kincaid's, The Highlands, Arlington

**June 1**, Wed. 12:30pm, Arlington Siren Test

**June 4**, Sat, 8:30am, 1st Saturday breakfast – Cracker Barrel, 4300 S. Bowen Rd, Arlington


**June 4**, Sat, 10:00am, Amateur License Test Session at 501 W Sanford

**June 10 – 11**, Fri-Sat, Ham-Com at Plano Centre, Plano, TX – [www.hamcom.org](http://www.hamcom.org)

**June 17**, Fri, 7:30pm, Monthly Club Meeting at 501 W Sanford

Our website has an Events Calendar, so check it out for the latest information on upcoming events at [www.k5sld.com](http://www.k5sld.com)

## AARC Financial Report – April 2011

AARC April 2011 Financial Report					
					
	Actual Jan-11	Actual Feb-11	Actual Mar-11	Actual Apr-11	
<b>Income</b>					
Dues	\$615.00	\$195.00	\$139.00	\$25.00	
PayPal Dues	\$249.41	\$0.00	\$129.56	\$0.00	
Good & Welfare	\$30.00	\$31.00	\$25.00	\$10.00	
AT&T overpayment refund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
CD interest	\$0.37	\$0.33	\$0.37	\$0.35	
	<u>\$894.78</u>	<u>\$226.33</u>	<u>\$293.93</u>	<u>\$35.35</u>	
<b>Expenses</b>					
Storage Hut	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$225.00	\$0.00	
Bank fees	\$0.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	
AT&T	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Donation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
SafeHaven donation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150.00	\$0.00	
Liability Insurance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Web Hosting	\$0.00	\$41.62	\$59.88	\$0.00	
Arlington Yacht Club	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Flowers by Linda (G&W)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Chris Webster (club expenses)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Bank check order	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Printing supplies	\$193.06	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
1 year PO Box fees	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$60.00	
Fry's - UPS for IRLP link PC	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
406-430 MHz yagi (to Maurice; IRLP; repeater fund)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$55.00	
Ham Radio Outlet (4 under door jumpers)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Accent Awards	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
	<u>\$193.06</u>	<u>\$56.62</u>	<u>\$449.88</u>	<u>\$130.00</u>	
<b>Variance</b>	<u>\$701.72</u>	<u>\$169.71</u>	<u>-\$155.95</u>	<u>-\$94.65</u>	
	Actual Jan-11	Actual Feb-11	Actual Mar-11	Actual Apr-11	Ending Balances
General Fund	\$671.35	\$138.38	-\$181.32	-\$50.00	\$1,351.27
Repeater Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$55.00	\$1,211.90
Good & Welfare	\$30.00	\$31.00	\$25.00	\$10.00	\$634.58
Chase Checking	\$701.35	\$169.38	-\$156.32	-\$95.00	\$3,197.75
Chase CD	\$0.37	\$0.33	\$0.37	\$0.35	\$2,158.81
<b>Total Chase Bank</b>	<u>\$701.72</u>	<u>\$169.71</u>	<u>-\$155.95</u>	<u>-\$94.65</u>	<u>\$5,356.56</u>
Petty Cash	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
<b>Total - All Balances</b>	<u>\$701.72</u>	<u>\$169.71</u>	<u>-\$155.95</u>	<u>-\$94.65</u>	<u>\$5,381.56</u>
<b>Note: \$225.00 for storage paid 3/12/2011; good through 8/31/2011.</b>					
Prepared by Chris Webster, K5LTX Treasurer AARC since August 2009					

## **April 2011 Board Meeting Minutes**

*Submitted by Andy Kapushoc, KB2VQA, Secretary*

The regular meeting of the Executive Board of the AARC was held on April 15th, 2011 at 6:34pm. Present were President, Jack W5JCK; Vice President, Dennis N5ACK; Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Treasurer, Chris K5LTX; Editor, Virginia NV5F; Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT; Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW; and Trustee, Maurice KM5RF.

Virginia NV5F is organizing a fox hunt to be held on the date of April 16th at 10am. The location will be Randol Mill Park and the 'fox' will broadcast on the 2 meter band.

Chris confirmed that a donation in the amount of \$150 was made to SafeHaven of Tarrant County. He will contact the bank regarding the matter of a service fee that is imposed on the AARC bank accounts.

Bill AE5BT will place a bulk order for Field Day 2011 shirts. A sign-up sheet will be made available at the Membership meeting.

Phil N5PWW completed the Extra Class training session and two of the participants passed the exam.

Maurice KM5RF reported that the IRLP is working. He demonstrated the operation of the IRLP before the Board.

The meeting adjourned at 7:04pm.

## **April 2011 Membership Meeting Minutes**

*Submitted by Andy Kapushoc, KB2VQA, Secretary*

The regular meeting of the Membership of the AARC was called to order at 7:31pm April 15th, 2011 by the President, Jack W5JCK. Other Board members present included Vice President, Dennis N5ACK; Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Treasurer, Chris K5LTX; Editor, Virginia NV5F; Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT; Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW; and Trustee, Maurice KM5RF.

Jack W5JCK asked that the meeting attendees introduce themselves by name and call sign. Virginia NV5F announced that the next 2-meter fox hunt will be held on April 16th, at 10am in Randol Mill Park. She also printed and distributed the newsletter.

Bill AE5BT reported that he would be taking orders during the meeting for Field Day 2011 shirts. He will require \$15 and your shirt size at the time that you place the order with him. He will deliver the shirts at the May meeting.

Dennis N5ACK announced that the presentation for May will be a show-and-tell of QSL cards. So, bring some of your cards to the meeting to show.

Chris K5LTX reviewed the financial report for March 2011. The report was not printed in the April 2011 newsletter, so approval was deferred to next month.

The minutes for the March meetings were submitted for publication in the April 2011 newsletter. A motion was made and carried to accept the minutes as published.

Phil N5PWW will continue to hold testing sessions on the first and third Saturdays of the month. He completed the Extra Class training session and two of the participants passed the exam.

Maurice reported that the IRLP is up and running. He gave a demonstration of the IRLP for the Membership. A break was taken at 8:00pm and the presentation started at 8:15pm.

Michelle W15EAS gave a presentation on the use of social media and ham radio during a crisis. The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:45pm.

The sign-in sheet showed 30 people in attendance, 25 indicating AARC membership.

# Arlington ARC Spring Fox Hunt

April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011

Getting ready to start



A high vantage point

And here's our fox!



A log with a transmitter inside!

Special thanks to Maurice KM5RF for this sly fox.

Rob is hot on its trail! After about an hour, he and Dave found it. Well, Dave found it first, but Rob was right on top of it!



Great fun as usual.

## Volunteers Needed to Help Test the Warning Sirens

If you live or work in Arlington, chances are, you have heard the wail of one of our warning sirens. In the event of severe weather, these sirens going off might save your life. But, what if they did not go off? Where would we be then?

Volunteers, working in conjunction with the Arlington Fire Department, Office of Emergency Management, assist in the testing of the city's sirens on the first Wednesday of each month. The test is conducted between 12:30pm to 1:30pm on the AARC repeater, K5SLD, 147.140 MHz, pl 110.9.

If you have the time available, we would love to enlist your cooperation and radio expertise in this most necessary and rewarding effort. Your report of a malfunctioning siren just might mean the saving of a life or avoidance of bodily injury.

Please monitor our 147.140 repeater starting about 11:00am on the day of the test. The net will begin about 12:15pm on test day, and you may join us any time that you are able. Detailed maps in PDF and printed formats will be available upon request to assist you in locating siren locations. For more info contact Jack Swinden, W5JCK, AARC President.



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