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March Program

The March presentation will be on Icom's D-Star technology and how it can improve amateur radio services in our area.

March Announcements

Dues

If you haven't paid your dues for 2012, get them in soon. The club depends on your membership dues for its day to day operating budget. If you look at the financial reports during the year, you'll see that we're basically at the break even point, so it's important that you support the club by paying your dues in a timely manner. You can give Chris, K5LTX, a check or cash at the meeting, send a check to the PO Box, or use Paypal by navigating over to www.k5sld.org/dues. You can pay with Paypal even if you don't have a Paypal account, just click on the "Don't have a Paypal account?" link and use a credit card. There is also a button to make an additional donation to the club if you choose.

Welcome New Members

There have been a lot of new faces at the meetings lately and the membership list is showing lots of KF5's. It's good to see all the interest in Amateur Radio. You've come to the right place, whether your interest is Emcomm, DX'ing, digital modes, CW, QRP, kit building, rag chewing, antenna experiments or any other facet of our varied hobby, you will find a kindred spirit here. Everyone, even Technicians have privileges on bands that offer worldwide propagation. Or maybe you just need help programming your first handie-talkie. There are people here to help. Are you looking to get your first license, or upgrade? We offer classes several times a year and twice a month testing on the first and third Saturdays of the month. Amateur Radio is a great hobby and the Arlington ARC is here to help you reach your goals whether it is storm spotting or getting DXCC. Welcome.



Click the flag to go to the Texas Interconnect Team website.

Calendar of Events

March 16 Executive Board meeting – 6:30pm, 501 W. Sanford. This is an open meeting, everyone is encouraged to attend.

March 16 General Membership meeting – 7:00pm, 501 W. Sanford

March 17 VE Testing – 10:00am, 401 W. Sanford. Enter on the North side of the building.

March 17 Dining out – 5:00pm, Chuy's – Arlington Highlands.

April 7 1st Saturday Breakfast – 8:30am, Fuzzy's Tacos – 510 E. Abrams.

April 7 VE Testing – 10:00am, 401 W. Sanford. Enter on the North side of the building.

April 20 Executive Board meeting – 6:30pm, 501 W. Sanford

April 20 General Membership meeting – 7:00pm, 501 W. Sanford

Tidbits

Ron, KD5KFQ, is looking for a working VX-5R for an important receiving function for his job. If you have something available please let me (nv5e@arrl.net) know and I will put you in contact with him.

There are still a few storm spotter classes to be held in the area. Check here for more information:
<http://www.srh.noaa.gov/fwd/skywarnsch.php?file=sptrsch>

Operating events coming up in the next few weeks:

10-10 International Mobile Contest – March 17th and 18th

OK, VA and ND QSO Parties – March 17th and 18th

CQ WW WPX Contest, SSB - March 24th and 25th

Georgia QSO Party – April 14th and 15th

Check WA7BNM's 8-Day Contest Calendar for more information:

<http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/weeklycont.php>

The Weatherford Hamfest will take place March 24th at Coutts Memorial Methodist Church, 802 N. Elm. Admission is \$5.00 at the door.

Elecraft (www.elecraft.com) has announced that they will begin shipping their new state-of-the-art KX3 ultra-portable, 10 Watt, all mode, software defined radio at the end of this month. If past performance is any indication, this radio will set the standard for QRP rigs.

It's also rumored that Kenwood (http://www.kenwoodusa.com/Communications/Amateur_Radio/) will debut a new high-end HF radio at Dayton (www.hamvention.org). Coming on the heels of the highly regarded TS-590s, this might be a match for the top rated Yaesu FTDX-5000D (www.yaesu.com) and the Elecraft K3. How does your radio stack up? See Rob Sherwood's ratings (<http://www.sherweng.com/table.html>).

If you have an item for the newsletter, ideas for articles, want ads, comments or complaints or if you notice any errors, send them to me at nv5e@arrl.net.

February 2012 Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Andy KB2VQA, Secretary

The regular meeting of the Executive Board of the AARC was held on February 17th, 2012 at 6:33pm. Present were Vice President, Virginia NV5F; Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Treasurer, Chris K5LTX; Editor, Rob NV5E; Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW; and the Trustee, Maurice KM5RF. Absent were the President, Dennis N5ACK, and Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT.

Chris K5LTX reported that a significant number of people have renewed their membership in the AARC for 2012. He is also working on transferring the funds of the AARC to a bank that does not charge a monthly fee.

Phil N5PWW will hold a testing session tomorrow. There is currently no training session in progress. Phil has made a reservation to use the building as a potential site for Field Day 2012 activities.

The meeting adjourned at 6:58pm.

February 2012 Membership Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Andy KB2VQA, Secretary

The regular meeting of the Membership of the AARC was called to order at 7:30pm February 17th, 2012 by the Vice President, Virginia NV5F. Other Board members present included Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Treasurer, Chris K5LTX; Editor, Rob NV5E; Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW; and the Trustee, Maurice KM5RF. Absent were the President, Dennis N5ACK, and Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT.

Virginia NV5F asked that the meeting attendees introduce themselves by name and call sign.

Rob NV5E printed and distributed the newsletter. If you are looking to sell/buy equipment or have an announcement, please contact Rob.

Phil N5PWW is not currently conducting a training session. He continues to hold test sessions on the first and third Saturdays of the month.

Chris K5LTX reviewed the financial report. A motion was made and carried to accept for audit the financial report as published. He plans to transfer the funds of the AARC to a new bank by the end of February.

Maurice KM5RF reported that the IRLP is functioning and that the AARC node number is 3412.

The minutes for the January meetings were submitted for publication in the February 2012 newsletter. A motion was made and carried to accept the minutes as published.

A break was taken at 7:45pm. At 8:00pm the meeting resumed, and Virginia gave a presentation on Logbook of the World.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:40pm.

The sign-in sheet showed 33 people in attendance, 29 indicating AARC membership.

AARC February 2012 Financial Report



	Actual Sep-11	Actual Oct-11	Actual Nov-11	Actual Dec-11	Actual Jan-12	Actual Feb-12	
Income							
Dues	\$62.50	\$25.00	\$12.50	\$0.00	\$578.00	\$295.00	
PayPal Dues	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$249.41	\$71.91	
Radio Raffle Dec 2011	\$120.00	\$135.00	\$0.00	\$175.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Good & Welfare	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12.00	\$19.00	
AT&T overpayment refund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
CD interest	\$0.35	\$0.27	\$0.31	\$0.31	\$0.21	\$0.25	
	\$182.85	\$160.27	\$12.81	\$175.31	\$839.62	\$386.16	
Expenses							
Storage Hut	\$225.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$225.00	
1-800-Flowers (G&W)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Bank fees	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	
Bank fee donation	-\$15.00	-\$15.00	-\$15.00	-\$15.00	-\$15.00	-\$15.00	
AT&T	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
FT2900 radio for Dec 2011 raffle	\$184.16	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
2011 Field Day gas and supplies	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Donation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
SafeHaven donation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Liability Insurance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$320.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Web Hosting	\$0.00	\$9.53	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Arlington Yacht Club	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Flowers by Linda (G&W)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Chris Webster (club expenses)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Bank check order	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Printing supplies	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
1 year PO Box fees	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Fry's - UPS for IRLP link PC	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
406-430 MHz yagi (to Maurice; IRLP; repeater fund)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Ham Radio Outlet (4 under door jumpers)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Accent Awards	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$49.41	\$0.00	\$0.00	
	\$409.16	\$9.53	\$320.00	\$49.41	\$0.00	\$225.00	
Variance	-\$226.31	\$150.74	-\$307.19	\$125.90	\$839.62	\$161.16	
	Actual Sep-11	Actual Oct-11	Actual Nov-11	Actual Dec-11	Actual Jan-12	Actual Feb-12	Ending Balances
General Fund	-\$226.66	\$150.47	-\$307.50	\$125.59	\$827.41	\$141.91	\$2,155.56
Repeater Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,211.90
Good & Welfare	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12.00	\$19.00	\$629.40
Chase Checking	-\$226.66	\$150.47	-\$307.50	\$125.59	\$839.41	\$160.91	\$3,996.86
Chase CD	\$0.35	\$0.27	\$0.31	\$0.31	\$0.21	\$0.25	\$2,161.61
Total Chase Bank	-\$226.31	\$150.74	-\$307.19	\$125.90	\$839.62	\$161.16	\$6,158.47
Petty Cash	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
Total - All Balances	-\$226.31	\$150.74	-\$307.19	\$125.90	\$839.62	\$161.16	\$6,183.47

Note: \$225.00 for 6 month's storage paid 2/22/2012; good through 8/31/2012.

Prepared by Chris Webster, K5LTX
Treasurer AARC since August 2009

Volunteers Needed to Help Test 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?

Volunteer observers, 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, weather permitting. Observers monitor and report on the RC repeater, K5SLD, 147.140 MHz, pl 110.9. There are provisions for call-in reports from non-ham observers as well.

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.

Siren observer lists are emailed to known participants 1 to 2 days in advance. Please monitor our 147.140 repeater starting about 11:45 a.m. on the day of the test. Announcements begin at 12:15 pm., and the formal net opens about 12:45 on test day. All observers should be on location and checked in by that time. Testing begins at 1:00 and is usually concluded by 1:20. You may join us at any time that you are able. Detailed maps in PDF and printed formats will be available upon request to assist you in locating the sirens. We particularly need observers in the western and southern parts of Arlington. For more information contact Linda, W5LMC, at L_mcmillen@prodigy.net or the Office of Emergency Management at 817-459-6939.

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Repeater Committee

Chairman Paul Baumgardner W5PSB

Maurice Martin KM5RF and Harold Reasoner K5SXX

Membership Application available at: http://k5sld.com/forms/aarc_membership_application.pdf