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August Program

This month we turn our normal meeting agenda on it's head and will start the meeting off with ice cream and movies. It's the annual Ice Cream Social, so bring your best homemade ice cream or pick some up, or you could grab some toppings or other dessert and bring it along. Chris, K5LTX, will have a DVD of ARRL videos dating from the '50's up til the present day. If we can still move after all the goodies, we'll take care of the regular business portion of the meeting.

More Public Service Recognition



AARC's very own Dave Walker, W5DJO, was recognized by the Arlington Police Department for his part in the aftermath of the severe storms in April. From **On Call**, the newsletter of the Arlington PD:

"On April 3, 2012, the severe storm that moved through Arlington produced multiple tornados that struck in the southwest part of the City and left a path of destruction in neighborhoods. It is times like these when the Police Department depends upon volunteers to assist us in mitigating critical incidents.

Volunteers answered the call and positively impacted the City's response capability. Many of these dedicated volunteers hailed from the Citizens On Patrol - Mobile program and exceeded expectations in service delivery. Volunteers patrolled damaged areas. They reported suspicious activity, transported police officers and other volunteers to their work assignments and distributed bottled water and meals to officers and homeowners during cleanup efforts. Many of them lived in the affected areas and were still bound by a sense of public service and a desire to help those with greater needs.

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For these reasons, Acting Police Chief Will Johnson presented Citizen Community Service Participation Awards to the following volunteers during a Managers Meeting in July:
Janie Gonzales, Sid Huston, Bill Jezek, Steve Messina, Patti Noe, J.J. Pueblo, Edward Ricardez and Dave Walker.”

Way to go Dave!

Calendar of Events

August 17 Executive Board meeting – 6:30pm, 501 W. Sanford. This is an open meeting, everyone is encouraged to attend.

August 17 General Membership meeting – 7:30pm, 501 W. Sanford

August 18 VE Testing – 10:00am, 401 W. Sanford. Enter on the North side of the building.

August 18 Dining out – 5:00pm, David's BBQ, 2224 W. Park Row

September 1 First Saturday Breakfast – Main St. Cafe, 2023 S. Cooper

September 1 VE Testing – 10:00am, 401 W. Sanford. Enter on North side of the building.

AARC FD 2012

I believe that this year's FD was the best since I joined the club in 2004. Lots of new faces, lots of old faces, lots of help with set up and take down, the return of Terry, KD5RA, some high tech wizardry by Jason, KD5LCT and best of all inside in the air conditioning! Here are some pictures, courtesy of David, KD5DK (congrats on the upgrade to Extra) and my lovely wife Erin. If you have more pictures, feel free to send them to me and I'll sprinkle them through future newsletters.



June 2012 Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Andy KB2VQA, Secretary

The regular meeting of the Executive Board of the AARC was held on July 20th, 2012 at 6:51pm. Present were President, Dennis N5ACK; Vice President, Virginia NV5F; Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT; Editor, Rob NV5E; and Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW. Absent were the Treasurer, Chris K5LTX; and Trustee, Maurice KM5RF.

Phil N5PWW reported he and Chris successfully transferred the Certificate of Deposit to the new bank.

It was decided to include Buttermilk Cafe in the locations for first-Saturday breakfast.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55pm.

June 2012 Membership Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Andy KB2VQA, Secretary

The regular meeting of the Membership of the AARC was called to order at 7:31pm July 20th, 2012 by the President, Dennis N5ACK. Other Board members present included Vice President, Virginia NV5F; Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT; Editor, Rob NV5E; and Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW. Absent were Treasurer, Chris K5LTX; and Trustee, Maurice KM5RF

Dennis N5ACK asked that the meeting attendees introduce themselves by name and call sign.

Dennis reported that a donation in the sum of \$50 was made to the ARRL Foundation Scholarship fund in the memory of Joe Lively. The financial report was reviewed. A motion was made and carried to accept for audit the financial report as published. The Certificate of Deposit was successfully transferred to the new bank.

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

Bill AE5BT expressed his appreciation for everyone who assisted in making Field Day a success.

Rob NV5E printed and distributed the newsletter.

Virginia NV5F reminded the Membership that next month there will be an ice cream social.

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


A break was taken at 8:00pm. At 8:15pm the meeting resumed, however the scheduled presentation was canceled.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:00pm.

The sign-in sheet showed 29 people in attendance, 26 indicating AARC membership.

June Financial Report

Submitted by Chris, K5LTX, Treasurer

AARC July 2012 Financial Report								
								
	Actual Jan-12	Actual Feb-12	Actual Mar-12	Actual Apr-12	Actual May-12	Actual Jun-12	Actual Jul-12	
Income								
Dues	\$578.00	\$295.00	\$100.00	\$50.00	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
PayPal Dues	\$249.41	\$71.91	\$0.00	\$153.53	\$47.94	\$81.62	\$23.97	
Good & Welfare	\$12.00	\$19.00	\$12.00	\$6.00	\$16.00	\$16.00	\$12.00	
CD interest	\$0.21	\$0.25	\$0.31	\$0.27	\$0.24	\$0.00	\$0.36	
	\$839.62	\$386.16	\$112.31	\$209.80	\$89.18	\$97.62	\$36.33	
Expenses								
Storage Hut	\$0.00	\$225.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Bank fees	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
1-800-Flowers (G&W)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$53.98	
Bank fee donation	-\$15.00	-\$15.00	-\$15.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Donation - ARRL scholarship fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$0.00	
SafeHaven donation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Web Hosting	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$59.88	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
1 year PO Box fees	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$76.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
	\$0.00	\$225.00	\$200.00	\$135.88	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$53.98	
Variance								
	\$839.62	\$161.16	-\$87.69	\$73.92	\$89.18	\$47.62	-\$17.65	
	Actual Jan-12	Actual Feb-12	Actual Mar-12	Actual Apr-12	Actual May-12	Actual Jun-12	Actual Jul-12	Ending Balances
General Fund	\$827.41	\$141.91	-\$100.00	\$67.65	\$72.94	\$81.62	\$23.97	\$2,301.74
Repeater Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,211.90
Good & Welfare	\$12.00	\$19.00	\$12.00	\$6.00	\$16.00	-\$34.00	-\$41.98	\$587.42
Chase/Capital One Checking	\$839.41	\$160.91	-\$88.00	\$73.65	\$88.94	\$47.62	-\$18.01	\$4,101.06
Chase CD/Capital One CD (as of June 2012)	\$0.21	\$0.25	\$0.31	\$0.27	\$0.24	\$0.00	\$0.36	\$2,162.79
Total Chase Bank	\$839.62	\$161.16	-\$87.69	\$73.92	\$89.18	\$47.62	-\$17.65	\$6,263.85
Petty Cash	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
Total - All Balances	\$839.62	\$161.16	-\$87.69	\$73.92	\$89.18	\$47.62	-\$17.65	\$6,288.85
<p>Note: \$225.00 for 6 month's storage paid 2/22/2012; good through 8/31/2012.</p> <p>Note: The new Capital One CD, opened 6/19/12, has a maturity date of 12/19/12.</p> <p>Prepared by Chris Webster, K5LTX Treasurer AARC since August 2009</p>								

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 11:45am. on the day of the test. Announcements begin at 12:15pm pm., and the formal net opens about 12:45pm on test day. All observers should be on location and checked in by that time. Testing begins at 1:00pm and is usually concluded by 1:20pm. 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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Maurice Martin KM5RF and Harold Reasoner K5SXX

Join us! http://www.k5sld.com/forms/aarc_membership_application_form_distributed.pdf