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Yaesu FT2900R Raffle



September Program

This month Eric Silverthorn NM5M will be doing a program to introduce us to the DFW Contest Club. This will be a good intro to contesting and an opportunity to join a group which welcomes contesters of all abilities and interests.

Check out their website at www.dfwcontest.com.

As our sole fund raiser this year we will again raffle off another Yaesu FT2900R. The radio is a 5 to 75 Watt 2 meter rig. While designed as a mobile unit, it can also be used as a base station. Hook up a simple J-pole or 2 meter mag mount antenna on a pizza pan or some other metal surface and you can hit most of the repeaters in the area. The radio will also receive the NOAA weather channels and can be set to activate only when the Weather Service sends out the 1050Hz tone. That means you can set the unit to scan you favorite repeaters and it won't stop on the NOAA frequency unless the severe weather tone is sent. I own the previous version of the radio, the FT2800 and I can tell you it's a great radio. Raffle tickets are only \$5.00 and any funds collected over the cost of the radio (\$170) will directly benefit the Arlington ARC. The radio will be awarded during the AARC Holiday party in December so get your raffle tickets early and often. You do not have to be present to win. A full review of the radio can be found on the ARRL members only website at: <http://tinyurl.com/FT2900R>



Calendar of Events

September 21 Executive Board meeting – 6:30pm, 501 W. Sanford. This is an open meeting, everyone is encouraged to attend.

September 21 General Membership meeting – 7:30pm, 501 W. Sanford

September 22 Dining out – 5:00pm, Babe's Chicken Dinner House, 230 N. Center St. at Division

October 6 First Saturday Breakfast – Buttermilk Cafe, 404 N. Collins St, near E. Sanford

October 6 VE Testing – 10:00am, 401 W. Sanford. Enter on North side of the building.

Tidbits

Chris, K5LTX and Jack, W5JCK have put together a very good website on emergency preparedness. www.arlingtonprepares.org/ is full of great information including links to training, education, storm spotting, amateur radio, CERT training, CPR and common disaster myths. It's a great resource, please check it out.

Bob, KA5FVG is interested in picking up any unused test or ham equipment that you may have laying around unused. Please contact him at 214-801-6407 or bobbyd76014@yahoo.com.

Special event station K5P, a joint effort of the Plano Amateur Radio Klub (PARK) and McKinney Amateur Radio Club (MARC), will operate in conjunction with the Plano Balloon Festival September 21 – 23. For more information contact Ted Gurley at 214-616-8661 or kd5vfb@arrl.net Find out more about the Plano Balloon Festival at www.planoballoonfest.org

Test out your newly learned contesting skills in the Texas QSO party next weekend, 1400Z, September 29 to 2000Z, September 30.

Last week I had the honor and privilege to operate the Hiram P. Maxim memorial station at ARRL headquarters in Newington, CT. We took a nice hour long tour of the ARRL building and saw the outgoing QSL bureau, where QST and all ARRL publications are laid out, the ARRL VEC, the testing lab where all products are tested before review and lots of historic old equipment including Maxim's spark station. If you're ever in New England please take the time to visit, it's just 100 miles from Boston and very easy to get to.



Due to the increased work load at my job, I will not be running for reelection as newsletter editor. If you have a desire to help shape and run the Arlington ARC as a Board member and newsletter editor please consider running for the position during the November elections. It is helpful if you're very comfortable with a word processor and spreadsheet. Please let me or one of the board members know if you are interested. I plan to remain very active in club activities.

Any corrections, complaints, compliments or contributions may be addressed to me, nv5e@arrl.net.

August 2012 Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Andy KB2VQA, Secretary

The regular meeting of the Executive Board of the AARC was held on August 17th, 2012 at 6:32pm. Present were Vice President, Virginia NV5F; Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Treasurer, Chris K5LTX; Editor, Rob NV5E; Trustee, Maurice KM5RF; and Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW. Absent were the President, Dennis N5ACK; and Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT.

Phil N5PWW reported that he will conduct a testing session tomorrow.

Chris K5LTX reviewed the financial reports.

Maurice KM5RF reported an intermittent repeater problem. Maurice will ask Dennis N5ACK to contact Paul Baumgardner W5PSB and inquire as to Paul's intention to serve as Chairman of the Repeater Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 6:52pm.

August 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 August 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 Trustee, Maurice KM5RF. Absent were President, Dennis N5ACK; and Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT.

Virginia NV5F suggested that we start with eating of the ice cream. At 8:00pm she asked that the meeting attendees introduce themselves by name and call sign.

Chris K5LTX reviewed the financial report. A motion was made and carried to accept for audit the financial report as published.

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

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

Rob NV5E printed and distributed the newsletter. If you have items of interest which you would like printed in the newsletter, please forward them to Rob.


A discussion was held on raffling a mobile amateur radio. Dave Walker W5DJO made a motion to set a limit of \$200 on the purchase of the radio which will be raffled. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:23pm. The membership continued watching a video on the ham radio hobby.

The sign-in sheet showed 18 people in attendance, 18 indicating AARC membership.

August Financial Report

Submitted by Chris, K5LTX, Treasurer

| AARC August 2012 Financial Report | | | | | | | |
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| | Actual Mar-12 | Actual Apr-12 | Actual May-12 | Actual Jun-12 | Actual Jul-12 | Actual Aug-12 | |
| Income | | | | | | | |
| Dues | \$100.00 | \$50.00 | \$25.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | |
| PayPal Dues | \$0.00 | \$153.53 | \$47.94 | \$81.62 | \$23.97 | \$0.00 | |
| Good & Welfare | \$12.00 | \$6.00 | \$16.00 | \$16.00 | \$12.00 | \$0.00 | |
| CD interest | \$0.31 | \$0.27 | \$0.24 | \$0.00 | \$0.36 | \$0.37 | |
| | \$112.31 | \$209.80 | \$89.18 | \$97.62 | \$36.33 | \$0.37 | |
| Expenses | | | | | | | |
| Storage Hut | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$225.00 | |
| Bank fees | \$15.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | |
| 1-800-Flowers (G&W) | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$53.98 | \$0.00 | |
| Bank fee donation | -\$15.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | |
| Donation - ARRL scholarship fund | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$50.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | |
| SafeHaven donation | \$200.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | |
| Web Hosting | \$0.00 | \$59.88 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | |
| 1 year PO Box fees | \$0.00 | \$76.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | |
| | \$200.00 | \$135.88 | \$0.00 | \$50.00 | \$53.98 | \$225.00 | |
| Variance | | | | | | | |
| | -\$87.69 | \$73.92 | \$89.18 | \$47.62 | -\$17.65 | -\$224.63 | |
| | Actual Mar-12 | Actual Apr-12 | Actual May-12 | Actual Jun-12 | Actual Jul-12 | Actual Aug-12 | Ending Balances |
| General Fund | -\$100.00 | \$67.65 | \$72.94 | \$81.62 | \$23.97 | -\$225.00 | \$2,076.74 |
| Repeater Fund | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$1,211.90 |
| Good & Welfare | \$12.00 | \$6.00 | \$16.00 | -\$34.00 | -\$41.98 | \$0.00 | \$587.42 |
| Chase/Capital One Checking | -\$88.00 | \$73.65 | \$88.94 | \$47.62 | -\$18.01 | -\$225.00 | \$3,876.06 |
| Chase CD/Capital One CD (as of June 2012) | \$0.31 | \$0.27 | \$0.24 | \$0.00 | \$0.36 | \$0.37 | \$2,163.16 |
| Total Chase Bank | -\$87.69 | \$73.92 | \$89.18 | \$47.62 | -\$17.65 | -\$224.63 | \$6,039.22 |
| Petty Cash | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$25.00 |
| Total - All Balances | -\$87.69 | \$73.92 | \$89.18 | \$47.62 | -\$17.65 | -\$224.63 | \$6,064.22 |
| <p>Note: \$225.00 for 6 month's storage paid 8/31/12; good through 2/28/12.</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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Repeater Committee

Chairman Paul Baumgardner W5PSB

Maurice Martin KM5RF and Harold Reasoner K5SXX

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