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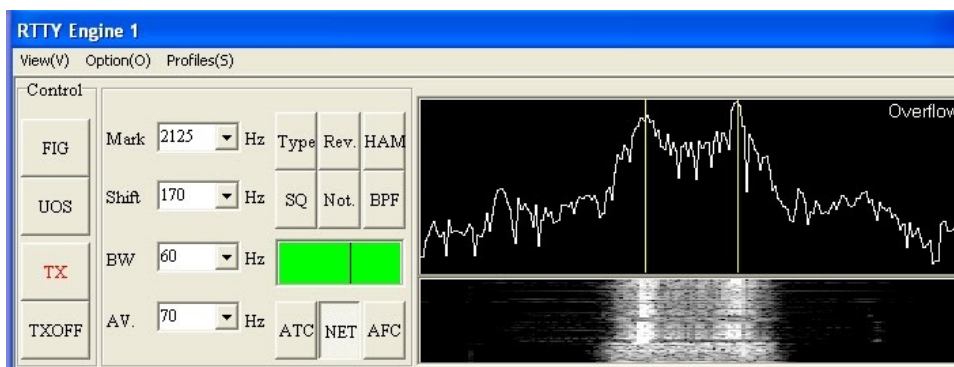
Club Dues Still Due

If you haven't done it already, don't forget to pay your 2013 dues, either in person, by mail, or (most conveniently) by PayPal on the club website, k5sld.org. Dues for the year are still \$25.

Ham-Com 2013

Ham-Com is quickly approaching, the first weekend in June at Plano Centre. If you want to get a table in the flea market, make your reservation soon before it's too late. There's also a rumor, unconfirmed yet, that the local radiosport community may have something special planned for Ham-Com this year. Film at eleven.

... Have You Met RTTY?



If you listened to the CW/digital segments of the HF bands the past few weekends, you certainly must have heard some RTTY. Three weekends in a row of RTTY contests, with this past weekend being the CQ WPX RTTY. It's an excellent, popular, and fun contesting and DXing mode. If you haven't tried it out yet, you should. The chances are good that your radio has a RTTY mode, and software to control and decode it is readily available. Software choices include fldigi, MMTTY, and DM780, at least one of which will probably interface with whatever logging program you use (like Ham Radio Deluxe or N1MM Logger). You may be only an interface, a cable, and some software away from enjoying yet another excellent mode on HF.

Shorter Contest Log Deadlines

Since most stations use computer logging these days, many of the contest sponsors are shortening the log submission periods, setting the new deadlines at one or two weeks after the contest ends (down from one month on the average). Don't wait to send in your logs until it's too late; your best bet is to write and submit the log electronically right after the end of the contest, while it's still on your mind.

February Presentation: Audio For The Amateur Station

Following on the heels of Bob Heil K9EID's presentation last month, **Wayne Hoskins AD5ST** will continue this winter's foray into the subject of audio equipment and processing for the amateur station.



Forty years ago, about the only audio considerations for an amateur station were what mic to use on your Heathkit, Collins, Drake, Swan, etc. transmitter, and whether or not to hook up a phone patch interface. Now, in 2013, there are more possibilities to consider, things you might want to be able to do with your audio, and many equipment options. This month we will explore some of those possibilities and show practical solutions for a few of the more common scenarios.

In a quite unexpected turn of fate, the March issue of *QST*, which arrived in the mailbox just before press time, features a one-page article that addresses this same subject ("Your On-the-Air Sound" by Rick Lindquist WW1ME, page 76). It's a good, not-overly-technical introduction to this month's presentation, worth reading if you get the chance.

Calendar of Events

February 15: Executive Board Meeting 6:30 pm, 501 W. Sanford.

Board meetings are open and anyone is welcome to attend.

February 15: General Membership Meeting 7:30 pm, 501 W. Sanford

February 16: VE Testing 10:00 am, 401 W. Sanford. Enter on north side of the building.

February 16: Dining Out 5:00 pm, China Harbor, 3512 S. Cooper

March 2: First Saturday Breakfast 8:30 am, Main Street Cafe, 2023 S. Cooper (ironically not on Main Street)

March 2: VE Testing 10:00 am, 401 W. Sanford. Enter on north side of the building.

This Month On The Radio

February 16-17: ARRL International DX Contest (CW) Full 48 hours. Exchange: RST and state.

February 23: North American QSO Party (RTTY) 1800Z – 0600Z. Exchange: name and state.

March 2-3: ARRL International DX Contest (SSB) Full 48 hours. Exchange: RST and state.

March 10: North American Sprint (RTTY) 0000Z – 0400Z. Exchange: Callsigns, serial number, name, state.

March 16-17: Russian DX Contest 1200Z – 1200Z. Exchange: RST and serial number.

March 17: North American Sprint (SSB) 0000Z – 0400Z. Exchange: Callsigns, serial number, name, state.

March 30-31: CQ WPX Contest (SSB) Full 48 hours. Exchange: RST and serial number.

State QSO Parties: Mississippi (2/23), North Carolina (2/24), Idaho (3/9), Wisconsin (3/10)

For more information on these and other contests, see the WA7BNM Contest Calendar at hornucopia.com/contestcal.

Tidbits

The rumor mill has it that Steve KD5ZD **may have an FT-2000D for sale** in the near future, following a station upgrade.

When you log contacts, make sure your **timezone offset** is right. I got a card a few weeks ago where the time was off by an hour (it was for a contact made during Daylight Time, and he probably logged it in local time and converted to UTC after Standard Time began). It's always better to log in UTC from the beginning, and most of the logging software does this automatically, if your computer's timezone offset is set correctly.

Upcoming **World Wide Radio Operators Foundation (WWROF) webinars:**

March 18: The First Topband DX Contest - The 1921 Transatlantic Test (Frank Donovan W3LPL)

April 26: What I've Learned in Two Decades of Terrain Assessment (Dean Straw N6BV)

Details and registration links at wwrof.org/webinars

The word on the street is that Dean N6BV's lecture is definitely one you want to watch.

January 2013 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 January 18th, 2013 by the President, Dennis N5ACK. Other Board members present included Vice President, Virginia NV5F; Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Treasurer, Chris K5LTX (filling in for Joyce until February); Editor, Wayne AD5ST; Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW; Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT; and Trustee, Maurice KM5RF.

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

Chris K5LTX reviewed the financial report. Joyce Waites W5FJB will assume the office of Treasure in February 2013. 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. There are currently no training classes scheduled.

Virginia NV5F reported that tonight's presentation will be by Bob Heil.

The minutes for the November meetings were submitted for publication in the January 2013 newsletter. A motion was made and carried to accept the minutes as published.

Bill AE5BT informed the Membership that Field Day 2013 is scheduled for June 22nd.

Wayne AD5ST printed and distributed the newsletter.

A break was taken at 7:48pm. At 8:05pm, Bob Heil delivered a presentation to the club via Skype video.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:20pm.

The sign-in sheet showed 24 people in attendance, 22 indicating AARC membership.

January 2013 Executive Board Meeting Minutes

submitted by Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA, secretary

The regular meeting of the Executive Board of the AARC was held on January 18th, 2013 at 6:33pm. Present were President, Dennis N5ACK; Vice President, Virginia NV5F; Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Treasurer, Chris K5LTX (filling in for Joyce until February); Editor, Wayne AD5ST; Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW; Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT; and Trustee, Maurice KM5RF.

Chris K5LTX reviewed the financial report and noted that the raffle for the mobile radio resulted in a profit for the club.

Phil N5PWW reported that he conducts testing sessions on the first and third Saturdays of the month.

Maurice KM5RF will be planning a fox hunt which is tentatively scheduled for March.

Dennis N5ACK brought before the Board a request from Paul Baumgardner, the Repeater Committee Chair, to purchase a new repeater controller. The Board discussed the matter and decided to not make the purchase as this time.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55pm.

January 2013 Financial Report

submitted by Chris Webster K5LTX, treasurer

AARC January 2013 Financial Report								
Arlington ARC								
	Actual Jul-12	Actual Aug-12	Actual Sep-12	Actual Oct-12	Actual Nov-12	Actual Dec-12	Actual Jan-13	
Income								
Dues	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$35.00	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$285.00	
PayPal Dues	\$23.97	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$23.97	\$0.00	\$57.65	\$129.56	
Radio Raffle	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$90.00	\$110.00	\$65.00	\$45.00	\$0.00	
Good & Welfare	\$12.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20.00	
CD interest	\$0.36	\$0.37	\$0.37	\$0.36	\$0.37	\$0.36	\$0.37	
	\$36.33	\$0.37	\$90.37	\$169.33	\$90.37	\$103.01	\$434.93	
Expenses								
Storage Hut	\$0.00	\$225.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Field Day expenses member reimbursement	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$42.99	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Radio for raffle	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$169.99	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
1-800-Flowers (G&W)	\$53.98	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Ham of the Year expense, member reimbursement	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.22	
Liability Insurance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$320.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Web Hosting & Domain Fees (Go Daddy)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$97.09	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
	\$53.98	\$225.00	\$212.98	\$97.09	\$320.00	\$0.00	\$50.22	
Variance								
	-\$17.65	-\$224.63	-\$122.61	\$72.24	-\$229.63	\$103.01	\$384.71	
	Actual Jul-12	Actual Aug-12	Actual Sep-12	Actual Oct-12	Actual Nov-12	Actual Dec-12	Actual Jan-13	Ending Balances
General Fund	\$23.97	-\$225.00	-\$122.98	\$71.88	-\$230.00	\$102.65	\$364.34	\$2,262.63
Repeater Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,211.90
Good & Welfare	-\$41.98	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20.00	\$607.42
Chase/Capital One Checking	-\$18.01	-\$225.00	-\$122.98	\$71.88	-\$230.00	\$102.65	\$384.34	\$4,081.95
Chase CD/Capital One CD (as of June 2012)	\$0.36	\$0.37	\$0.37	\$0.36	\$0.37	\$0.36	\$0.37	\$2,164.99
Total Chase Bank	-\$17.65	-\$224.63	-\$122.61	\$72.24	-\$229.63	\$103.01	\$384.71	\$6,246.94
Petty Cash	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
Total - All Balances	-\$17.65	-\$224.63	-\$122.61	\$72.24	-\$229.63	\$103.01	\$384.71	\$6,271.94
<p>Note: \$225.00 for 6 month's storage paid 8/31/12; good through 2/28/13. Note: Capital One CD renewed for six months on 12/19/12. Note: liability insurance paid in Nov 2012; coverage 12/1/12 to 11/30/13.</p> <p>Prepared by Chris Webster, K5LTX Treasurer, AARC, August 2009-December 2012</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 AARC 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, 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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Membership

Print a membership form from k5sld.com/forms/aarc_membership_application_form_distributed.pdf and join us.