



# COMMUNICATOR

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## Club Meetings

Meetings are held the third Friday of each month in the Human Services building at 501 W. Sanford in central Arlington at 7:30 pm, following the executive board meeting at 6:30 pm. Members generally begin arriving at 7:00 pm.

## K5SLD Repeaters

147.14+ PL 110.9 (linked to 224.8)  
224.8- PL 110.9 (linked to 147.14)  
444.2+ PL 100.0 (linkable to IRLP)

## Dayton Hamvention

If you're in Ohio this week, make sure to stop in at the annual Dayton Hamvention and let us know how it is. If you aren't in Ohio this week, you can watch a live webcast from Dayton during the daytime courtesy of Tom Medlin W5KUB at [w5kub.com](http://w5kub.com).

Contest University will be held this Thursday, May 16, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Dayton. Professors include such household names as Tim Duffy, Frank Donovan, Doug Grant, Randy Thompson, Joel Harrison, Rob Sherwood, and others. If you're interested but unable to attend, you're in luck: ICOM America has arranged for some of the CTU sessions to be made available by webcast. For more information on CTU, see [contestuniversity.com](http://contestuniversity.com). For more information on Dayton, see [hamvention.com](http://hamvention.com).

## Ham-Com

Always in the shadow of Dayton, Ham-Com is held the first weekend of June in Plano, which is far closer to Arlington than Dayton is. The presentation schedule is not yet released, but it's a safe bet that at least one presentation will interest you. Other highlights will include the Contest Luncheon, DX Dinner, and of course the convention floor. Interested in a new radio or other piece of equipment? Chances are the manufacturer will have a booth on the floor where you can see it in person. Looking to either expand or downsize your collection? The flea market is always popular. Whatever your interest, Ham-Com is only a short drive away on June 7-8. For more information, see [hamcom.org](http://hamcom.org).

## New Vice President Elected

David Spore KB3UBD was unanimously elected at the April meeting to fill the vice president position vacated by Virginia Smith NV5F. We would like to thank Virginia for her service as vice president in recent years and welcome David to the board.

## Presenter: You

This month's program will be Show And Tell, where you bring things to show off and you tell us about them. Maybe a new QSL card from some rare DX (or a buro card that just arrived in response to one you sent decades ago to Box 88). Maybe a key or paddles that you really like. Maybe like Tim K3LR you have a method of soldering PL259s that you think people should know about. Maybe you recently upgraded part of your station? Tell us about it. Maybe you took a trip to PJ2T Signal Point and have pictures to show and stories to tell. Perhaps even you'll have just returned early from Dayton to tell us all about what we missed earlier in the day. Whatever it is, if you have something you would like to show and/or tell, bring it along to the meeting this Friday to show and/or tell us all about it.

## Field Day

Our group order of Field Day shirts should be ready for pickup at this month's club meeting. If you ordered one through Bill Tatsch last month, make sure you see Dave Walker this month to pick yours up. If you didn't make the group order but want a shirt, you can of course order one (and whatever other goodies you want) directly from the ARRL store at [arrl.org](http://arrl.org).

Field Day is now only a short month away. We always need help in all areas of FD, from setup to operating to tear-down. Whatever your interests, there's probably a way for you to help. We've worked hard on the logistics over the past year and hope to be able to put on our best Field Day yet. We have coax prepared, antennas and radios arranged, and our setup process has become a well-oiled machine the past few years. Planning the logistics ahead of time allows us to put up a station that, for the most part, simply works as planned on Field Day weekend.

Our station hosts always need operators, especially at times like dinner and the overnight shift. While there's rarely a waiting list to operate any of the stations, you can be nearly guaranteed of no waiting at off-peak times (particularly dinner and the overnight). If you have a particular time you'd like to operate a station, or you have questions about a station, get in touch with the appropriate host: for CW, Virginia NV5F; for Digital, Rob NV5E; for SSB, Terry KD5RA or Phil N5PWW; for VHF, Wayne AD5ST; for GOTA, Dennis N5ACK. We will, as usual, also be offering NTS radiogram service at our Field Day site. If you would like to originate a message, be sure to have the recipient's name, address, and telephone number ready so the National Traffic System can figure out how to route and deliver the message.

Make sure you have Field Day 2013 on your calendar. It's always a good time, so plan to join us. It truly is a team effort.



[www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org)

## Calendar of Events

**May 17: Executive Board Meeting** 6:30 pm, 501 W. Sanford.

*Board meetings are open and anyone is welcome to attend.*

**May 17: General Membership Meeting** 7:30 pm, 501 W. Sanford.

**May 18: VE Testing** 10:00 am, 401 W. Sanford. Enter on north side of the building.

**May 18: Dining Out** 5:00 pm, Pei Wei.

**June 1: First Saturday Breakfast** 8:30 am, Rise And Shine.

**June 1: VE Testing** 10:00 am, 401 W. Sanford. Enter on north side of the building.

## Tidbits

Do you have some information you'd like us to include in the newsletter? Perhaps upgrading your station and have some spare equipment in need of a new home? Send an email to the editor, Wayne AD5ST ([ad5st@arrl.net](mailto:ad5st@arrl.net)).

Congratulations to **Rob May NV5E** on recently qualifying for the CQ Worked All Zones (WAZ) award. Rob says he finally worked his last zone, Zone 26, a few days ago.

The **UT Dallas Radio Club K5UTD** recently posted a SteppIR MonstIR antenna and a ProSistel PST71D rotor for sale. If you're in the market for one, contact David Sourdis HK1A ([hk1a@hotmail.com](mailto:hk1a@hotmail.com)).

Do you have noise at your station? I have noise at my station (it was bad enough this winter that I couldn't hear TX5K on phone, and barely on CW). So did Robert Wilson NT0A, who wrote an excellent article in the June issue of *QST* (beginning on page 37) about the process of locating and removing his noise sources. He has good suggestions for tracking down the culprits (they're usually not what you think they are) and for remedying (or replacing) the offenders. If you're an ARRL member, give his article a read. If you're not an ARRL member, you should consider joining, if for nothing more than the monthly issues of *QST* arriving in your mailbox.

## Contest Corner

May is a quiet month on the contest front, perhaps because of Dayton Hamvention that keeps people busy. The only major test this month is WPX CW at the end of the month. We need CW operators for Field Day next month, so this is a perfect opportunity to practice your CW contesting skills before FD.

Our FD setup also includes six meters with a dedicated station, and the June VHF test is often a good predictor of 6m Es conditions two weeks later. If six meters interests you, try to work the June VHF, and consider operating the club's six meter station at Field Day. While last year was a huge letdown for 6m Es, the year before featured an opening that just wouldn't close, with nearly 90 Qs in the 6m log from all over the W/VE map.

## Upcoming Contests

**May 25-26: CQ WPX Contest (CW)** Full 48 hours. Exchange: RST and serial number.

**June 8-10: ARRL June VHF Contest** 18Z-3Z. Exchange: Grid square.

**June 22-23: ARRL Field Day** 18Z-21Z. Exchange: Class and section.

**State QSO Parties:** Alabama (6/1); West Virginia (6/15)

For more information on these and other contests, see the WA7BNM Contest Calendar at [hornucopia.com/contestcal](http://hornucopia.com/contestcal).

For more information on contesting in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex, visit DFW Contest Group at [dfwcontest.com](http://dfwcontest.com).

## DX Spot

Can six meters, a VHF band, provide DX contacts? While conventional thought says no (or at least “not usually without lots of effort”), an article in this month's *QST* (“Moon Over Clipperton” in the “The World Above 50 MHz” column, page 90) shows otherwise. The TX5K expedition made a number of DX contacts on six meters under various propagation modes, including EME, TEP, and even an Es contact with K5RK in Texas, according to the writeup by Lance Collister W7GJ. As we enter the summer Es season, where W6, W7, W0, W8, W4, and even VE are commonplace, don't forget to look on six for W/VE and maybe even some DX.

**April 20 - May 30: 5U Niger** 5U9AMO

**September: Laos** details TBA

**October: K9W Wake Atoll (IOTA C-053)** K9W [wake2013.org](http://wake2013.org)

For more information on DXing in Texas, visit Lone Star DX Association at [lsdxa.org](http://lsdxa.org) or [dxer.org](http://dxer.org).

## April 2013 Membership Meeting Minutes

*submitted by Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA, secretary*

The regular meeting of the Membership of the AARC was called to order at 7:31 pm April 19th, 2013 by the President, Dennis N5ACK. Other Board members present included Vice President, Virginia NV5F; Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Treasurer, Joyce W5FJB; Editor, Wayne AD5ST; Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW; and Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT. Absent was the Trustee, Maurice KM5RF.

Dennis N5ACK asked that the meeting attendees introduce themselves by name and call sign. Dennis informed the Membership that a special election would be held that evening to fill the office of vice president. The floor was open for nominations. David Spore KB3UBD was nominated and the nomination was seconded. Without any additional nominations being made, the floor was closed for nominations. The Membership voted, and David Spore was elected vice president.

Joyce W5FJB reviewed the financial report. A motion was made and carried to accept for audit the financial report as published. The club received an acknowledgement from SafeHaven of Tarrant County for receiving the donation.

Phil N5PWW continues to hold test sessions on the first and third Saturdays of the month. He announced that the training session for General Class, being held at the Texas Department of Health Services, will conclude next week. A test session will be held at the conclusion of the training session. The Technician Class training has concluded and a test session was held.

Virginia NV5F informed the membership that David Spore would be giving a presentation on his experience with taking ham radio to the Grand Canyon.

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

Bill AE5BT informed the ARRL of the Arlington Amateur Radio Club's location for Field Day activities. People who search the ARRL web site will be able to easily find our Field Day location. Bill is taking orders for ARRL Field Day shirts.

Wayne AD5ST printed and distributed the newsletter.

A break was taken at 8:00 pm. At 8:15 pm Dave Spore KB3UBD gave a presentation on constructing a portable ham radio station which was used during a trip to the Grand Canyon.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:45 pm. The sign-in sheet showed 35 people in attendance, 29 indicating AARC membership.

## April 2013 Executive Board Meeting Minutes

*submitted by Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA, secretary*

The regular meeting of the Executive Board of the AARC was held on April 19th, 2013 at 6:40 pm. Present were President, Dennis N5ACK; Vice President, Virginia NV5F; Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Treasurer, Joyce W5FJB; Editor, Wayne AD5ST; Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW; and Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT. Absent was the Trustee, Maurice KM5RF.

Joyce W5FJB reviewed the financial report. The club received an acknowledgment from SafeHaven of Tarrant County that they received the donation.

Phil N5PWW reported that the training sessions held at Texas Department of State Health Services for General Class have had 10 participants. Upon completion of the General Class training session, an examination will take place. Phil continues to conduct testing sessions on the first and third Saturdays of the month.

Bill AE5BT will be taking orders for ARRL Field Day shirts. The meeting adjourned at 6:59 pm.

## April 2013 Financial Report

submitted by Joyce Waites W5FJB, treasurer

### AARC April 2013 Financial Report



	Actual Nov-12	Actual Dec-12	Actual Jan-13	Actual Feb-13	Actual Mar-13	Actual Apr-13	
<b>Income</b>							
Dues	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$285.00	\$200.00	\$175.00	\$80.00	
PayPal Dues	\$0.00	\$57.65	\$129.56	\$129.56	\$96.19	\$23.97	
Radio Raffle	\$65.00	\$45.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Good & Welfare	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20.00	\$22.00	\$16.15	\$6.00	
CD interest	\$0.37	\$0.36	\$0.37	\$0.37	\$0.34	\$0.37	
	\$90.37	\$103.01	\$434.93	\$351.93	\$287.68	\$110.34	
<b>Expenses</b>							
Storage Hut	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$225.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
1-800-Flowers (G&W)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$42.56	
SafeHaven donation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	
Ham of the Year expense, member reimbursement	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$50.22	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Liability Insurance	\$320.00	\$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	\$78.00	
	\$320.00	\$0.00	\$50.22	\$225.00	\$250.00	\$120.56	
<b>Variance</b>	<b>-\$229.63</b>	<b>\$103.01</b>	<b>\$384.71</b>	<b>\$126.93</b>	<b>\$37.68</b>	<b>-\$10.22</b>	
	Actual Nov-12	Actual Dec-12	Actual Jan-13	Actual Feb-13	Actual Mar-13	Actual Apr-13	Ending Balances
General Fund	-\$230.00	\$102.65	\$364.34	\$104.56	\$21.19	\$25.97	\$2,414.35
Repeater Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,211.90
Good & Welfare	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20.00	\$22.00	\$16.15	-\$36.56	\$609.01
Chase/Capital One Checking	-\$230.00	\$102.65	\$384.34	\$126.56	\$37.34	-\$10.59	\$4,235.26
Chase CD/Capital One CD (as of March 2013)	\$0.37	\$0.36	\$0.37	\$0.37	\$0.34	\$0.37	\$2,166.07
Total Capital One	-\$229.63	\$103.01	\$384.71	\$126.93	\$37.68	-\$10.22	\$6,401.33
Petty Cash	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$25.00
Total - All Balances	-\$229.63	\$103.01	\$384.71	\$126.93	\$37.68	-\$10.22	\$6,426.33

**Note: \$225.00 for 6 months' storage paid for 3/1/13 to 8/31/13.**

**Note: Capital One CD renewed for six months on 12/19/12.**

**Note: liability insurance pair in Nov 2012; coverage 12/1/12 to 11/30/13.**

Prepared by Joyce Waites, W5FJB  
AARC Treasurer since January 2013

## Public Service

The City Of Arlington tests its outdoor warning sirens at 1:00 pm on the first Wednesday of each month, using volunteer observers, most of whom are hams reporting into a net held on the AARC's 2m repeater (147.140+, PL 110.9). Check-ins begin during the noon hour, and the test typically concludes before 1:30 pm. More observers are always needed, so please consider helping with this valuable effort if you can spare about an hour at lunchtime once a month. For more information, contact Linda W5LMC ([L\\_mcmillen@prodigy.net](mailto:L_mcmillen@prodigy.net)) or the Office Of Emergency Management (817-459-6939).

## 2013 Club Officers

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## Membership

Print a membership form from our website [k5sld.org](http://k5sld.org) and join us. Annual dues are \$25 for individuals.