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Officer Elections Next Month

If you're interested in running for an office for 2014, please let the current board know as soon as possible. The editor doesn't know about any other officers, but he does know he is not seeking reelection, having moved out of the Metroplex recently. If you have an eye for digital/print media and can come up with content, and if you can work OpenOffice (or similar), then you might be a perfect fit for Editor. The most difficult part is generating content: some months the desk will be overflowing with great pertinent information, other months there will be a lack of news. If you think you have the skills, you might seriously consider running for editor. If you want to run for editor or any of the other offices, let us know.

Federal Shutdown Affects Hams

As we enter the third week of the federal government shutdown, we can't help but notice the amateur service is affected in interesting ways. The FCC is closed until further notice, so no new station or operator licenses (for any service) are being issued. If you want to renew your license soon, good luck; they're not renewing any for now. The FCC database is also unavailable. The Wake Atoll DXpedition scheduled to be on the air now has been postponed indefinitely, as the shutdown prevented them from completing paperwork for their travel to the remote destination. Also interesting to note, the Enforcement Bureau is also closed, and yet radio operators are well behaved, even without the immediate threat of the EB to keep them in line.

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)

Jamboree On the Air (JOTA) Saturday

This Saturday is the annual Boy Scouts Of America Jamboree On The Air. As in previous years, we are planning to have stations on the air for visiting scouts to use during JOTA, and Bill Tatsch AE5BT would appreciate your help to set up the stations and coach the scouts through making contacts. If you've never done it before, it's a lot of fun and you don't know what you're missing. Come out and play radio with us.

Calendar of Events

October 18: Executive Board Meeting 6:30 pm, 501 W. Sanford.

Board meetings are open and anyone is welcome to attend.

October 18: General Membership Meeting 7:30 pm, 501 W. Sanford.

October 19: Boy Scout JOTA 9:00 am, 501 W. Sanford (parking lot).

October 19: VE Testing 10:00 am, 401 W. Sanford. Enter on north side of the building.

October 19: Dining Out 5:00 pm, .

November 2: First Saturday Breakfast 8:30 am, .

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

Tidbits

Have you looked at the wide variety of portable “go-kit” designs people have come up with? There are an almost endless supply of them, and most of them probably aren’t quite what you had in mind. If you’re lucky, somebody else has already built the sort of kit you’re thinking of and you don’t have to reinvent the wheel. But most likely, you won’t be quite that lucky and you will have to bear the full R&D burden yourself. Your editor has done this recently and plans to write an article on the goals, design philosophy, process and end result in the near future. Do you have ideas of your own, perhaps have you designed and built something of the sort recently? Write up an article and tell us about it.

Do you find CW tough to listen to? A suggestion given in this month’s issue of *QST* is to change the pitch from the normal 700 Hz to an even harmonic of 432 Hz. 432 Hz is apparently an alternate tuning for middle A which some musicians find more pleasing than the traditional A-440-based tuning. Next time you’re listening to CW, try listening with the pitch set for either 432 or 864 Hz (or even 1728, though that’s really high); you might find it easier on the ears.

Welcome New Members

Johnnie Harris (assoc.)

Happy Birthday

Joyce Waites W5FJB (11/11)

Joe Spencer KK5NA (11/12)

David Lucad KF5CFW (11/13)

Abdul Saleh KE5UZD (11/14)

Dave Walker W5DJO (11/16)

Tom Little W5GVP (11/23)

Contest Corner

Hope you had a good time in the TQP last month. Don't forget the log submission deadline is at the end of this month, so get your logs prepared and submitted soon.

October 19-20: Stew Perry Topband Challenge 15Z-15Z, 160m only. Exchange: grid square.

October 26-27: CQ Worldwide DX Contest (SSB) Full 48 hours. Exchange: RST, CQ Zone.

November 2-4: ARRL Sweepstakes (CW) 21Z-3Z. Exchange: really long SS exchange, look it up.

State QSO Parties: Iowa, New York, W-VE Islands, Illinois (10/19-20); Kentucky (11/9)

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

For more information on contesting in the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex, visit DFW Contest Group at dfwcontest.com.

DX Spot

If you want to see how a DX pileup should be run, look at what the TX5D Austral Islands DXpedition did a week ago. Their operators ran a very efficient pileup, a minimum of chaos. Hope you got the country in your log.

The long-awaited K9W DXpedition to Wake Atoll is postponed due to the federal government shutdown.

POSTPONED: K9W Wake Atoll (IOTA C-053) K9W wake2013.org

October 20-28: YB Indonesia, Mapta Is. (IOTA OC-276) YB9Y, island's first activation. yb9y.com

November 5-18: T33 Banaba (IOTA OC-018) T33A t33a.com

For more information on DXing in Texas, visit Lone Star DX Association at lsdxa.org or dxe.org.

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) or the Office Of Emergency Management (817-459-6939).

Did you know? Most of the area VHF/UHF FM repeaters are configured to both transmit and receive the same PL tone. What does this mean for you? You can configure your radio for PL receive rather than carrier-squelch receive and have less crud opening your receiver. It's a happy wonderful thing; if you haven't tried it, you don't know what you're missing.

September 2013 Membership Meeting Minutes

submitted by Dennis McGrath N5ACK, president, acting secretary

The regular meeting of the Membership of the AARC was called to order at 7:31pm September 20th, 2013 by the President, Dennis N5ACK. Other Board members present included Treasurer, Joyce W5FJB; David KB3UBD; Editor, Wayne AD5ST; Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT; Repeater Trustee, Maurice KM5RF; Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW. Absent was Secretary, Andy KB2VQA.

Dennis N5ACK called the meeting to order.

Joyce W5FJB reviewed the financial report for August 2013. A motion was made and carried to accept for audit the financial report as published. Joyce W5FJB reviewed the financial report for September 2013. A motion was made and carried to accept for audit the financial report as published.

Bill AE5BT asked for volunteers for next month's JOTA on October 19th.

Wayne AD5ST sent out the newsletter and brought hard copies for tonight's meeting.

The minutes for the July meeting were submitted for publication in the August 2013 newsletter. A motion was made and carried to accept the minutes as published.

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A break was taken at 7:52 prior to the presentation by David KB3UBD

The meeting adjourned at 8:54pm. The sign in sheet showed 25 people in attendance, 23 indicating AARC membership.

September 2013 Executive Board Meeting Minutes

submitted by Dennis McGrath N5ACK, president, acting secretary

The regular meeting of the Executive Board of the AARC was held on September 20th, 2013 at 6:36pm.

Present were President, Dennis N5ACK; Treasurer, Joyce W5FJB; David KB3UBD; Editor, Wayne AD5ST; Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT; Repeater Trustee, Maurice KM5RF; Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW. Absent was Secretary Andy KB2VQA.

Decision was made to conduct a financial audit after the board meeting at next month's meeting.

Phil N5PWW continues to conduct testing sessions on the first and third Saturdays of the month at 10am.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.

September 2013 Financial Report

submitted by Joyce Waites W5FJB, treasurer

ACCOUNTS	10/1/13	General Fund (incl G&W)	\$3474.04
		Repeater Fund	<u>1211.90</u>
			4685.94
		Good and Welfare	581.00
INCOME		Dues and Paypal	7.50
EXPENSES		Storage Hut (for next 6 months)	225.00
CHECKING BALANCE			4460.94
CD at Capital One (matures 12/19/2013)			2167.36
Total at Capital One 10/1/13			6628.30
Petty Cash			25.00
TOTAL			6653.30

Joyce Waites, W5FJB
Treasurer 2013

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Repeater Committee:	Paul Baumgardner W5PSB (chair), Maurice Martin KM5RF, Harold Reasoner K5SXX

Membership

Print a membership form from our website k5sld.org and join us. Annual dues are \$25 for individuals.