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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)

## February Meeting



This month's presentation will be done by Paul Swartz, regarding the Honor Flight program for U.S. Veterans. Honor Flight™ is a network of volunteers established for the express purpose of getting as many WWII Veterans as possible to Washington, DC to view the World War II Memorial. Honor Flight™ was originally set up in 2004 by Earl Morse, a physician's assistant from Ohio. Honor Flight™ DFW (HFDFW) was established in September 2008 to bring this wonderful effort to the Dallas/Ft Worth/North Texas area. To date, Honor Flight DFW has flown over 600 WWII veterans to Washington, DC. The organization is currently **accepting applications from both WW2 AND Korean war veterans.**

For additional information: <http://www.honorflightdfw.org/index.html>

## First Meeting of the New Year !

Last month's meeting was the first meeting of the year, and the first with our new President taking the helm. The "Movie Night" presentation was great, and everyone seemed to fully enjoy the movie. The first tower music video was stunning and funny. For the "feature event" the view the members of the expedition had was spectacular!

## Calendar of Events

**February 21: Executive Board Meeting** 6:30 pm, 501 W. Sanford.

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

**February 21: General Membership Meeting** 7:30 pm, 501 W. Sanford.

**February 23: Dining Out** 5:00 pm, Kincaid's Restaurant in the Highlands

**March 1 : First Saturday Breakfast** 8:30 am, Pioneer Restaurant 306 109<sup>th</sup> St.

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

## Tidbits

If you have anything for sale that you'd like to post here on the newsletter, just send me an email at [N5ACK@ARRL.NET](mailto:N5ACK@ARRL.NET) and I'll include it in the next month's newsletter. Likewise, if someone needs some help, or is looking for a particular amplifier or widgeit, let me know and I'll post it here.

Also, if you have any announcements, or especially any ideas to include in the newsletter or for a presentation, please feel free to send them to myself, or any board member.

## Happy Birthday

Jay Cox W5UJM February 14<sup>th</sup>

Randy Eaton KK5QJ February 8<sup>th</sup>

## Next Meeting 2/21/2014

As a reminder, club dues are now due if they have not been paid yet.

Dues can be paid online via Paypal (link is on the website), or our treasurer Joyce will be happy to take cash or checks at the meeting. Best time to see her would be during the break before the presentation.

Also, don't forget that we now have a "lending library" of books that will be brought to the meetings each month. Please make sure that when you borrow a book, that it's brought back at the next meeting so others may borrow it.

The presentation this month is very special, especially if you are a Veteran or related to a Veteran. If you know of any WWII or Korean War Veterans, feel free to invite them to the meeting. We'd love to have them and to personally thank them for their service to our country.



## From the Presidents Desk

Glory be.....I made it though my first meeting without any major blunders. I talked too much which is my worst bane. I hope that I didn't burn any ears. I also hope that you will give thought to the projects (membership & Field Day shirts) that I proposed for future discussion.

Wayne and I went to the Cowtown Hamfest on Sat.18th and saw a few old friends that we only see at such events as that. I also met a gentleman who is a new ham and was interested in joining the club, so I gave him my sales pitch. I'm sure we'll be seeing him at the meeting. While I'm on the subject of visitors, I would like for as many of our members as possible to be sure to go up and shake hands and welcome them. It will make them feel more at home.

Things are progressing right along with the inventory of the Clubs assets. Phil & David went to the storage site and counted equipment there, while Paul sent an inventory of the Repeater equipment.

We have a couple of members that have been on our sick list. Winnie Hill was in the hospital with the flu and is now in a rehab facility (Town Hall on Mayfield). Wayne KZ5O is recouping from shoulder surgery on the 12th. We wish them both a speedy recovery. The Club is like a big happy family and when a member or loved one is sick I need to know about it. Keep warm. "Texas has two seasons, winter & summer, and both in the same week".

Sherry W5YUP



## Contest Corner February

± Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	0200Z-0400Z, Feb 17
± QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Feb 19
± AGCW Semi-Automatic Key Evening	1900Z-2030Z, Feb 19
± RSGB 80m Club Championship, CW	2000Z-2130Z, Feb 20
± QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Feb 21
± NCCC Sprint Ladder	0230Z-0300Z, Feb 21
± CQ 160-Meter Contest, SSB	2200Z, Feb 21 to 2200Z, Feb 23
± REF Contest, SSB	0600Z, Feb 22 to 1800Z, Feb 23
± UBA DX Contest, CW	1300Z, Feb 22 to 1300Z, Feb 23
± North American QSO Party, RTTY	1800Z, Feb 22 to 0559Z, Feb 23
± High Speed Club CW Contest	0900Z-1100Z, Feb 23 and 1500Z-1700Z, Feb 23
± SARL Digital Contest	1300Z-1600Z, Feb 23
± North Carolina QSO Party	1500Z, Feb 23 to 0059Z, Feb 24
± CQC Winter QSO Sprint	0100Z-0259Z, Feb 24
± QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Feb 26
± CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z-1400Z, Feb 26 and 1900Z-2000Z, Feb 26 and 0300Z-0400Z, Feb 27
± SKCC Sprint	0000Z-0200Z, Feb 27
± QRP Fox Hunt	0200Z-0330Z, Feb 28

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).

## 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).

## January 2014 Membership Meeting Minutes

*submitted by Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA, secretary*

The regular meeting of the membership of the AARC was called to order at 7:30pm January 17th, 2014 by the President, Sherry W5YUP. Other board members present included the Vice President, David KB3UBD; Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Treasurer, Joyce W5FJB; Editor, Dennis N5ACK; Repeater Trustee, Maurice KM5RF; and Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW. Absent was Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT.

Sherry W5YUP called the meeting to order and asked the attendees to introduce themselves by name and call sign.

The minutes for the November meetings were submitted for publication in the January 2014 newsletter. A motion was made and carried to accept the minutes as published.

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

Phil N5PWW continues to hold test sessions on the first and third Saturdays of the month. No training sessions are currently scheduled. When interest is expressed by at least 10 people, a training session will be considered.

Maurice KM5RF has completed the form 1023 for tax exempt status and is ready to be submitted. He will work with Joyce on completing 4 years of 1090-EZ forms.

Dennis N5ACK sent out the newsletter and brought hard copies for tonight's meeting.

On behalf of Bill AE5BT, Dave W5DJO reported that there are volunteer opportunities to assist with testing the city's siren warning system on the first Wednesday of each month. Amateur radio stations have been installed in seven medical centers in Arlington. Testing of simplex communication between the sites has been successful.

New business: Phil will conduct an inventory of the club's assets. If you have any of the club's equipment in your possession, please report it to Phil.

Rob May continues to support the AARC lending library, to which Scott AE5PC donated a tote box and several books.

A break was taken at 8:05pm.

Meeting resumed at 8:35pm with a presentation by David Spore KB3UBD including videos on amateur radio.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15pm. The sign-in sheet showed 32 people in attendance, 27 indicating AARC membership.



## January 2014 Executive Board Meeting Minutes

*submitted by Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA, secretary*

The regular meeting of the Executive Board of the AARC was held on January 17th, 2014 at 6:35pm. Present were President, Sherry W5YUP; Vice President, David KB3UBD; Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Treasurer, Joyce W5FJB; Editor, Dennis N5ACK; Repeater Trustee, Maurice KM5RF; Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW. Absent was Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT.

Maurice KM5RF has done the paper work for attaining the club's tax exempt status. He will assist Joyce with completing the tax returns for previous years. He informed the board that the IRLP is currently not functioning.

Joyce W5FJB reviewed the financial report and will be accepting membership dues.

Phil N5PWW continues to conduct testing sessions on the first and third Saturdays of the month at 10am. No training sessions are currently being conducted or have been scheduled.

David KB3UBD noted his plan for a presentation and demonstration of amateur television at the February meeting.

In reference to Article VII, Section 1E of the AARC bylaws, the board approved the allocation of \$200 for use by the Repeater Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 7:23pm.

## January 2014 Financial Report

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### ACCOUNTS

Checking	1/31/2014	General fund	3649.40
		G.F. includes income and G&W \$587.00	
		Repeater fund	1211.90
		Total	4861.30
	Expenses	Go- Daddy web site	210.10
	Income	Dues and pay pal(G.F.)	631.47
Balances	Bank		4651.20
	Checkbook		4651.40
C.D.			2168.29
TOTAL AT CAPITAL ONE			6819.29
Petty cash			25.00
TOTAL CLUB TREASURY			6844.29

Submitted by Joyce Waites, W5FJB Treasurer 2014

## 2014 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.