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April Meeting

The presentation for the April meeting will be “My HT Repair Adventure”. This presentation will detail how I got an ICOM-T8A HT on ebay and discovered that it was not transmitting with any power (it could transmit a few feet). I will show how I went through the process of doing the repair, including where I obtained the special tool needed just to open the radio. Should be an interesting look into the problem the radio had, as well as what it's like to get inside of one.



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.

Field Day 2014 Shirts

If you are interested in purchasing an ARRL 2014 Field Day shirt, please see Bill Tatsch AE5BT (Mr. Field Day) during the April 18th meeting. The shirts are \$14 each payable in advance at this Friday night's meeting. (cash or checks made out to Bill Tatsch). The order will be placed the following day, so if you want a shirt with free shipping, you'll need to order it with Bill at this month's meeting. The shirts will be delivered at the May meeting.

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)

Speaking of Field Day... We need volunteers to work the various stations this year, especially the CW station. Please see Bill at the meeting to sign up for the station of your choice (CW, SSB, GOTA, SSB, Digital, VHF)

Calendar of Events

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

Board meetings are open and anyone is welcome to attend.

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

April 19: Dining Out 5:00 pm, Mellow Mushroom 200 N Center St Arlington

May 3 : First Saturday Breakfast 8:30 am, Main Street Cafe 2023 S Cooper St, Arlington

May 3 : 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 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.

For Sale

Antenna mounts

I have a light bar that has 3 MNO antenna mounts (on top) and 2 for COMET(one each side) antennas. Turn/stop lights are LEDs with backup lights.

This sold for \$500+.... Will take \$250.00 It is made to fit the stake holes in the bed and setup for a TUNDRA. Can be made to fit others.

Dave Walker

W5DJO

817-557-5219

Birthdays

David Brown W5DCB May 10

James Sanders KF5MGR May 20

David Gearhart KB3QWQ May 29

Next Meeting 4/18/2014

Are **you** one?

Are You one of the thirty-two 2013 members that have not paid their 2014 dues? We don't want to remove you from our rolls. Please pay your dues to any club board member or by paypal this month before we modify the roster and the mailing list.

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. If you have any books lying around that you would like to let others borrow, please add them to the library. Make sure to put your name in or on them if you want them back.

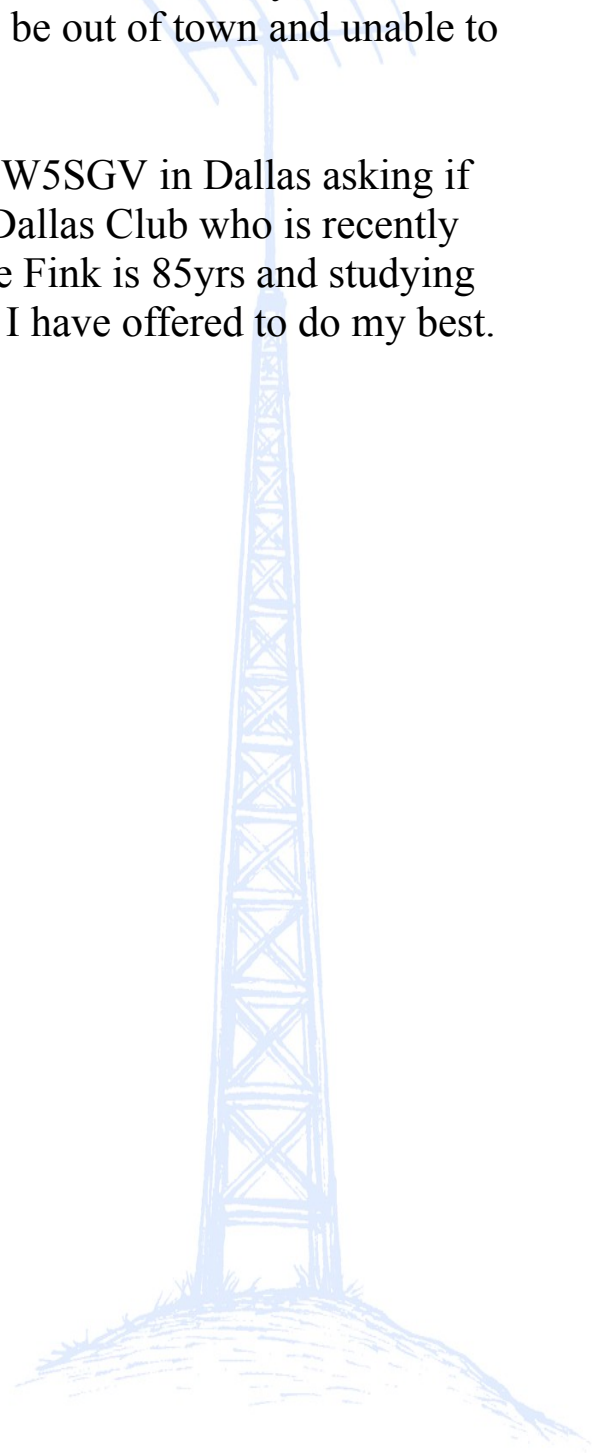
From the Presidents Desk

This month has gone by fast. This is Easter weekend and many will be visiting friends or relatives. Wayne and I will be out of town and unable to attend the meeting.

I received a phone call from a Russell Fish W5SGV in Dallas asking if we could give some help to a member of the Dallas Club who is recently admitted into a nursing home here. Mr Charlie Fink is 85yrs and studying for his Tech license but could use some help. I have offered to do my best.

73s

Sherry W5YUP



Contest Corner April/May

NCCC Sprint Ladder 0230Z-0300Z, Apr 18
Michigan QSO Party 1600Z, Apr 19 to 0400Z, Apr 20
EU Spring Sprint, SSB 1600Z-1959Z, Apr 19
Ontario QSO Party 1800Z, Apr 19 to 1800Z, Apr 20
ARRL Rookie Roundup, SSB 1800Z-2359Z, Apr 20
Low Power Spring Sprint 1400Z-2000Z, Apr 21
10-10 Int. Spring Contest, Digital 0001Z, Apr 26 to 2359Z, Apr 27
QRP to the Field 1500Z, Apr 26 to 0300Z, Apr 27
Florida QSO Party 1600Z, Apr 26 to 2159Z, Apr 27
10-10 Int. Spring Contest, CW 0001Z, May 3 to 2359Z, May 4
QRP to the Field 1200Z-2359Z, May 3
7th Call Area QSO Party 1300Z, May 3 to 0700Z, May 4
Indiana QSO Party 1600Z, May 3 to 0400Z, May 4
New England QSO Party 2000Z, May 3 to 2400Z, May 4
FISTS Spring Sprint 1700Z-2100Z, May 10
His Maj. King of Spain Contest, CW 1200Z, May 17 to 1200Z, May 18

The above is an abbreviated list only.

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.

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).

Membership

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

March 2014 Membership Meeting Minutes

submitted by Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA, secretary

The regular meeting of the membership of the AARC was called to order at 7:33pm March 21st, 2014 by the President, Sherry W5YUP. Other board members present included the Vice President, David KB3UBD; Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Treasurer, Joyce W5FJB; Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW; Repeater Trustee, Maurice KM5RF; and Editor, Dennis N5ACK. Absent was Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT (at Bill's request, David Walker W5DJO conveyed information on his behalf).

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

Joyce W5FJB reviewed the financial report for February 2014. A motion was made and carried to accept for audit the financial report as published. She reported that Maurice is working on tax returns for previous years. Joyce requested that those members who pay their membership dues via PayPal to complete a membership form including their email address and call sign. As part of the duties of the treasurer, Joyce held an audit of the financial records for 2013. The participants were Wayne Shelton, Rob May, and Helen Stevenson.

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

Phil N5PWW continues to hold test sessions on the first and third Saturdays of the month. At the last test session, two people successfully completed the exam for their first license, and one person received an upgrade. No training sessions are currently scheduled.

Maurice KM5RF reported that the repeater is in working order.

Dennis N5ACK published the newsletter, including the financial report and meeting minutes.

Linda McMillen W5LMC requested the use of the club's repeater on April 27th for an event including the Office of Emergency Management. The board granted use of the repeater.

A break was taken at 8:07pm.

Meeting resumed at 8:27pm with a presentation by David KB3UBD on amateur television.

The meeting adjourned at 8:51pm. The sign-in sheet showed 24 people in attendance, 22 indicating AARC membership.



March 2014 Executive Board Meeting Minutes

submitted by Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA, secretary

The regular meeting of the Executive Board of the AARC was held on March 21st, 2014 at 6:38pm. Present were President, Sherry W5YUP; Vice President, David KB3UBD; Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Treasurer, Joyce W5FJB; Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW; Editor, Dennis N5ACK; and Repeater Trustee, Maurice KM5RF. Absent was Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT (at Bill's request, David Walker W5DJO conveyed information on his behalf).

Joyce W5FJB informed the board that the donation to SafeHaven was given. Joyce reported that Chris Webster, as his request, was removed from all the Capital One accounts held by the Arlington Amateur Radio Club.

Linda McMillen W5LMC requested the use of the club's repeater on April 27th for an event involving the Office of Emergency Management. The board voted and granted use of the repeater.

The meeting adjourned at 7:23pm.

March 2014 Financial Report

Submitted by Joyce Waites, W5FJB Treasurer 2014

ACCOUNTS

Checking	03/01/14	General fund	3732.24
		G.F. includes income and G&W \$587.00	
		Repeater fund	1211.90
	Expenses	Storage Hut(6 mo.)	225.00
		Safe Haven Donation	250.00
	Income	Dues and pay pal(G.F.)	205.88
		Donation	291.00
Balances	Bank	2/28/14	4966.02
	Checkbook		4966.02
C.D. (renew 6/19/2014)			2168.44
TOTAL AT CAPITAL ONE			7134.46
Petty cash			25.00
TOTAL CLUB TREASURY			7159.46

2014 Club Officers

President:	Sherry Shelton W5YUP - camperstar44@yahoo.com - 817-275-2074
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