



# COMMUNICATOR

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## May Meeting



This meeting Rob May NV5E will give a presentation on inexpensive HT's from China. Only a few years ago, the choice was basically the Wouxun KG-UVD1P which could be had for as little as \$100 if you shopped around. Now there's a number of others starting at \$20

## 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.

## Calendar of Events

**May 16: Executive Board Meeting** 6:30 pm, 501 W. Sanford.

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

**May 16: General Membership Meeting** 7:30 pm, 501 W. Sanford.

**May 17: Dining Out** 5:00 pm, Pei Wei 4133 S. Cooper Street #307

**June 7 : First Saturday Breakfast** 8:30 am, Jay Jays Cafe

1001 S Bowen Rd. Arlington.

**June 7: VE Testing** 10:00 am, 401 W. Sanford. Enter on north side of the building.

## 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)

## 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.

## 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. Turm/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

Richard Pongratz K5SHT      May 20th

James Sanders KF5MGB      May 20th

David Gearhart KB3QWQ      May 29th

## Next Meeting 5/16/2014

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.

***Remember: Next meeting is the last meeting before Field Day. If you ordered a shirt or any other field day items through Bill Tatsch AE5BT, the May meeting would be the best time to pick them up.***



## **From the Presidents Desk**

Well here's latest news on all this mess I've had for the past month. It started out with bronchitis and having to sleep sitting up. Easter weekend (I think) it turned into congestive heart failure. We went camping and I had a bad time of it. I couldn't breathe and I was exhausted just walking a short distance. I saw the Doctor again and he put me on a bunch of new meds. Two days later he said I had Congestive Heart Failure. The Cardio Dr has put me on a blood thinner and new BP meds, he will do a stress test on 5/13. After that he will put me in the hospital and do an Electric Shock to get my heart back in sync. I've just now this week been able to sleep in my own bed again. To all of you who have heart problems I can now say "I know how you feel", it's not fun.

I have not talked to Lewis or Terry to check on their wives, but know that they have been in my prayers. I hope to see everyone in good health at the up coming Club meeting.

73's

Sherry W5YUP



## Contest Corner April/May

His Maj. King of Spain Contest, CW1200Z, May 17 to 1200Z, May 18

Run for the Bacon QRP Contest 0100Z-0300Z, May 19

CQ WW WPX Contest, CW0000Z, May 24 to 2400Z, May 25

Asia-Pacific Sprint, SSB1100Z-1300Z, Jun 14

ARRL June VHF Contest 1800Z, Jun 14 to 0300Z, Jun 16

All Asian DX Contest, CW0000Z, Jun 21 to 2400Z, Jun 22

His Maj. King of Spain Contest, SSB1200Z, Jun 28 to 1200Z, Jun 29

Ukrainian DX DIGI Contest 1200Z, Jun 28 to 1200Z, Jun 29

And last but not least.....

ARRL Field Day 1800Z, Jun 28 to 2100Z, Jun 29

### **The above is an abbreviated list only.**

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).

## Membership

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

## **April 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 April 18th, 2014 by the Vice President, David KB3UBD. Other board members present included the Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT; Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW; and Editor, Dennis N5ACK. Absent were President, Sherry W5YUP; Treasurer, Joyce W5FJB; and Repeater Trustee, Maurice KM5RF.

David KB3UBD called the meeting to order and asked the attendees to introduce themselves by name and call sign.

Bill AE5BT let the club membership know that he would be accepting orders for ARRL Field Day t-shirts. With a bulk purchase, the membership can save on the cost of shipping. The current plan for Field Day is to start setting up the stations at 9am on Saturday, and take down the stations at 1pm on Sunday. Operators will be particularly needed during the usual lull from midnight to 6am. If you would like to assist, please contact Bill.

The minutes for the March meetings were submitted for publication in the April 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. Two people have confirmed that they will attend the test session being held tomorrow. No training sessions are currently scheduled. If you are interested in participating in a training session, please contact Phil. On July 1 the pool of test question will change for the Technician Class license.

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

David KB3UBD informed the membership that the presentation for the next month would be provided by Rob May NV5E on the topic of inexpensive HT radios from China.

A break was taken at 7:54pm.

Meeting resumed at 8:08pm with a presentation by David KB3UBD on his adventures in repairing his HT.

The meeting adjourned at 8:24pm. The sign-in sheet showed 23 people in attendance, 21 indicating AARC membership.



## **April 2014 Executive Board Meeting Minutes submitted by Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA, secretary**

The regular meeting of the Executive Board of the AARC was held on April 18th, 2014 at 6:37pm. Present were Vice President, David KB3UBD; Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW; and Editor, Dennis N5ACK. Absent was President, Sherry W5YUP; Treasurer, Joyce W5FJB; and Repeater Trustee, Maurice KM5RF.

Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT will be asking for volunteers to participate in Field Day activities, such as setting up the stations, taking down the stations, and operating the digital, HF sideband, and the GOTA (Get On The Air) stations.

David Lucas KF5CFW will announce the plans for AARC Field Day activities on Twitter, Facebook, and the AARC web page.

Rob May NV5E will provide a presentation next month the topic of inexpensive HT radios from China.

The meeting adjourned at 6:59pm.



## April 2014 Financial Report

Submitted by Joyce Waites, W5FJB Treasurer 2014

### Arlington Amateur Radio Club

April 2014 Financial Report

#### ACCOUNTS

Checking	4/30/2014 General fund	3754.12
	G.F. includes income and G&W \$587.00	
	Repeater fund	1211.90
Expenses	Post Office eBox (paid for one year).	80.00
Income	Dues and pay pal(G.F.)	146.91
Balances	Bank	4/30/2014 5032.93
	Checkbook	5032.93
C.D. (renew 6/19/2014)		2168.62
TOTAL AT CAPITAL ONE		7201.55
Petty cash		25.00
TOTAL CLUB TREASURY		7226.55

## 2014 Club Officers

<b>President:</b>	Sherry Shelton W5YUP - <a href="mailto:camperstar44@yahoo.com">camperstar44@yahoo.com</a> - 817-275-2074
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