



# 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)

## October Meeting

At the October meeting, we will be having a show-and-tell instead of our normal presentation. This is a great time to bring some ham related item that is rare, something you're fond or proud of. Something you built would especially be great to bring.

Basically, anything you have that we all would love to gawk at.

### JOTA coming up in October

October 18th and 19th will be JOTA, the Boy Scouts Jamboree On The Air. We will be on the air on Saturday the 18th from 1000-1400. Setup will be at 0900 and breakdown from 1400-1500. Come on out and help.

**FIELD DAY Awards:** At the September meeting the AARC presented a Plaque of "Appreciation to Sandi & Bubba Roy for 10 years of delicious BBQ".

Also awarded with a "Presidents Certificate of Appreciation" was Rob NV5E for the Pizza lunches, and to Bill AE5BT for buying the Meats for the BBQ. As stated before, there are so many members that work so hard to make our Field Day a success that we applaud you and at the same time knowing that you all will be doing the same thing next year.



## Calendar of Events

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

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

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

**October 18: Dining Out** 5:00 pm, Ton's Mongolian Grill 1171 SW Green Oaks Blvd, Arlington

**October 18: JOTA** starting setup at 9:00am 501 W. Sanford.

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

**November 1: First Saturday Breakfast** 8:30 am Rise & Shine 1815 W Pioneer Pkwy, Arlington

**November 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.

## Wanted

-I am looking for xtals for the 2-meter GONSET radio. Dave Walker W5DJO 817-557-5219

-Depending on price and condition I would like to find two older Kenwood accessories; MC-50 desk microphone and and SP-520 speaker. Before shopping Ebay I would like to give the club members an opportunity to sell unused items. I can be reached at [KD5RA@live.com](mailto:KD5RA@live.com) or 817-874-5463.

## 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

Wayne Hoskins      WM5Q      Oct 20

William Patton      AC5AS      Oct 2

**Next Meeting 9/19/2014**

# From the Presidents Desk

Well the gang showed up to help Wayne KZ5O lay over his tower and reattach the reflector element on the antenna and tighten up the other elements. Then they all converged in the shack to check the SWRs and see his setup. Me, I stayed in the house so as not to get in the way of all masculinity.

I hope that none you suffered from the big storm on the 2nd. We had some minor tree damage and our patio table out in the back of the yard was blown over and busted the glass top and frame. As luck would have it no damage was done the antennas. Since we also lost power it got really dark. Trying to read a book by candlelight it's not easy even with all the candles that Wayne set around the house.

I found an old club newsletter dated March 1995 in which I wish to copy a portion of "Brenda's Beacon".

"It happens to all of us-the aging process. Before you know it the day will pass and we'll say "Oh, I could've done this"

or "I should have done that." There's a catchy little song about Christopher Robin and Winnie the Pooh that speaks of

"there's just so much to be done...count all the bees in the hive, chase all the clouds from the sky." This verse takes a

playful look at getting things done. Maybe we should take on a more jovial attitude about our radio hobby and the AARC.

This is your hobby, so don't be afraid to become involved in our activities."

NO HANG UP ALLOWED HERE....YOU ARE THE CLUB.

73

Sherry W5YUP



## Contest Corner June/July

SARL 80m QSO Party	1700Z-2000Z, Oct 2
German Telegraphy Contest	0700Z-0959Z, Oct 3
TARA PSK Rumble Contest	0000Z-2400Z, Oct 4
Oceania DX Contest, Phone	0800Z, Oct 4 to 0800Z, Oct 5
California QSO Party	1600Z, Oct 4 to 2159Z, Oct 5
EU Autumn Sprint, SSB	1600Z-1959Z, Oct 4
CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z, Oct 8 to 0400Z, Oct 9
10-10 Int. 10-10 Day Sprint	0001Z-2359Z, Oct 10
Makrothen RTTY Contest	0000Z, Oct 11 to 1559Z, Oct 12
Oceania DX Contest, CW	0800Z, Oct 11 to 0800Z, Oct 12
Scandinavian Activity Contest, SSB	1200Z, Oct 11 to 1200Z, Oct 12
SKCC Weekend Sprintathon	1200Z, Oct 11 to 2359Z, Oct 12
Arizona QSO Party	1600Z, Oct 11 to 2359Z, Oct 12
EU Autumn Sprint, CW	1600Z-1959Z, Oct 11
Pennsylvania QSO Party	1600Z, Oct 11 to 2200Z, Oct 12
FISTS Fall Sprint	1700Z-2100Z, Oct 11
North American Sprint, RTTY	0000Z-0400Z, Oct 12
10-10 Int. Fall Contest, CW	0001Z, Oct 18 to 2359Z, Oct 19
New York QSO Party	1400Z, Oct 18 to 0200Z, Oct 19
Worked All Germany Contest	1500Z, Oct 18 to 1459Z, Oct 19
Asia-Pacific Fall Sprint, CW	0000Z-0200Z, Oct 19
Illinois QSO Party	1700Z, Oct 19 to 0100Z, Oct 20
Run for the Bacon QRP Contest	0100Z-0300Z, Oct 20
SKCC Sprint	0000Z-0200Z, Oct 22
CWops Mini-CWT Test	1300Z, Oct 22 to 0400Z, Oct 23
CQ Worldwide DX Contest, SSB	0000Z, Oct 25 to 2400Z, Oct 26

### **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.



## **September 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 September 19th, 2014 by the President, Sherry W5YUP. Other board members present included the Vice President, David KB3UBD; Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT; Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW; and Repeater Trustee, Maurice KM5RF. Absent were the Treasurer, Joyce W5FJB; and Editor, Dennis N5ACK.

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

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

Joyce W5FJB was not present, so voting on the approval of the treasurer's report was postponed until the following meeting.

Phil N5PWW continues to hold test sessions on the first and third Saturdays of the month. The Technician Class training session held at USMD has concluded. He reported that the club's electric generator, which stopped functioning at Field Day, can not be fixed in way that is economically feasible. A motion was made and carrier to allocate the sum of \$300 which Phil may spend at his discretion to replace the electric generator.

Maurice KM5RF reported that the repeater is in working order. The IRLP is now working, after repairs were made. The club's license is up to date.

Bill AE5BT reported that the Boy Scouts of America event known as Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) will be held on Saturday, October 18th.

Rob May NV5E, having been appointed as the nominating committee chair, informed the membership that officer elections will be held at the November membership meeting. All offices are voted upon. The current President, Vice President, and Treasurer will not be seeking re-election for those offices.

A break was taken at 8:07pm.

Meeting resumed at 8:20pm with a presentation on the National Traffic System by Jo Ann Keith, KA5AZK.

The meeting adjourned at 9:25pm. The sign-in sheet showed 23 people in attendance, 22 indicating AARC membership.



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

The regular meeting of the Executive Board of the AARC was held on September 19th, 2014 at 6:42pm. Present were President, Sherry W5YUP; Vice President, David KB3UBD; Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW; Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT; and Repeater Trustee, Maurice KM5RF. Absent were Treasurer, Joyce W5FJB; and Editor, Dennis N5ACK.

Sherry reminded the board that officer elections will be held in November at the membership meeting. All offices, with the exception of Repeater Trustee and Agent of Record, will be voted upon.

Phil has completed the Technician Class training sessions at USMD. A test session will be held tomorrow.

Maurice reported that the IRLP is now functioning. He has also purchased the mobile radio for the raffle, which is \$5 per ticket. The drawing will be held at the holiday party held in December.

Bill reminded the board that JOTA will be held on Saturday, October 18th.

The meeting adjourned at 7:06pm.

## September 2014 Financial Report

Submitted by Joyce Waites, W5FJB Treasurer 2014

### Arlington Amateur Radio Club

#### September 2014 Financial Report

##### ACCOUNTS

Checking	10/1/2014 General fund	3183.87
	G&W 428.65(part of G.F)	
	Repeater fund	1211.90
	Expenses	
	Appreciation plaque	45.00
	Income	
	Dues13.00	0.00
	Raffle	25.00
	excess from petty cash	4.37
Balances	Bank	4392.14
	1012/2014	
	Checkbook	4392.14
C.D. (renew 12/19/2014)	interest this month .18	2169.52
TOTAL AT CAPITAL ONE		6561.66
Petty cash		25.00
TOTAL CLUB TREASURY		6594.48

## 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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