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Club Meetings

Meetings are held the third Friday of each month in the Human Services building located at:

501 W. Sanford in central Arlington at 7:30 p.m.

Members generally begin arriving at 7:00 pm.

The executive board meeting is held prior to the general member meeting at starting at 6:30 pm. All members are welcome to attend the executive board meeting.

K5SLD Repeaters

147.14+ PL 110.9

224.8- PL 110.9

444.2+ PL 100.0

Announcements

August Meeting Topic

Ice Cream Social – Bring your favorite ice cream to share. Kathleen & Trey will be making liquid nitrogen ice cream again this year .

Birthdays

Steve Bennett	KD5ZD	8/14
James Boyd	KA5FVG	8/6
Trey Seastrunk	AF5XS	8/21
Sherry Shelton	W5YUP	8/11
Jim Stiebing	WB5UFD	8/22
Jim Stiffler	N5SVX	8/22

Silent Key

It is with heavy hearts that we must say goodbye to another friend. Bob Schlotzhauer, N5TIB, is now a silent key. He passed away on Tuesday at 4:00AM. Viewing is on Saturday from 6-8PM. The funeral is Monday at 10:00AM, at Bean Massey & Burr funeral home, 733 Dalworth St, Grand Prairie, TX. Burial will be at Moore Memorial Gardens in Arlington, after the services.

Calendar of Events

August 19: General Membership Meeting 7:30 pm, 501 W. Sanford.

August 20: Testing 10:00 am, 401 W. Sanford. Enter on north side of the building.

==== Dining Out (Saturday after the club meeting, 5:00pm) ====

Got a suggestion for September? Let us know!

==== Breakfast (first Saturday, 8:30am) ====

Got a suggestion for September? Let us know!

August 20th San Antonio Missions trip

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).

Meeting Minutes

June 2016 Membership Meeting Minutes submitted by Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA, Secretary

The regular meeting of the membership of the AARC was called to order at 7:32pm on June 17th, 2016 by the President, David KB3UBD. Other board members present included the Vice President, Linda W5LMC; Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT; Training Coordinator, Phil N5PWW; and the Repeater Trustee, Maurice KM5RF.

Absent were the Treasurer, Terry KD5RA; and the Editor, Trey AF5XS.

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

The June newsletter was not published in time for the membership meeting.

Phil N5PWW continues to hold test sessions on the first and third Saturdays of the month at 10am. Phil will conduct a class if a minimum of 10 people commit to a class. Six people have expressed interest in the General class, and two people have expressed interest in the Technician class.

Maurice KM5RF completed the upgrade of the repeater firmware and the installation of the RF amplifier.

Linda W5LMC mentioned that the evening's presentation will be on the upcoming AARC Field Day 2016 activities. The presentation in July will include a review by David KB3UBD on the National Parks on the Air trip to Oklahoma, and an update by Rob NV5E on the aircraft band radio receiver kit. August will be the ice cream social.

Bill AE5BT reviewed the Field Day 2016 plans for the club.

The meeting adjourned at 8:07pm. The sign-in sheet showed 19 people in attendance, 17 indicating AARC membership.

June 2016 Executive Board Meeting Minutes submitted by Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA, Secretary

The regular meeting of the Executive Board of the AARC was called to order on June 17th, 2016 at 6:37pm. Present were the President, David KB3UBD; Vice President, Linda W5LMC; Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT; Training Coordinator, Phil N5PWW; and the Repeater Trustee, Maurice KM5RF.

Absent were the Treasurer, Terry KD5RA; and the Editor, Trey AF5XS.

Phil N5PWW will assist Terry KD5RA with trips to the post office and bank if a replacement is not found for the office of Treasurer. Phil will provide a test session at the Field Day site. Several people have expressed interest in the General and Technician classes, but the minimum number of 10 people has yet to be reached.

Bill AE5BT reviewed the plans for Field Day.

Maurice KM5RF coordinated and completed the installation of the RF amplifier and the new repeater firmware.

David KB3UBD is planning on taking a trip next week to the San Antonio Missions to evaluate possible locations to set up a station for an August National Parks on the Air activation.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.

Additional Board Business: On July 11, 2016 Terry sought permission from the board to move our banking to another institution because Capital One is closing numerous local branches. Research by Phil and Terry resulted in selecting Allied Federal Credit Union (formerly Arlington Federal Credit Union). AFCU requires a very minimal minimum deposit to waive service fees. AFCU also has numerous convenient local branches and a long history in the area. Initially we will be opening a checking account and the \$25 savings account required by most Credit Unions. When the Club's CD matures in December we will move the CD to AFCU. A majority of the board voted in favor of opening the account with AFCU.

July 2016 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 on July 15th, 2016 by the President, David KB3UBD. Other board members present included the Vice President, Linda W5LMC; Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Editor, Trey AF5XS; Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT; Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW; and Repeater Trustee, Maurice KM5RF. Absent was the Treasurer, Terry KD5RA.

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

Andy KB2VQA read an addendum to the June minutes. A motion was made and carried to accept the addendum as read. The addendum mentioned that on July 11, 2016 Terry sought permission from the board to move our banking to another institution because our current bank is closing numerous local branches. Research by Phil and Terry resulted in selecting a local credit union. The CU requires a very minimal minimum deposit to waive service fees, and has numerous convenient local branches with a long history in the area. Initially we will be opening a checking account and the \$25 savings account required by most credit unions. When the Club's CD matures in December we will move the CD to the credit union.

A majority of the board voted in favor of opening the account with the CU.

The May meeting minutes were published in the July newsletter. A motion was made and carried to accept the minutes as published.

The minutes for the June meetings were submitted for publication in the July 2016 newsletter. The Executive Board meeting minutes did not appear in the July newsletter. A motion to accept the minutes will be postponed until they appear in the August newsletter.

Phil N5PWW reported that he and Terry KD5RA opened the new bank accounts and closed the old bank accounts. When the Certificate of Deposit reaches its date of maturity it will also be moved to the new bank.

Phil holds test sessions on the first and third Saturdays of the month at 10am. He may conduct a class for the Technician or General license if a minimum of 10 people commit to the class. Please contact Phil if you are interested in taking a class.

Bill AE5BT expressed this thanks to Rob May NV5E for the significant contribution he made to the success of the AARC Field Day activities. The Boy Scouts of America amateur radio event known as Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) will be held on Saturday, October 15th. Bill is planning on setting up a station at the Sid Richardson Scout Ranch. If you are interested in participating in JOTA, contact Bill.

Linda W5LMC informed the membership that the presentation for the evening would be given by Bill Adams AF4B and Dave Lear NE5DL on the topics of mobile amateur radio, and contact logging. Rob May NV5E will give an update on the aviation band receiver kit. The August meeting will be the ice cream social accompanied by a slide show. In September, there will be a presentation on the history of the Arlington Amateur Radio Club.

Trey AF5XS published the July newsletter. He will send an updated July newsletter to include the June Executive Board meeting minutes.

David KB3UBD announced the appointment of Gray Strickland KG5CEA to the position of Membership Committee Chair. David is looking for 3 or more people to assist him with the National Parks on the Air activation that is planned for August 19th to 20th at the San Antonio Missions. Please contact David if you are interested in providing assistance.

A break was taken at 8:00pm. At 8:15pm the meeting resumed with a presentation by Rob May NV5E and Jim Cooke KF5IHM on their experiences with building the aviation band receiver kit. Following Rob and Jim was a presentation by Bill Adams AF4B and Dave Lear NE5DL on the topics of different activities related to mobile amateur radio, and QSO logging.

The meeting adjourned at 9:21pm. The sign-in sheet showed 27 people in attendance, 23 indicating AARC membership.

July 2016 Executive Board Meeting Minutes submitted by Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA, Secretary

The regular meeting of the Executive Board of the AARC was held on July 15th, 2016 at 6:34pm. Present were the President, David KB3UBD; Vice President, Linda W5LMC; Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT; Editor, Trey AF5XS; Training Coordinator and Agent

of Record, Phil N5PWW; and Repeater Trustee, Maurice KM5RF.
Absent was the Treasurer, Terry KD5RA.

David KB3UBD appointed Gray Strickland KG5CEA to the position of Membership Committee Chair.

David also took a trip to San Antonio in June to meet with the head ranger at the San Antonio Missions National Park. This is in preparation for the Nation Parks on the Air activation that David will be leading in August. The plan is to drive to San Antonio on Friday, August 19th, and then start setting up equipment on Saturday morning at 7am and being on the air by 9am.

Linda W5LMC informed the board that this evening's program will be given by Bill Adams AF4B and Dave Lear NE5DL on the topics of mobile amateur radio, and contact logging. Rob May NV5E will give an update on the aviation band receiver kit.

Trey AF5XS will print a new newsletter which will contain the June Executive Board meeting minutes.

Phil N5PWW continues to offer testing sessions on the first and third Saturdays of the month. There are currently no classes being conducted. He worked with Terry KD5RA to close the old bank account and open a new saving and checking account at a local bank. When the CD matures at the old bank it will be transferred to the new bank. This moving of accounts was due to the old bank closing its local branches.

The meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.

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Membership

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

2016 Club Officers

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K5SLD AARC REPEATER ETIQUETTE

1. Always identify yourself according to the regulations. This means every ten (10) minutes and at the end of your transmission. This is not only AARC's policy; it is also required by our license. It never hurts to give your station's call sign more than less. It helps other users know you are there if they are listening.
2. Avoid lengthy conversations, pause between transmissions. This in no way means keep the repeater quiet. On the contrary AARC put the repeater on the air to be used and we are very happy when it is busy. It does, however, mean that we all should remember to leave pauses for those to have their say.
3. Always yield the frequency to a breaking station (any station with emergency traffic). The pro sign "break" has a very specific meaning on ham radio. So if you hear it, then give them the frequency. If you use it, remember the importance of its use. Ham radio has saved many lives and you never know when it may need to save yours.
4. Yield existing conversations to recognized activities: Weekly Nets, RACES, Siren Testing, etc.
5. Do not engage in political soap boxing or views on religious matters. These subjects are very personal to others listening and should be avoided. Do not engage in any personal antagonisms. Keep in mind that some conversations are best held in private. Hate speech or derogatory remarks directed at any person or group (political, ethnic, racial, religious, sexual orientation, etc.) are never allowed on AARC repeaters. Please keep that stuff to yourself, nobody else wants to hear your personal rants over the airwaves. AARC is firm on this policy, you will be warned and if you continue you may be asked to leave the repeater.
6. Do not use CB lingo/language or phonetics excessively. This is FM, not like HF so we all can hear you loud and clear.
7. Selling items OTHER than ham related equipment is not allowed, nor is conducting any business. This is not only our policy but is also a prohibition against our license. As Amateur Radio operators, we are prohibited from gaining any pecuniary benefit from our operation of our amateur radio stations. When in doubt take it off the air.
8. Watch your language; the repeater is "G Rated" 24 hours a day. Sometimes slips happen. That being said there is a complete difference between an inadvertent slip and an intentional act.
9. If you hear stations jamming or interfering do not make any comment, ignore them. Do not antagonize those interfering! This is not going to make them stop; it also puts your license at risk as well.