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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

November Program Club Officer Elections

Come ready to vote for next year's officers or better yet, run for office.

Steve Edmonds KZ5MSE, reports on ARRL Mentorfest 2017

Amateur radio operators have a long tradition of helping each other to learn about and gain experience in the many facets of our hobby. Mentorfest 2017, hosted by the ARRL North Texas Section, provided an excellent venue last month for Hams, especially those recently licensed like myself, to gather and learn about lots of radio related subjects. Hams of all ages and experience levels came together in Irving, Texas on October 21, at the Betcha Bingo Hall for a day-long event packed with informative sessions presented by local ham radio mentors or "Elmers".

Having earned my Technician license earlier this year and discovering that I have a rather slow radio learning curve, I arrived early for the first session despite a dire weather forecast. I had already covered some of the more basic subjects like programming my Baofeng handheld using CHIRP and choosing a decent dual band antenna thanks to friend and mentor Don Kovatch, K5YAK. So, I grabbed a seat at 8 AM for Jason K5HWB's presentation on Digital Mobile Radio. Most of it was over my head, but he did paint a picture where DMR, Fusion and D-Star can provide improved FM communication.

My next session, on FSQ: Fast Simple QSO by Paul KA5TYW (check out QST Magazine, September 2015), was really over my head. Apparently, you can download some free FSQ software on your PC and work localized digital messaging with a 2 meter handheld set to 145.670 MHz simplex. Knock yourself out, experimenters!

More my speed were Ken AC5EZ's demonstration on soldering coax connectors, Andy KE5KOF's Anderson Power Pole assembly and Inexpensive outdoor J-Pole construction and testing by Don W9VE. The J-Pole testing was very cool when Don Murray showed his antenna's sweet spot under power with an

antique light bulb. I kept a safe distance.

Back for more punishment, I sat in on Guy N7WSC's session on Digital HF modes: PSK31/JT65 and Paul KA5TYW on AREDN: Amateur Radio Emergency Digital Network. At least I'm aware of this stuff now and think that it's pretty slick the way it works.

Unfortunately Mentorfest was poorly attended due to the timing of competing events. But, altogether, I had a great time. I finished the day by helping Jay Urish W5GM, ARRL North Texas Section, pack up his display table and banners; all the while picking his brain. Heck, I even won an ARRL cap in one of the drawings! Michael (Steve) KZ5MSE, 73



For Sale

I haven't seen an update lately, so check with Rob on availability.

Terry Lines equipment estate sale.

Item	Price	Condition	Notes
Radios			
Ten Tec 1220 2m	\$50.00	G	Built from kit
HTX-420	\$40.00	G	2m/440 HT
HTX-202	\$25.00	G	2m HT, need to find accessories
Amps			
Ameritron ALS-600	\$650.00	VG	Solid state w/ps

Mirage BD35 HT amp \$100.00 VG In box

Antenna Tuners

Ameritron ATR-30 (manual) \$275.00 VG 1500W

MFJ 969 Deluxe Versa Tuner (manual) \$100.00 VG Roller inductor 300W

LDG YT-1200 Autotuner \$100.00 VG

Power Supplies

Samlex RPS 1210 \$25.00 G 13.6V, 10A w/added meter

Astron RS-35M \$125.00 G

Homebrew 12, -12, 5V supply \$25.00 VG

Generic 12V, 3A supply \$10.00 G

Misc

Yaesu MD100 microphone \$50.00 G

Philmore HD3030 headphones (mono) \$8.00 G

Heil HM-10 microphone \$75.00 VG w/stand and Icom adapter

Heil Proset Plus Sold VG

Kenwood MC50 desk mic \$50.00 G

If interested please contact Rob May roblitespeed@hotmail.com

Interested in a Club Badge?



The advertisement is for Accent Awards & Trophies. It features a central image of a trophy. The text includes the company name, address (1815 W. Park Row, Arlington, TX 76013), a list of services (Trophies, Plaques, Ribbons, Engraving, Signage, Badges, Acrylics), contact information (sales@accentawards.us, 817.469.8791, www.accentawards.us), and a specific offer for a club badge. The badge is for K5SLD, the Arlington Amateur Radio Club, and is personalized for Dave W5DJO. The price is \$8.95 each plus tax.

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Items of Note

The Arlington Amateur Radio Club now has an Amazon Smile account. The club receives 0.5% of all eligible purchases donated to the club. Use the link on the Banner above or on the clubs webpage to designate the AARC as your charitable organization.

Birthdays

David Lucas	11/13
Larry Pollock	11/5
Abdulmanan Saleh	11/14

If I missed your birthday, let me know - Trey

Calendar of Events

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

==== Dining Out (November 18, 5:00 pm) ====

Corky's Brick Oven Pizzeria, 4760 Little Rd, Arlington, TX 76017

==== Breakfast (December 2, 8:30 am) ====

Pioneer Restaurant 306 109th St, Arlington, TX 76011

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

December 2: Testing 10:00 am, 401 W. Sanford. Enter on north side of the building.

==== AARC Holiday Party (December 11, 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm) ====

: Spring Creek BBQ, 3608 S Cooper St, Arlington, TX 76015 (just north of the Parks Mall).

Optional participation in the Thieving Santa gift exchange, \$8-\$12 range.

Warning sirens

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 David Walker W5DJO (cushmantx@sbcglobal.net) or the Office Of Emergency Management (817-459-6939).

Meeting Minutes

October 2017 Membership Meeting Minutes submitted by Trey Seastrunk AF5XS, Newsletter Editor

The regular meeting of the membership of the AARC was called to order at 7:31 pm on October 20th, 2017 by the President, David KB3UBD. Other board members present included Treasurer and Repeater Trustee, Maurice KM5RF; Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW; and Editor, Trey AF5XS. Absent was the Vice President, Virginia NV5F; Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT.

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

The minutes for the September meetings were submitted for publication in the October 2017 newsletter. A motion was made and carried to accept the minutes as published.

Maurice KM5RF reviewed the treasurer's report as it appeared in the newsletter. A motion was made and carried to accept for audit the report as published. He mentioned that insurance of \$320.00 is coming due soon. He reported they thought there was a problem with the repeater. The repeater was checked out and no problem was found. He reported that the repeaters are in working order.

Phil N5PWW holds testing sessions on the first and third Saturdays of the month at 10 am. A trauning session for General Class is still being planned.

Trey AF5XS compiled and distributed the newsletter. If you would like any items of interest to appear in the newsletter, please submit them to Trey no later than the Sunday before the club meeting.

David KB3UBD reminded everyone that he would not be seeking re-election as President and that in 2018 he will focus on the Membership Committee. He also reminded the membership know that the club campout will be held on October 27-29 at the Fairfield Campground. He informed everyone that all of the available camping slots were taken. It was stated that the club would not be at Mentorfest and Trey, AF5XS invited anyone attending Mentorfest to report on it.

Rob May, NV5E will be co-ordinating the club elections in November. David Walker will finish collecting Ham of the Year ballots.

Rob talked about build a 2m/440 antenna project for January or February.

A break was taken at 8:08 pm. The meeting resumed at 8:19 pm with a presentation by Jack Weaver, AA5VZ on how to make a magnetic loop antenna.

The meeting adjourned at 9:07 pm. The sign-in sheet showed 21 people in attendance, 19 indicating AARC membership.

October 2017 Executive Board Meeting Minutes submitted by Trey Seastrunk AF5XS, Newsletter Editor

The regular meeting of the Executive Board of the AARC was held on October 20th, 2017 at 6:39 pm. Present were President, David KB3UBD. Other board members present included Treasurer and Repeater Trustee, Maurice KM5RF; Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW; and Editor, Trey AF5XS. Absent was the Vice President, Virginia NV5F; Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT.

David KB3UBD called the meeting to order.

Trey AF5XS agreed to take notes in Andy's absence.

Phil N5PWW holds testing sessions on the first and third Saturdays of the month. He reported that there was 1 Tech and 1 Extra came out of the last testing session.

David KBDUBD noted that November will be the election of club officers. David Walker will be collecting ballots for Ham of the Year.

Maurice KM5RF reviewed the financial report. He reported that it was thought there was a problem with the repeater. The repeater was checked out and no problem was found. He reported that the repeaters are in working order. There was a short discussion about unknown persons causing interference on several area repeaters.

David KB3UBD will remind the membership of the upcoming camping trip from October 27 to 29, at the Fairfield Campground.

Trey AF5XS compiled and distributed the newsletter. The meeting adjourned at 7:08 pm.

AARC October 2017 Financial Report

	DESCRIPTION	CATEGORY	AMOUNT	BALANCE
BALANCE	9/30/2017			
		GENERAL FUND		\$ 2,673.95
		G&W		\$ 228.59
		REPEATER FUND		\$ 364.00
		CHECKING		\$ 3,266.54
		SAVINGS		\$ 25.00
		C.D.		\$ 2,175.43
		PETTY CASH		\$ 25.00
		NET TOTAL		\$ 5,491.97
EXPENSES	2011	Liability Insurance 12/17-12/18	Insurance	\$ 320.00
INCOME				
	DEP	DUES	DUES	\$ 23.97
	DEP	G&W	G&W	\$ 11.00
			NET CHANGE	\$ (285.03)
BALANCE	10/31/17			
		GENERAL FUND		\$ 2,377.92
		G&W		\$ 239.59
		REPEATER FUND		\$ 364.00
		CHECKING		\$ 2,981.51
		SAVINGS		\$ 25.00
		C.D.		\$ 2,175.43
		PETTY CASH		\$ 25.00
		NET TOTAL		\$ 5,206.94

Membership

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

2017 Club Officers

President:	David Spore KB3UBD – davids@instruments.com – 301-481-8244
Vice President:	Virginia Smith NV5F - virginia@pipertoo.com - 601-467-5920
Secretary:	Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA – kb2vqa@optonline.net – 817-652-0307
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Repeater Committee:	Maurice Martin KM5RF (chair), Gerry Dalton W5MAY