



COMMUNICATOR

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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

President's Corner

CQ Field Day CQ Field Day

It's June, so that means Field Day activities, but with a twist this year! The COVID Pandemic is too pervasive to try to get the club together in one spot. It is just not worth the risk. But leave it to ARRL to get creative! At the May club meeting on Zoom, we discussed having Rob, W5WS, do a presentation on how to do FD from your home QTH for the June meeting via Zoom. He is going to take us through the thought process and preparation for doing it from home. And ARRL has loosened the rules a bit to allow individuals to participate separately and at the same time, have their contacts count for the club totals. And they are allowing amateurs to operate on commercial power and get basic levels of scoring for it. Rob will demystify all of it for us as he always does!

Rob also delivered a fascinating program in May on how some very creative Amateurs figured out a way to listen in Apollo 11 while it was on the moon. It is truly remarkable what a motivated Amateur can devise to accomplish a goal. And this was a lofty one. If you are interested in learning more, you can start with this link:

<http://www.arrl.org/eavesdropping-on-apollo-11>

Our Wednesday 2M net continues to be very well attended, and our group of Net Controls do a great job with Price, K5NNL the usual, and Rob, W5WS, and Virginia, NV5F, pitching in as needed. They all do a fantastic job and keep it lively and informational. Come join us at 7 pm every Wednesday night on the club repeater on 147.14, PL 110.9!

May brought some serious rain totals and our testing events have created some serious levels of licensing! Testing this month will be on the 6th and 20th. Phil, N5PWW, is always organized and keeps the rest of us in line, especially me!!

If you are looking to get in a little HF SSB, consider the 10-10 International nets hosted by Bill, W5WJH, Sundays and Wednesdays at 8 pm on 28.460. We have had a little sporadic E floating around and have had some distant check-ins. No need to be a member, but if you are interested in that, you can

start to pick up the required contacts right there!

We will be virtual again this month and a link to the Zoom meeting will be sent out closer to the meeting night. We have a great time, even virtually!

Stay safe and we will see you on the air!

73's!

David
K5NN

Announcements

June 2020 program

2020 Field Day Operating Alternatives

Field Day will be very different for most of us this year. But thanks to a few temporary rule changes by the ARRL and plenty of operating class options, you can make the most of this year's Field Day event!

Rob May W5WS will outline options and ideas for flying solo this Field Day, and Calvin Gluck W7KYG will join us with some simple online logging options. It will certainly be a Field Day to remember. Find out how you can join in and build some skills and confidence for next year!

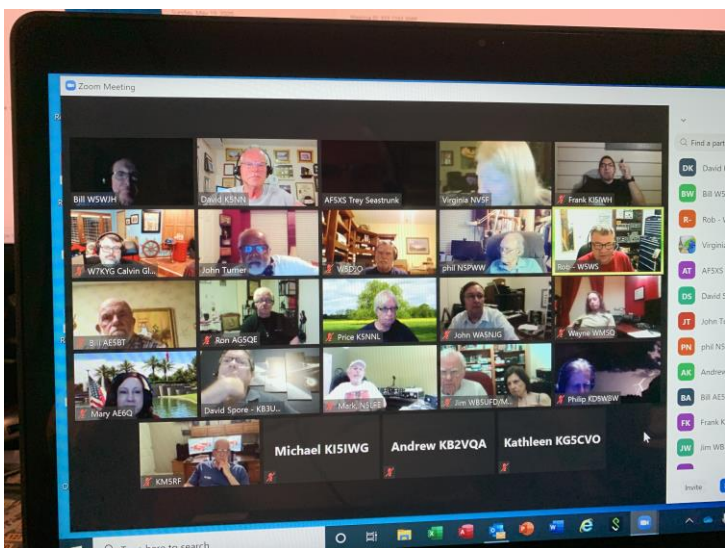
Newsletter Submissions

Submissions for the newsletter are due by the Saturday preceding the monthly club meeting

Events

Club Meeting – Field Day info via ZOOM

Hope to see you online.



June meeting via Zoom

Field Day info

N3FJP's Field Day Logger

<https://www.n3fjp.com/fieldday.html>

Lots of good information about set up and use here too. Set it up to automatically get the frequency and mode from your radio. It's compatible with most radios. This makes logging much easier and faster. Registration fee is \$8.99 and entitles you to all future upgrades. This doesn't make a good general logging program; it's optimized for Field Day. Scott has a program for just about every contest plus a general logging program, Amateur Contact Log. In my opinion it's worth the \$49.99 download price to buy them all. It's a real bargain. I am using Amateur Contact Log for my day to day logging program.

When Field Day is over you'll go to File->Write Cabrillo (Contest Submission) File. A window will pop up and you will fill out all of the blank spots. Most of these will be the same as on the ARRL's Log Submission page. My copy of the program is old and doesn't do it directly, the newer version probably will. If not, go ahead and hit the Write Summary File, Write Dupe File, and Write Cabrillo Log File. I save these to my desktop, otherwise they're hard for me to find. Once you have these you're ready to go the ARRL's Log Submission page.

Freeware contest logger [N1MM](#) can be configured for Field Day.

<http://www.arrl.org/news/view/computer-logging-specifically-for-arrl-field-day>

ARRL's Log Submission Webpage

<https://field-day.arrl.org/entry.php>

Read the instructions and then hit the "Go to Data Entry" button. Most fields are self-explanatory. For several of the fields you will have to upload a document. You will have to upload some documentation, your *.dup file from your logging program, and the Field Day Bulletin (if you copied it), etc. Take a look at the webpage before Field Day to know you'll need to turn in your score. This is also where you'll put your club affiliation. For location we will put North Texas and for Club or Group Name, please put Arlington Amateur Radio Club. No abbreviations and be sure the spelling is correct.

Classes and Exchange

Normally the club operates at a 3A station (3 transmitters, Class A (club)). What class should you operate? Here are the options for non-club stations:

B: 1 or 2 person portable – Battery or generator, if using battery and less than 5 Watts you will be B-Battery and will have a higher multiplier. 1 Bravo, North Texas.

C: Mobile – you do not have to be moving, counts as emergency power multiplier because it uses a motor driven generator. 1 Charlie, North Texas

D: Home station on commercial power – this is just using your regular station, there is no points multiplier. 1 Delta, North Texas

E: Home station on emergency power – Solar, wind, battery, generator, fuel cell, or some combination.

All transmitters and receivers must use emergency power. Exchange: 1 Echo, North Texas

Go to the ARRL website's Field Day page and familiarize yourself with the Field Rules, history, suggestions, etc. <http://www.arrl.org/field-day>

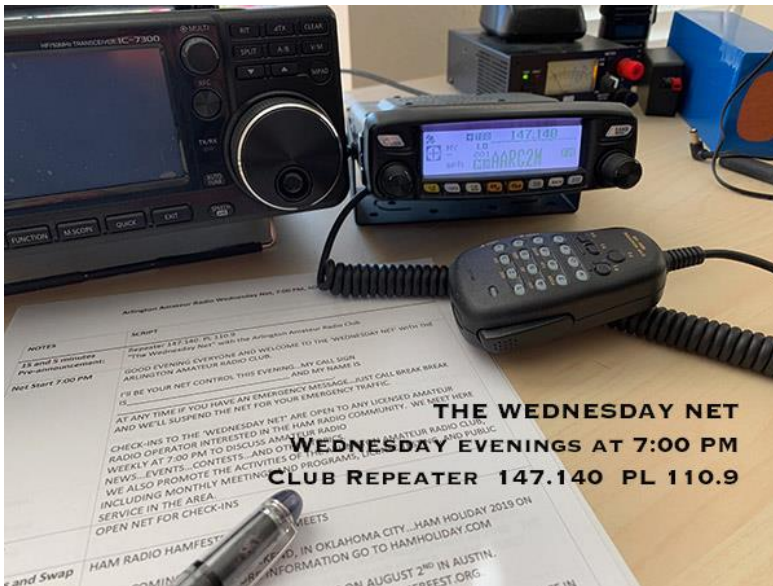
Club Net

Please join Net Control every **Wednesday evening at 7:00 PM for the club's "Wednesday Net"**. Each week we discuss HF conditions and activities, the contest and Hamfest calendars, answer the Question Pool Question of the Week, and have a general discussion to hear what's happening with our members and visitors to the Net.

Don't be left out! Fire up your VHF/UHF rig, and key that microphone! Newcomers are especially welcome. Ask questions and get familiar with the hobby.

Join us for the **"Wednesday Net" at 7:00 PM** on the club 2 meter repeater, frequency 147.140 MHz, with the PL Tone 110.9. We hope to hear you there!

73, K5SLD



Want a club name badge?

 ACCENT AWARDS & TROPHIES 1815 W. PARK ROW • ARLINGTON, TX 76013 TROPHIES • PLAQUES • RIBBONS • ENGRAVING SIGNAGE • BADGES • ACRYLICS sales@accentawards.us 817.469.8791 www.accentawards.us	 DAVE W5DJO \$8.95 each plus tax
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Birthdays

Jon Simpson 6/2

If I missed your birthday, let me know (I won't include the year, it makes me feel old) - Trey

Calendar of Events

June 19: General Membership Meeting 7:30 pm, via ZOOM – look for invite in your email.

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

==== Breakfast (July 4, 8:30 am) ====

Pioneer Restaurant 306 109th St, Arlington, TX 76011

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

August 1: Testing 10:00 am, 401 W. Sanford. Enter on north side of the building.

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 the Office Of Emergency Management (817-459-6939).

Meeting Minutes

May 2020 Membership Meeting Minutes submitted by Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA, Secretary

The regular meeting of the membership of the AARC was held via teleconference and called to order on May 15th, 2020 at 7:32 pm by the President, David K5NN. Other board members present included Vice President, Virginia NV5F; Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT; Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW; Treasurer and Repeater Trustee, Maurice KM5RF; and Editor, Trey AF5XS.

David K5NN called the meeting to order and asked the attendees to add their first name and call sign to their teleconference screen name.

He noted that the club would not gather together to participate in Field Day 2020 activities. Instead it would be an individual effort.

Bill W5WJH gave a brief 'Behind the call sign' presentation.

Virginia NV5F informed the membership the June program would be a teleconference meeting on the topic of tips for operating Field Day as an individual. In the following month there will be a presentation on organizing an ARISS event, and the ice cream social in August.

Maurice KM5RF noted the financial report appeared in the May newsletter. A motion was made and carried to accept the report for audit as published.

Andy KB2VQA noted that the May newsletter contained the minutes from the April meeting. A motion was made and carried to accept the minutes as published.

Phil N5PWW continues to provide testing sessions promptly at 10 am on the first and third Saturdays of the month at 401. W. Sanford Street (use north side entrance). Five to six people have confirmed that they will attend the next test session. Social distancing is being exercised.

Bill AE5BT announced that only 43 days remained until Field Day 2020, with 407 days until Field Day 2021. He encouraged individuals to participate from home or maybe a park.

Philip Scoggins KD5WBW, the Public Information Officer, plans to participate in Field Day from home.

Trey AF5XS compiled and distributed the newsletter for May. Submissions of content are welcomed. He requested the people take pictures of their Field Day activities and submit them for publication in the July newsletter.

David Spore KB3UBD mentioned the club picnic is tentatively being rescheduled in September or October. He will contact the City of Arlington in June to see which days are available. He will be resuming the inclusion of historic AARC photographs in the newsletter.

At 8:15 pm, Rob May W5WS began his presentation on 'eavesdropping on the moon' during the Apollo missions. Rob completed his presentation at 8:46 pm.

The meeting adjourned at 8:53 pm. The teleconference attendance screen showed 25 people in attendance, 21 being AARC members.

May 2020 Executive Board Meeting Minutes submitted by Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA, Secretary

The regular meeting of the Executive Board of the AARC was held via teleconference on May 15th, 2020 at 6:36 pm. Present were President, David K5NN; Vice President, Virginia NV5F; Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Treasurer and Repeater Trustee, Maurice KM5RF; Emergency Coordinator, Bill AE5BT; Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW; and Editor, Trey AF5XS.

David K5NN called the meeting to order.

Virginia NV5F mentioned that the program for the June meeting would be presented via teleconference on the topic of working Field Day from home. July will be a program on setting up and running an ARISS event. The ice cream social is scheduled for August.

Maurice KM5RF reviewed the financial report published in the May newsletter.

Andy KB2VQA noted that the May newsletter contained the minutes from the April meetings.

Phil N5PWW holds testing sessions promptly at 10 am on the first and third Saturdays of the month. Five to six people are scheduled to participate in the next session. Social distancing is being exercised.

Bill AE5BT announced that due to the club's demographic, a mass gathering to participate in Field Day was not going to occur. Instead club members would have an opportunity to work the event from home.

Trey AF5XS published the May newsletter.

Philip Scoggins KD5WBW, the Public Information Officer, was asked by David K5NN to write an invitation to club members to attend the June meeting, and post it on Facebook and Twitter.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

AARC May 2020 Financial Report

	DESCRIPTION	CATEGORY	BALANCE
BALANCE	04/30/20		
		GENERAL FUND	\$ 2,646.05
		GOOD & WELFARE	\$ 544.84
		REPEATER FUND	\$ 281.47
		CHECKING	\$ 3,472.36
		SAVINGS	\$ 25.00
		C.D.	\$ 2,180.71
		PETTY CASH	\$ 25.00
		NET TOTAL	\$ 5,703.07
EXPENSES			
INCOME			
	DEP DUES	DUES	\$ 62.20
	DEP AMAZON SMILES	DONATION	\$ 6.93
		NET CHANGE	\$ 69.13
BALANCE	05/31/20		
		GENERAL FUND	\$ 2,715.18
		GOOD & WELFARE	\$ 544.84
		REPEATER FUND	\$ 281.47
		CHECKING	\$ 3,541.49
		SAVINGS	\$ 25.00
		C.D.	\$ 2,180.71
		PETTY CASH	\$ 25.00
		NET TOTAL	\$ 5,772.20

Membership

This year we hope to add more fun events to our lineup, such as the mini DXpedition. A destination should be decided by the end of March, with a planned trip time sometime in August or September. I will bring a list of possible destinations to the club meeting.

Let me know if you need any club business cards, which are handy for introducing people to the club or handing out during Ham conventions.

David KB3UBD

Want to join the club

2020 Club Dues are due

Print a membership form from our website k5sld.org and join us. Annual dues are \$25.00 Individual, \$35.00 Family, or \$15.00 Associate

2020 Club Officers

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