



# 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

Greetings to all.

I hope this letter finds you safe and in good health. Can you believe summer is just around the corner? Graduations are taking place everywhere, and WE are now talking about our upcoming club picnic... and Field Day. Amazing! Earlier this month, at the invitation of AMSAT Ambassador Tom Schuessler (N5HYP) - I attended another Radio-in-the Park event in Irving. Tom's is a familiar voice on Wednesday nights where he (and Virginia) share spots hosting the AMSAT Information Net on our own repeater. Satellite opportunities were almost non-existent that afternoon, but HF conditions were great so there was much fun to be had working state QSO parties from creative, ad hoc stations set up in the Irving park.

All that to say – Be sure to join us (this Saturday) at our own Annual Club Picnic on May 20. David Spore (KB3UBD) secured the North Pavilion for us again at J.W. Dunlop Park. The event goes from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. Come join us for a day of fun, food, and great fellowship! And be sure to bring your radios!

At the April AARC meeting I had the privilege of presenting on How to Get Started Working the FM Satellites. It seemed to generate a lot of interest, and I hope some of you were inspired to go give it a try. Please let me know how it went and see me if you have questions or need additional help. Several club members have experience with satellite operations, and we would all be happy to help you get going.

This month AARC Vice President Torre Quinn (AA5CX) will be delivering a fascinating program on The Mysterious Terahertz Gap – what it is, and what exploratory challenges or opportunities might be available to present day radio experimenters who walk among us. I am looking forward to learning more about this curious topic.

We'll have more news, information, and details to share at the club meeting this Friday. Please note that for this month only, we will not be on Zoom.

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Jack Weaver, AA5VZ

President - AARC

# Announcements

## May 2023 program

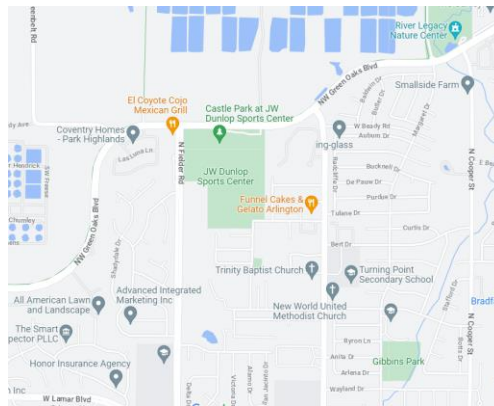
The Mysterious Terahertz Gap – what it is, and what exploratory challenges or opportunities might be available to present day radio experimenters who walk among us.

## Items of Note



Once again, a big thanks to Bill for his many years of service to the club!

## Club Picnic



May 20th, 9:00AM to 2:00PM (we have it all day if people want to stay longer)  
J.W. Dunlop Park; North Park Pavilion (same park we had it last year).  
1500 W. Green Oaks Blvd  
Arlington, TX 76012

Bring your radio gear and practice for field day! Hot dogs/hamburgers and basics will be provided, but feel free to bring a side dish, dessert, water, or other drinks. Hope to see all of you there!

## 18th Annual W4DXCC DX and Contesting Convention

September 29 and 30, 2023

Ramsey Hotel and Convention Center, 3230 Parkway, Pigeon Forge

Please visit [W4DXCC.com](http://W4DXCC.com) now for more information and to order your conference and banquet tickets

## Newsletter Submissions

Submissions for the newsletter are due by the Saturday preceding the monthly club meeting. I would prefer receive them in Word format or in a text editor like Notepad.

## Birthdays

Nathan Alexander, KF7EQE 5/30

David Benardello, KI5RZQ 5/23

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

## Calendar of Events

**May 19: Board Meeting** 6:30 pm,  
501 W. Sanford, Arlington, TX, 76011

All members are welcome attend.

### May 19: General Membership Meeting

7:30 pm, 501 W. Sanford, Arlington, TX, 76011

### ==== Dining Out ( May 20, 9:00AM ) =====

Club Picnic

J.W. Dunlop Park; North Park Pavilion (same park we had it last year).

1500 W. Green Oaks Blvd

Arlington, TX 76012

### ==== Breakfast ( June 3, 8:30 am ) =====

Pioneer Restaurant 306 109th St, Arlington, TX 76011

## Testing:

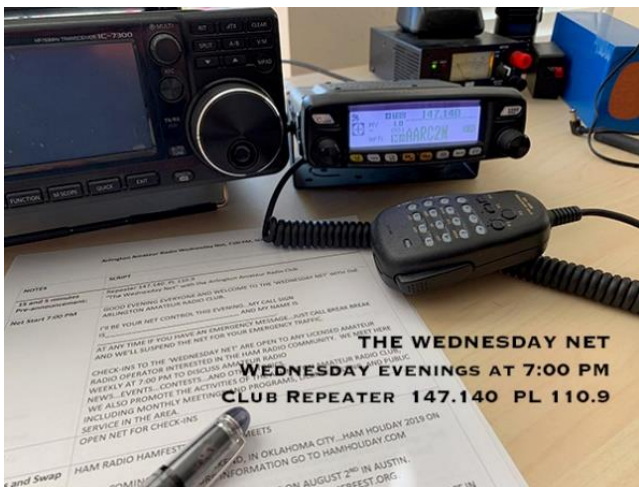
There is a \$14 cash fee for taking the test ( if you pass and want to take the test for the next level, the \$14 covers the additional test(s) as well ).

As of April 13, 2022 the FCC will begin charging an application fee of \$35.00 for license applications.

Also note you will need your FRN number and a valid email prior to taking that first test.

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

**June 3:** Testing - 10:00 am, 401 W. Sanford. Enter on north side of the building



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Join us for the Wednesday Net

Need a Badge?

## 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

## **April 2023 Membership Meeting Minutes submitted by Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA, Secretary**

The regular meeting of the membership of the AARC was called to order on April 21st, 2023, at 7:33 pm by the President, Jack AA5VZ, accompanied by a teleconference simulcast. Other board members present included Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Treasurer and Repeater Trustee, Maurice KM5RF; Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW; Emergency Coordinator, Clayton K5CWS; and Editor, Trey AF5XS. Absent was Vice President, Torre AA5CX.

Jack AA5VZ called the meeting to order, and asked attendees to introduce themselves by name and call sign. Maurice KM5RF has achieved 10,359 contacts as a Parks on the Air (POTA) Activator in less than a year.

Jack reminded the membership that club dues for 2023 are being collected, and he would be providing the evening's presentation on FM satellites. He thanked those who participated in the monthly siren test. The next test will be held on Wednesday, May 3rd. Jack thanked Virginia NV5F for presenting last month's program on her journey of building a CubeSat simulator. He also thanked Mark K4GVN for his assistance in running the Wednesday night net. Jack mentioned that Philip KD5WDW did an excellent job getting a float in to the Mansfield St. Paddy's Pickle Parade.

David KB3UBD mentioned that the club picnic will be held on May 20th. The whole family is invited.

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

Maurice KM5RF reviewed the financial report for March 2023. The repeater insurance has been paid. A motion was made and carried to accept the report for audit as published. Maurice visited the repeater site and spent 4 and a half hours going through the process of disassembling and assembling the repeater to diagnose an intermittent issue. No issue was found.

Trey AF5XS compiled and distributed the newsletter for April 2023. Submission of content is welcomed.

Phil N5PWW continues to hold testing sessions promptly at 10 am on the first and third Saturdays of the month at 401 W. Sanford Street (use the entrance on the north side). Training and testing on site at NCTTRAC have concluded.

Clayton K5CWS mentioned that Field Day 2023 was 64 days away, starting on June 24th. Field Day activities will be held in the same room in which the monthly meetings are held. Kathleen KG5CVO volunteered to teach satellite tracking to earn Field Day educational credit. The club picnic will be held on May 20th.

Old business: No old business was presented.

New business: David W5DJO mentioned that he gave a presentation to a preparedness group on the topic of introduction to communications.

A break was taken at 8:20 pm. The meeting resumed at 8:37 pm with a presentation by Jack AA5VZ on the topic of FM satellites.

The meeting adjourned at 9:44 pm. The sign-in sheet showed 17 people in attendance, all indicating AARC membership. Zoom attendees numbered 1.

## **April 2023 Executive Board Meeting Minutes submitted by Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA, Secretary**

The regular meeting of the Executive Board of the AARC was held on April 21st, 2023, at 6:42 pm, accompanied by a teleconference simulcast. Present were President, Jack AA5VZ; Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Treasurer and Repeater Trustee, Maurice KM5RF; Emergency Coordinator, Clayton K5CWS; Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW; and Editor, Trey AF5XS. Absent was Vice President, Torre AA5CX.

Jack AA5VZ called the meeting to order.

Jack mentioned that the program for the evening would be presented by him on the topic of FM satellites. The club's participation in the Mansfield St. Paddy's Pickle Parade went well. Ryan KI5RZP and Vickie KI5RZO donated the use of their truck. Trey AF5XS suggested that in the future the club pre-approve funds to participate in the 2024 St. Paddy's Pickle Parade. The monthly siren test went well, and the next scheduled test is May 3rd. Mark K4GVN assisted with running the Wednesday night net. Jack mentioned that the club picnic will be held on May 20th.

Andy KB2VQA confirmed that the April 2023 newsletter contained the minutes from the March 2023 meetings.

Maurice KM5RF reviewed the financial report for March 2023. Repeater and liability insurance bills were paid. He reported that the repeaters are in working order. He visited the repeater site and spent 4 and a half hours to disassemble and assemble the repeater to investigate a report of an intermittent issue.

Trey AF5XS published the April 2023 newsletter.

Clayton K5CWS mentioned that 64 days remained before Field Day 2023. He is preparing to coordinate with people for Field Day activities.

Phil N5PWW continues to hold face to face testing sessions promptly at 10 am on the first and third Saturdays of the month. As of May 1st, W5YI will no longer have a brick-and-mortar store front.

The meeting adjourned at 7:22 pm.

## April 2023 Financial Report

	DESCRIPTION	CATEGORY	BALANCE
BALANCE			
3/31/2023		GENERAL FUND	2,272.44
		GOOD & WELFARE	697.13
		REPEATER FUND	823.47
		CHECKING	<b>3,793.04</b>
		SAVINGS	2,235.44
		PETTY CASH	25.00
		NET TOTAL	<b>6,053.48</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
		TOTAL	0.00
INCOME			
	DUES	2023 DUES	24.01
	INTEREST	INTEREST SAVINGS	0.22
		TOTAL	24.23
		OVERALL NET CHANGE	24.01
BALANCE			
4/30/2023		GENERAL FUND	2,296.45
		GOOD & WELFARE	697.13
		REPEATER FUND	823.47
		CHECKING	<b>3,817.05</b>
		SAVINGS Interest	
		+.22	2,235.66
		PETTY CASH	25.00
		NET TOTAL	<b>6,077.71</b>

# Membership

## Want to join the club

2023 Club Dues are due

Print a membership form from our website [k5sld.org](http://k5sld.org) and join us.

Annual dues are \$25.00 Individual, \$35.00 Family, or \$15.00 Associate

Membership dues received after July 1st from applicants that were not members the previous year shall be one-half of the annual dues

## 2023 Club Officers

<b>President:</b>	Jack Weaver, Jr. AA5VZ - <a href="mailto:jmw1709@hotmail.com">jmw1709@hotmail.com</a> – 972-567-7815
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