



# 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. Summer has settled in with a vengeance so if you must work outdoors, please stay hydrated, dress appropriately, limit your exposure and...stay safe!

Our annual Field Day event this year was well attended and enjoyed by all. Members arrived early to set up antennas, route coax cables and assemble the workstations. Right out of the gate we had CW, SSB and FT-8 Digital stations on the air, operating from different areas in the same room. A GOTA station was set up in the welcoming center, providing visitors an introduction to ham radio and an opportunity to "get on the air" for the first time. There were classes offered and an outdoor demonstration given on Satellite Operations, with successful contacts made via each of two passing "birds". A class was also provided on building a "go kit" for field operations, along with FCC license exams conducted in-house by our club's VE team. There was pizza by day, and brisket by night with sides and desserts brought in by everyone. Thanks to Rob, Bob and his family and everyone who provided lunch and dinner at the event. And thanks to Clayton, his team and ALL who helped with planning, setting up, operating, tearing down, and cleaning up after the event. It was fun! So, listen up for the NEW magic number, and make plans now to do it again! And yes, we will follow up with discussions on our operational results, successes and lessons learned from this year's Field Day event.

Looking ahead, we have a great program queued up for Friday's meeting. Torre Quinn, AA5CX plans to talk about an ongoing project aimed toward "Mapping the Ionosphere", taking in past and present solar activity and events. Hasn't the ionosphere been good to us this year? This will be an interesting program. I'm looking forward to learning more about this project and how hams will benefit from it.

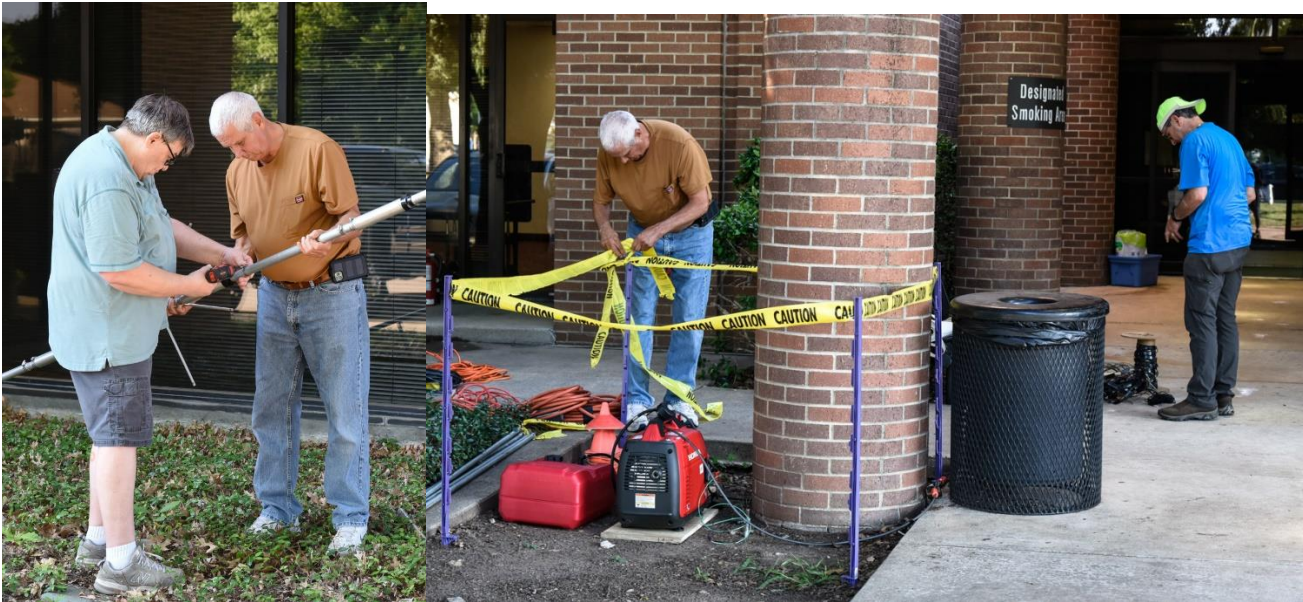
See you then.

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Jack Weaver, AA5VZ  
President – AARC

## Field Day

Thank you to everyone who participated in Field Day this year and thank you, Philip Scoggins, Michael Edmonds, William Middleton, Ron Colbert, and Jack Weaver for the pictures. Set-up went well and we seemed to have fewer problems this year than we had last year. We even had a mascot this year.

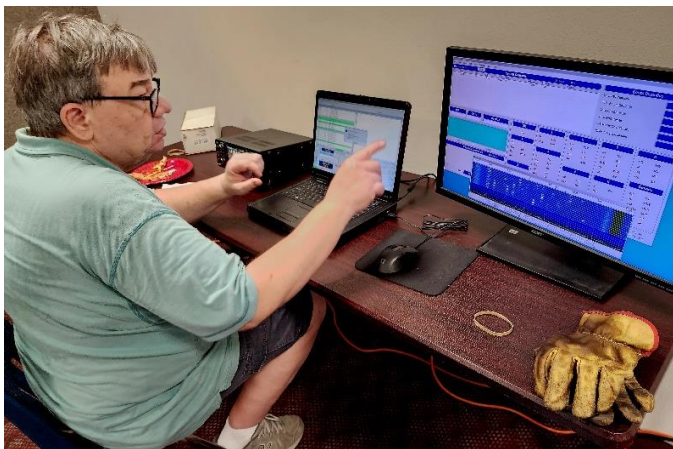




Before long we were set-up and ready to get started.



Rob checked the set up for the digital station and gave me some last minute tutoring ( my first time to really work digital mode ). Maurice also gave me some tutoring and pointers as well. I am very thankful to both of them and had fun getting my feet wet, so to speak.



We got started and I thought it went well.



Before long it was time to break for what has lately become our traditional BBQ dinner. The food was great and each year the conversation gets better with each old and new friend we visit.



After dinner we were right back at it



As the evening went on we shared information with our visitors



David did a session on Go-Kits and Kathleen did a couple of sessions on basic use of satellite repeaters. A bit later, it was time to go satellite hunting.



Then Sunday morning came and we tried for those last few contacts/points.



All to soon it was time to call an end to Field Day '23 and start packing up.



With everyone working together we were done quickly and were soon ready to go home. We were tired but it had been a lot of fun! Thanks again to everyone for helping make this a fun and memorable Field Day.

Well, that's my Field Day story and I'm sticking to it. I hope you had as much fun as I did and hope the next one is even better.

Until next time,

Trey, AF5XS

## Announcements

### July 2023 program

Mapping the Ionosphere presented by Torre Quinn, AA5CX

### Items of Note

Equipment for sale

1 – ICOM IC-735 Transceiver with ICOM PS-55 Power Supply.....asking \$530

1 – MFJ #939 Auto Tuner.....asking \$115

Contact Dave Edwards [frats76039@gmail.com](mailto:frats76039@gmail.com)

### 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

John Turner, 7/1  
Jean Swann, 7/18  
Bob Bohannon, 7/24

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

## Calendar of Events

**July 21: Board Meeting** 6:30 pm,  
501 W. Sanford, Arlington, TX, 76011  
All members are welcome attend.

**July 21: General Membership Meeting**  
7:30 pm, 501 W. Sanford, Arlington, TX, 76011

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84214512520?pwd=TEtqSVlOVnhvV0xrcHRnNXRVbnNQUT09>

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Passcode: 690660

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### ==== Dining Out ( July 22: 5:00PM ) ====

To be announced at the meeting

### ==== Breakfast ( August 5, 8:30 am ) ====

Pioneer Restaurant 306 109th St, Arlington, TX 76011

### Testing:

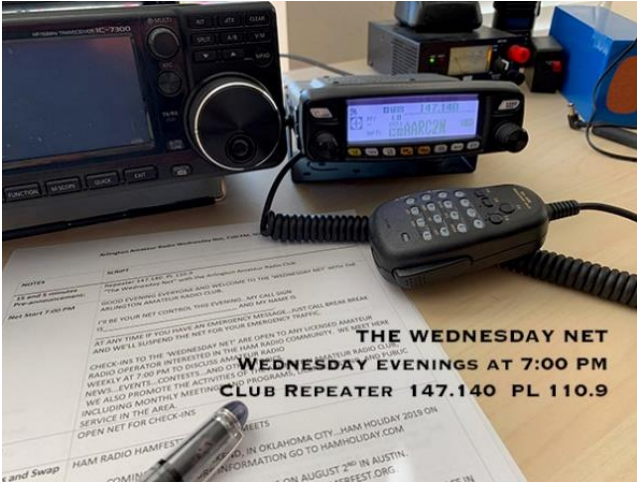
There is a \$14 cash fee for taking the test ( if you pass and want to take the test for the next level, the \$14 covers the additional test(s) as well ).

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.

**August 5:** Testing - 10:00 am, 401 W. Sanford. Enter on north side of the building.

**August 19:** 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

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

The regular meeting of the membership of the AARC was called to order on June 16th, 2023, at 7:39 pm by the President, Jack AA5VZ. Other board members present included Vice President, Torre AA5CX; 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.

Jack AA5VZ called the meeting to order, and asked attendees to introduce themselves by name and call sign.

Jack informed the membership that dues for 2023 are being collect and due in January. The siren test was successful and there are some sirens in need of adoption. Jack thanked David Spore for the top-notch job he did in organizing the club picnic. Jack thanked Torre for chairing last month's meeting and providing the presentation. The program for tonight will be a discussion of Field Day activities.

Torre AA5CX is working on the finishing details of his terahertz presentation and plans on posting a video of it.

Philip KD5WDW, in the role of Public Information Officer, reported that he posted on Facebook an announcement of the club's upcoming Field Day activities.

Andy KB2VQA noted that the June newsletter contained the minutes from the May meetings. Bill AE5BT mentioned that two points mentioned by Randon WA5BEG did not appear in the minutes under 'new business'. Bill recalled that some Summit Racing Equipment locations have DX Engineering desks within the store, and that both companies are owned by the same corporation.

A motion was made and carried to accept the minutes as published with the additions that Bill noted.

Maurice KM5RF reviewed the financial reports for April and May. The price of renting the post office box has increased. A motion was made and carried to accept the April report for audit as published. A motion was made and carried to accept the May report for audit as published.

Maurice visited the repeater site and analyzed the equipment. The repeater is in working order with no issue found.

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

Phil N5PWW continues to hold testing sessions in person 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). A training class is in progress. The test pool questions for the General Class exam will expire on June 30th. The ULS is not functioning at this time and there is no report of when maintenance will be complete.

Clayton K5CWS mentioned that next Saturday we will be setting up the equipment starting at 9 am.

Old business: David W5DJO mentioned that there is a need for volunteers to operate radio equipment that is installed in area hospitals.

New business: No new business was presented.

A break was taken at 8:18 pm. The meeting resumed at 8:30 pm with a discussion of Field Day activities.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm. The sign-in sheet showed 24 people in attendance, 23 indicating AARC

membership. Zoom attendees numbered 3.

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

The regular meeting of the Executive Board of the AARC was held on June 16th, 2023, at 6:37 pm. Present were President, Jack AA5VZ; Vice President, Torre AA5CX; 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.

Jack AA5VZ called the meeting to order.

Jack thanked Torre of chairing last month's meeting, as well as providing the presentation. Jack commended David Spore for his wonderful job setting up the club picnic in May. The siren test was conducted this month. The presentation this evening will be an open discussion of Field Day activities.

Torre AA5CX mentioned that the presentation for next month has yet to be planned.

Philip KD5WBW will be setting up the Get On The Air (GOTA) station for Field Day.

Andy KB2VQA confirmed that the June 2023 newsletter contained the minutes from the May 2023 meetings.

Maurice KM5RF reported that he visited the repeater site several times and the repeater is in working order.

Trey AF5XS published the June 2023 newsletter.

Phil N5PWW continues to hold face to face testing sessions promptly at 10 am on the first and third Saturdays of the month. A training class is in progress and will conclude tomorrow. The test pool questions for the General Class exam will change on July 1st. The ULS is currently not operational.

Clayton K5CWS review Field Day plans with the board members.

The meeting adjourned at 7:29 pm.

## June 2023 Financial Report

	DESCRIPTION	CATEGORY	BALANCE
BALANCE			
	5/31/2023		
		GENERAL FUND	2,146.46
		GOOD & WELFARE	697.13
		REPEATER FUND	823.47
		CHECKING	<b>3,667.06</b>
		SAVINGS	2,235.66
		PETTY CASH	25.00
		NET TOTAL	<b>5,927.72</b>
EXPENSES			
#2052	SONNY ROY	FIELD DAY DINNER	<b>375.00</b>
		TOTAL	375.00
INCOME			
	DUES	2023 DUES	74.01
	RSC INSURANCE		
	AARL	REFUND	39.93
	GOOD & WELFARE	GOOD & WELFARE	42.00
		TOTAL	155.94
		OVERALL NET CHANGE	-219.06
BALANCE			
	6/30/2023		
		GENERAL FUND	1,885.40
		GOOD & WELFARE	739.13
		REPEATER FUND	823.47
		CHECKING	<b>3,448.00</b>
		SAVINGS	2,235.66
		PETTY CASH	25.00
		NET TOTAL	<b>5,708.66</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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