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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

Presidents Corner

First meeting of the new year was a success! Since our last meeting, we've enjoyed dining out at Kinkaid's and had a bit of fun at our Winter Field Day event, although I think it was a little cooler than last year's event. I saw a few of you at this year's "weather school" done by the National Weather Service. I think I would have rather been at our event, but I needed "weather school" to stay in good standing with R.A.C.E.S. The Taco Tuesday nets are back on the club repeater and is going well. Price is busy lining up some good presentations for the club meetings this year, so we are off to a good start. It's shaping up to be another fun year and I hope to see everyone at Friday's meeting!

- Trey Seastrunk, AF5XS
Newsletter Editor AARC

Announcements

Winter Field Day 2024 Pics



Ron AG5QE and his QRP rig.



KM5RF and his antenna setup.

February 2024 program

Operating Remotely with a Raspberry Pi, presented by Jack, AA5VZ

Items of Note

Senators Roger Wicker and Richard Blumenthal Introduce S.3690 to Eliminate Private Land Use Restrictions on Amateur Radio

On January 30, 2024, US Senators Roger Wicker (MS) and Richard Blumenthal (CT) introduced [S.3690](#), the Senate companion bill to H.R.4006, [introduced last June](#). Both bills reflect the Congressional campaign efforts by [ARRL](#) to eliminate homeowner association land use restrictions that prohibit, restrict, or impair the ability of an Amateur Radio Operator to install and operate amateur station antennas on residential properties they own.

Amateur Radio Operators repeatedly are relied upon to provide essential communications when disaster strikes, but their ability to do so is being impaired by the exponential growth of residential private land use restrictions that hinder their ability to establish stations in their homes with which to train and provide emergency communications when called upon.

In announcing the introduction of S.3690, Senator Wicker said: "Because communication during natural disasters is often hindered, we should be making every attempt to give folks more options. Reliable access can make the difference between life and death in an emergency. Our legislation removes roadblocks for amateur radio operators looking to help their friends, families, and neighbors."

In a similar announcement, Senator Blumenthal stated: "Our measure will help clarify the rules so ham radio enthusiasts can successfully continue their communications.

In the face of emergency or crisis, they help provide vital, life-saving information that allow listeners to properly and safely respond, but prohibitive home association rules and confusing approval processes for installing antennas have been an unnecessary impediment. The Amateur Radio Emergency Preparedness Act resolves these bottlenecks and ensures that radio operators can function successfully."

ARRL President Rick Roderick, K5UR, and Director John Robert Stratton, N5AUS, Chair of the ARRL's Government Affairs Committee, both extended on behalf of ARRL, its Members, and the Amateur Radio community their thanks and appreciation for the leadership of Senator Wicker and Senator Blumenthal in their continuing efforts to support and protect the rights of all Amateur Radio Operators.

Events

Feb 24-25, 2024 The Cowtown Marathon

We need 14 more Radio Operators for the Cowtown Marathon on Sunday (25th) to fill all the assignments and could actually use 20 to do it up right. Additionally we could use 4-5 more for Saturday (24th).

This is our big event for 2024 and needs all hands on deck.

The Cowtown is counting on us as they do every year, as are the children in local schools that count on them for athletic shoes and coaching.

This is a very worthy cause and it is a fun event every year.

We need your help.

Please signup on Better Impact or shoot me an email or text.

Chuck

K5IJD@yhoo.com

Irving Amateur Radio Club Hamfest

Irving Amateur Radio Club Annual Hamfest

March 2, 2024 8:00AM-2:00PM

ADMISSION \$5.00 (UNDER 12 FREE)

TABLES \$10.00 EACH

DOOR PRIZE TICKETS 3 FOR \$5.00

- 70 Tables for Vendors and dealers
- Hourly Door Prize Drawings
- Testing Table (Test before you buy)
- VE Testing



Betcha Bingo
2420 W. Irving Blvd.
Irving, TX 75061

Hourly Door Prizes

12:00 FTM-500 Mobile
11:00 2 each IC-T10 Handhelds
10:00 2 each IC-V3500 Mobiles
9:00 2 each FTM-2980R Mobiles

Grand Prize

Yaesu FT-710AESS



<https://irvingarc.org/hamfest>

Clip and bring this completed coupon with you for one (1) additional door prize ticket.
Limit one free door prize ticket per paid admission.

NAME _____

CLUB AFFILIATION _____

Greater Houston Hamfest:

March 1st and 2nd 2024

The Greater Houston HamFest is back and now the largest hamfest in Texas. This will be a Two day show both Friday and Saturday.

Friday 12PM - 8PM Saturday 8AM - 3PM

Greater Houston Hamfest will again be at the Fort Bend County Fairgrounds.

For more information go to: <https://houstonhamfest.org>

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. If you can avoid it please don't send it in PDF format, as it is a pain, to tear apart a PDF, if I need to change any formatting or make any edits.

Birthdays

Marshall Simmons 2/11

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

Calendar of Events

February 16: Board Meeting 6:30 pm, 501 W. Sanford, Arlington, TX, 76011

All members are welcome attend.

February 16: General Membership Meeting 7:30 pm, 501 W. Sanford, Arlington, TX, 76011

If you want to join via Zoom:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84803361374?pwd=MkExRXB6NU1JYjM1cDhBTmJEM28rdz09>

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- +1 360 209 5623 US

Meeting ID: 848 0336 1374
Passcode: 801075

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/keHaUdGSi>

==== Dining Out (February 17, 5:00PM) =====

Portillo's Arlington, 4200 S Cooper St, Arlington, TX 76015
(West side of Copper Street, across from the Parks Mall)

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

Pioneer Restaurant 306 109th St, Arlington, TX 76011

Testing:

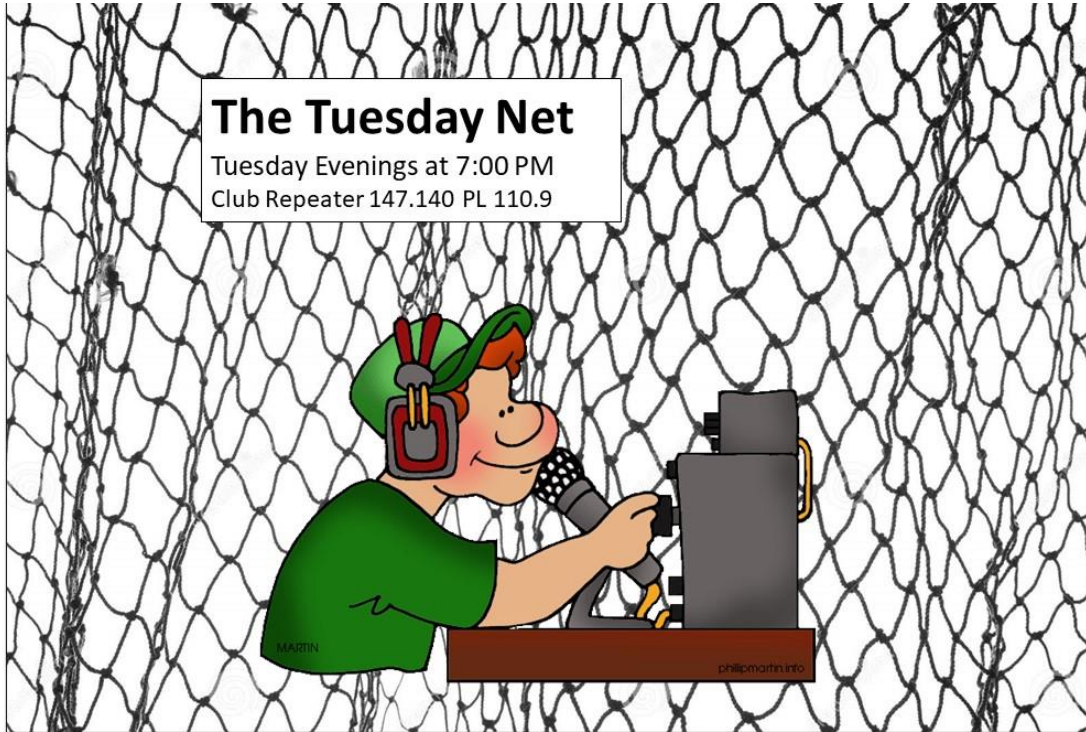
There is a \$14 cash fee for taking the test (if you pass and want to take the test for the next level, the \$14 covers the additional test(s) as well).

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.

February 17: Testing - 10:00 am, 401 W. Sanford. Enter on north side of the building.

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



Join us for the Tuesday Net

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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

January 2024 Membership Meeting Minutes submitted by Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA, Secretary

The regular meeting of the membership of the AARC was called to order on January 19th, 2024, at 7:30 pm by the President, Joe K5MGY. Other board members present included Vice President, Price K5NNL; Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Treasurer and Repeater Trustee, Maurice KM5RF; Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW; and Editor, Trey AF5XS. Absent as Emergency Coordinator, Clayton K5CWS.

Joe K5MGY called the meeting to order and asked attendees to introduce themselves by name and call sign.

Joe mentioned upcoming hamfests and that the club will participate in Winter Field Day on January 27th at J.W. Dunlop Sports Center. SKYWARN training will be provided by the Fort Worth National Weather Service on January 27th. Joe introduced the officers for 2024 to the membership. He is awaiting information from the Irving ARC regarding the Arlington ARC application to the micro-grant program for a new antenna for the club's repeater.

Price K5NNL mentioned the program for the evening would be provided by Rob May W5WS, and Jack AA5VZ would provide the program at the February meeting.

Andy KB2VQA noted that the January 2024 newsletter contained the minutes from the November 2023 meetings. A motion was made and carried accept the minutes as published.

Philip KD5WBW, in the role of Public Information Officer, reported that he had not received any information regarding the St. Paddy's Pickle Parade and Palooza. The entry fee is due by mid to late February.

Trey AF5XS compiled and distributed the newsletter for January 2024. Submission of ham radio related 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). The VEs usually arrive on site between 9 am and 9:30 am.

Maurice KM5RF reviewed the financial reports for November and December. Trey donated \$65 to the repeater fund. Maurice was able to purchase 250 feet of half-inch Helix coaxial cable for the repeater. A DB224 repeater antenna from CommScope won't be available until March or April. A motion was made and carried to accept the November report as published for audit. A motion was made and carried to accept the December report as published for audit.

Clayton K5CWS was not present.

Old business: No old business was presented.

New business: David Walker W5DJO stated that the amateur radio club at AMH is starting up again.

Philip KD5WBW will create a calendar featuring photographs from AARC events and present move information regarding the calendar at the next meeting. Philip will also provide more information regarding the Pickle Parade at the next meeting.

A break was taken at 8:05 pm. The meeting resumed at 8:15 pm with Rob May W5WS presenting a program entitled "Paper Chasing: A brief guide to amateur radio awards."

The meeting adjourned at 9:09 pm. The sign-in sheet showed 22 people in attendance, all indicating AARC membership. Zoom attendees numbered 2.

January 2024 Executive Board Meeting Minutes submitted by Andy Kapushoc KB2VQA, Secretary

The regular meeting of the Executive Board of the AARC was held on January 19th, 2024, at 6:31 pm. Present were President, Joe K5MGY; Vice President, Price K5NNL; Secretary, Andy KB2VQA; Treasurer and Repeater Trustee, Maurice KM5RF; Training Coordinator and Agent of Record, Phil N5PWW; and Editor, Trey AF5XS. Absent was Emergency Coordinator, Clayton K5CWS.

Joe K5MGY called the meeting to order.

Joe will ask Jack AA5VZ about contact information regarding the micro-grant program.

Price K5NNL mentioned that Rob May W5WS would be presenting the evening's program on amateur radio awards. Jack AA5VZ will present at the February meeting on the topic of using a Raspberry Pi computer to remotely operate radio equipment.

Andy KB2VQA confirmed that the January 2024 newsletter contained the minutes from the November 2023 meetings.

Phil N5PWW continues to hold face to face testing sessions promptly at 10 am on the first and third Saturdays of the month. Training classes are not being held.

Trey AF5XS published and distributed the newsletter. He included information regarding upcoming hamfests.

Maurice KM5RF reviewed the financial reports for November and December. He purchased Heliac coaxial cable for the repeater. The repeater has been operating well. A decision was made to move the weekly net to the club's repeater on 147.140 MHz.

The meeting adjourned at 7:03 pm.

January 2024 Financial Report

		DESCRIPTION	CATEGORY	BALANCE
BALANCE	12/31/2023			
			GENERAL FUND	1,508.04
			GOOD & WELFARE	841.13
			REPEATER FUND	828.24
			CHECKING	3,177.41
			SAVINGS	2,236.33
			PETTY CASH	25.00
			NET TOTAL	5,438.74
EXSPENSE				
#2057	MAURICE MARTIN	COAX FOR REPEATER 250 FT	REPEATER FUND	200.00
EFT	TECH SOUP	FEE FOR ZOOM	ZOOM	18.00
EFT	ZOOM	01/23/24-01/23/25	ZOOM	79.95
			TOTAL	297.95
INCOME				
		DUES	2024 DUES	446.73
	AF5SX N5YAK	DONATION	REPEATER FUND	84.11
		21 @ 5.00 PER RENEWAL	REPEATER FUND	105.00
		GOOD AND WELFARE	GOOD AND WELFARE	8.00
			TOTAL	643.84
			OVERALL NET CHANGE	345.89
BALANCE	1/31/2024			
			GENERAL FUND	1,856.82
			GOOD & WELFARE	849.13
			REPEATER FUND	817.35
			CHECKING	3,523.30
			SAVINGS	2,236.33
			PETTY CASH	25.00
			NET TOTAL	5,784.63

Membership

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

Want to join the club

2024 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

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

2024 Club Officers

President:	Joe Wigner, K5MGY – joe.wigner@gmail.com
Vice President:	Price Wooldridge, K5NNL - pricewool@gmail.com
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Repeater Committee:	Maurice Martin, KM5RF (chair), Rob May, W5WS, Don Kovatch N5YAK, Gerry Dalton, W5MAY