

AARC COVER

Keeping Austin Wireless for Over 94 Years!

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Happy New Year!

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Looking Back; Looking Ahead

The Austin Amateur Radio Club is celebrating its 95th year of affiliation with the ARRL who themselves is just passing their century mark of existence. A recent project of donating dozens upon dozens of old AARCovers to the Austin History Center from our archive has given me a chance to look back at what some of the things we have accomplished as a club.

We have managed to keep costs of membership down. Looking back at a 1987 AARCover, membership dues were \$6 for individuals and \$10 for family. We have only gone up to \$20 for individuals and \$30 for family membership. Not too bad to only go up a little over 3x over 28 years! By the way have you renewed your membership for 2015!

We have participated in Field Day Practically every year since it started and everyone always has a great time. We have made it through blazing hot summers as well as summer downpours that threatened to float us all away!

We have come together not only as a club to help our fellow hams in a tower erection or just a helping hand to clean up around the shack, but we have had members go out and help others in need during disasters such as hurricanes, tornadoes and even the shuttle break up over North Texas.

One can do a lot of learning about things of the past, and we must use that knowledge as we head

Periodic Events

Sun	7:00 p.m.	Travis ARES net	147.36 MHz + (131.8)
Sun	8:00 p.m.	Travis ARES Packet	145.73 MHz -
Sun	8:00 p.m.	Williamson ARES net	146.64 MHz - (162.2)
Sun	9:00 p.m.	ARO Swapnet	146.94 MHz -
Sun	(After Swapnet)	Newsline	146.94 MHz -
Mon.	7:30 p.m.	STX ARES Net	3.873 MHz
Tues.	7:30 p.m.	Hays ARES net	147.100 +
Tues.	8:00 p.m.	Bastrop ARES Net	443.750 + (114.8)
Wed	11:30 a.m.	Ham Social Luncheon, Jim's	146.94 MHz -
Thu	9:00 p.m.	2m SSB Net	144.250 (USB)
Thu	11:00 a.m.	Lunch, Pokey Joe's 183&Great Hills	444.1 MHz+
Thu	11:45 a.m.	Lunch Whataburger Oltorf & Burleson	146.94-(107.2)
Fri	8:00 p.m.	6m SSB Net	50.230(texasvhf.org/)
Sat	7:00 - 8:30a.m.	Breakfast @ Waterloo Ice House	444.1 MHz +
Sat	9:00 a.m.	Chapter 67 QCWA QSO Net.	3.920 MHz LSB
Daily	6:30 p.m.	Central Texas Traffic Net	147.14MHz+

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Ham Radio Exams Results

The following are the results of the ARRL VE Test Session held on December 2nd in Austin, Texas:

General Class License Processed

Linda D. Moorer KG5BWT

Extra Class License Processed

Kevin L. Lemon KG5BWU

Examiners Participating in this Test Session

Carol Thiel N5TLY

Joe Thiel N5SMN

Roy Walker WA5YZD

Next ARRL VE Test Sessions

January 3rd - Bethany United Methodist Church, Disciple Bldg. Room 203/204

February 7th - Bethany United Methodist Church, Disciple Bldg. Room 203/204

TNX ES 73 DE W5HS

Joe

The following are the results of the ARRL VE Test Session held on December 6th at Bethany United Methodist Church:

Technician Class Licenses Processed

Carol A. Assadourian KG5FDA

Jason C. Avery KG5FDB

Donald L. Barlow KG5FCX

Thadeus J. Fleming KG5FDC

Brian K. Gamble KG5FCZ

Clyde H. Springen KG5FCY

General Class License Processed

John H. Ingle KG5AVY

Extra Class License Processed

Abed M. Haque KF5HFJ

Examiners Participating in this Test Session

Scott Bryan W5TS

Howard Glueck K5ZUA

Larry Gunter WB5BEK

Mark Hunt AF5TW

Joe Makeever W5HS

Joe Thiel N5SMN

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12-13-14

The South Austin W5YI VE team heartily congratulates the following people who earned new or upgraded amateur radio licenses at our November 15th session:

General Class

Ronald Bell, KG5CWH Samuel Poulos (NEW)

Colin Wright, KG5EXR

Technician Class (NEW)

Anthony Williams

Karl Schumacher

Gene Faulk, Jr.

Emily Risinger

Our administering volunteer examiners were:

Craig Bean, AC5KW

Gary Popp, AE5JR

Sam Mihalik, KM5MY

Matthew Porcher, K5LF

Scott Bryan, W5TS

Our next two amateur radio exam sessions will start at
2 PM on January 17th and February 21st in
Fleck Hall, room 118 on the campus of St. Edward's University.
All sessions are walk-in and the exam fee is \$14.

For additional information regarding our amateur radio examination sessions,
please contact Craig, AC5KW at (512) 474-6443 or by e-mail to
hamradioexams@hotmail.com or visit our web page at

<http://texashams.org/w5yi-austin/>

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Please contact a club officer, attend a meeting, mail us to join the organization, you can also join or renew online.

The Austin Amateur Radio Club, Inc. (AARC) has annual membership dues of \$20.00 per person or \$30.00 per family. AARC maintains the following repeaters:

FREQUENCY	AUTOPATCH	USE
146.780	No	
146.880	Yes	General
146.940 107.2 PL Tone	No	Most popular, WX, Swapnet & Newslite
224.800	No	
444.100	No	
440.650 +5	No	70cm D-Star Repeater [W5KA]
146.480/+1.0	No	2m D-Star Repeater [W5KA C]
1293.200/-20	No	23cm D-Star Repeater[W5KA A]
1248.200	No	23cm D-Star DD (data, simp./reversible)[W5KA A]

Persons using the repeaters are asked to join the club to help support these valuable resources. To use the autopatch, announce your call sign, press * and dial the phone number then release the PTT. When finished, press # to hang up the phone. Dial 911 (no * needed) for emergency services.

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**For Changes in your ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER or CALL SIGN:
See Jay Hoffman, KA5OST [ka5ost @ arrl.net](mailto:ka5ost@arrl.net)
Jay handles all changes for membership information .**

AARC Elections Held at November Meeting

Please congratulate our officers for 2015!

President:

Lori Schmidt, KM5MQ

Vice President:

William Moyes, KC6ARO

Treasurer:

Jay Hoffman, KA5OST

Secretary:

Angie Steelman, KF5ZXI

The Austin Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

Membership Form for the year ending December 31, 20_____

Application for: (check applicable box and enclose payment)

AARC Individual \$20 _____
 Family (all with same mailing address) \$30 _____
 Student rate (thru 12th grade, no mail) \$ 5 _____
 ARRL Individual ARRL (new or renewal) \$39 _____
 Senior ARRL (new or renewal) \$36 _____
 Family member ARRL (at same address) - \$8 ea x _____ = _____
 First time ARRL discount -\$15 _____
 TEXAS HAMPAC (Political Action Committee) \$ _____
 Total Enclosed _____

Mail this form with payment to:

AARC - P O Box 4739 - Austin, TX 78765-4739

Check One: -New member -Renew membership -Update Info

ARRL member Y N License class E A G T+ T N Year first licensed _____

Call sign _____ First Name _____ Last Name _____

Mail Address _____

City/St/Zip _____

Home Ph _____ Cel Ph _____ Wk Ph _____

Pager # _____ e-mail _____

Please list additional family members here and check the family member box above.

2nd Call _____ Name _____ ARRL mem Y N

3rd Call _____ Name _____ ARRL mem Y N

4th Call _____ Name _____ ARRL mem Y N

I/WE have interest in the following:

- Monthly meetings Field Day Working Events Transmitter Hunts
- Talking on 2 mtrs DXing Holding Office
- Presenting programs CW Net Control Emergency Comm's
- Holding ARRL office Education Public Awareness Working w/Youth
- Others _____

Rcvd ___/___/___ Amt \$ ___ Ck ___ Cash ___ Dep ___ Post ___
 (for office use only)

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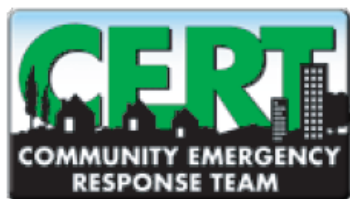
into the future in order to make this club the best it can be! With your help we can accomplish that goal and many more!

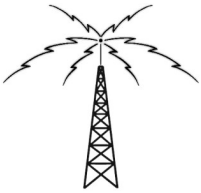
2015...Two thousand and fifteen! That's what year we are starting! How many of us thought that we would be here today looking back on 2014 and realizing, "wow, that year went fast"! That just means we do not want the year 2015 zipping by just as fast! So keep active in the club and be a part of only a few clubs that have the longevity that we do. Our club is a great club and we have done many things, but there is still a lot that we can do. We just need individuals like you to help. When the call goes out for ham operators to help fill positions during racing events, jump on it! If people are needed to be storm spotters, lend a hand! That is how you learn.

Come to the monthly meetings when you can and learn about all the opportunities to expand your knowledge that can make you a better amateur radio operator. Flip over to the last page of the AARCover and see all the clubs and special interest groups listed and know that each one of them can teach you something. You never know what might peak your interest!

I hope everyone gets off to a great start for this year of 2015. Happy New Year!

Mitch London, KD5HCV
AARCover Editor





Over the WWaves...



A Collection of useful and interesting Websites sent in by our readers

(All links have been checked by editor as working at time of publication)

Wow...does THIS ever bring back memories of getting WW II receivers working...especially ARC-5 ones. I recently found several thin books with ex-military receiver to SWL/ham conversions. Reading them in my early days as a ham was almost as much fun as poring over the Allied Radio catalog. Things to be wished for and some to be reached...

<http://www.ad5x.com/images/Articles/ARC5convert.pdf>

Forwarded by Rick Herndon, K5FNI

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e0NM1jJbjrM>

Drawing circuits with a pen??

Forwarded By Jay Hoffman, KaA5OST

<http://www.moviemice.com/pages/we/we.php>

Neat site about early talking pictures.

Forwarded by Rick Herndon, K5FNI

An article in Radio Guide, a broadcast engineering magazine, had a story Microphone Shootout with these links

<http://getbetteraudio.com/microphone-shootout-for-may-2-2014/>

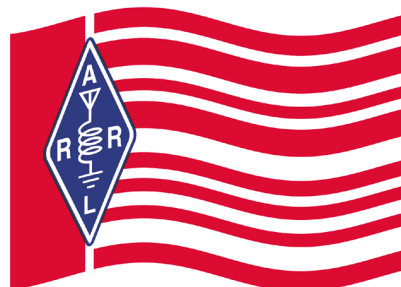
For the results:

<http://getbetteraudio.com/answers-for-mic-test-for-may-2-2014/>

The results are password protected with the password *showme*

What surprised me one of the lowest priced mikes the Audio-Technical AT2005USB, under \$100, has both a balanced output and USB output for computer input.

Forwarded by Juanita Miyasaki, KD5OIE



AARC New Meeting Location!

The Austin Amateur Radio Club Christmas Party was held here this last month and now it is our new meeting location!

Our next meeting is January 6th starting at 7:00 p.m. – drop by at 6:00 p.m. and grab a bite to eat!

Baby Acapulco's

[9505-B Stonelake Blvd.](#), Austin, Texas 78759 Click the map for a Google Map Link!



Club Dues for 2015 are Due!

The new year is here and you might as well get a jump on things by paying your dues for the 2015 year.

Besides the admiration of your friends, you also get guilt free use of all club repeaters, access to club equipment, online help through the use of the Austin Hams Yahoo group and much more! Be the first on your block to be a renewing member in 2015!

You can pay online at- <http://www.austinhams.org/join.htm>

Just fill out the .pdf form and mail to:

The Austin Amateur Radio Club
PO Box 4739
Austin, TX 78765-4739

AARC Meeting Info.

Baby A's

**9505-B Stonelake Blvd.
(Come early and have dinner!)**

Business Meeting 7:00 pm

January 6th—TBD

Officers Meeting

Officers meet via Skype and meetings are open to club members. Contact an officer for more information.

2015 Calendar of Events

Jan 4 -Mar 22 CW Operations Code Course (CWOCC) January 4, continuing 12 weeks
WC Jester Annex, 1801 E. Old Settlers Blvd,
Round Rock, TX, 78644.
2:30 to 4:30 PM
RSVP to Bill K5LN k5ln@austin.rr.com

Jan 10 Radio Fiesta (San Antonio Hamfest)
Schertz Civic Center - 1400 Schertz Pkwy,
Schertz, TX
Preregistration deadline- Jan 3 2015
<http://w5sc.org/>

Jan 16-17 Cowtown Hamfest & ARRL North Texas Section Convention
Forest Hill Civic and Convention Center
6901 Wichita Street Forest Hill, Texas 76140
Talk in 147.28(+)
PL110.9
Contact- Cowtown Hamfest Director- Kevin vick-ersdc@aol.com

info@cowtownhamfest.com

<http://cowtownhamfest.com/>

Jan 18 Big Bend 50 Run in Big Bend State Park
30K and 50 Miler - January 18, 2015
Charlie KC5NKK charlesdland@gmail.com
www.BigBend50.com

2015 Upcoming Amateur Exams

ARRL VEC- January 3rd & February 7th 9a.m.
at Bethany United Methodist Church. Contact Joe Makeever, W5HS (345-0800) or Joe Thiel, N5SMN (832-0450) for info. \$15 fee.

W5YI VEC- January 17th & February 21st
2p.m. in room 207, Fleck Hall, St. Edwards Univ.
Contact Craig Bean, AC5KW@arrl.net,
(474-6443) for more info.
<http://texashams.org/w5yi-austin/>

Upcoming Meetings...

Jan	Feb	Austin Meetings/Happenings	Time	Address
6	3	AARC Meeting Waterloo Ice House	7:00 p.m.	8600 Burnet Rd.
17	21	QCWA Tres Amigos	1:30 p.m.	7535 U.S. 290
28	No	Digital Wednesday at CATRAC	7:00 p.m.	4100 Ed Bluestein Blvd.
24	28	Travis Co. REACT Jim's 183 & Burnet	7:30 p.m.	9091 Research Blvd.
27	24	Travis County A.R.E.S. Pickle Research Ctr	7:00 p.m.	10000 Burnet Rd.
22	26	CERT Meeting, CTECC	6:30 p.m.	5010 Old Manor Rd.
27	24	CTDXCC Meeting Old Quarry Library	6:30 p.m.	7051 Village Ctr Dr.

New Meeting Location for TCARES

QCWA Now meets quarterly visit <http://www.qcwa.org/chapter067.htm> for info

***If your club is listed here and has incorrect time or dates, please let us know!
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