

# ARC-SHORTS

August 2019

Club Repeaters: 147.315 (PL 107.2), 444.6 (PL107.2), 224.82 (PL107.2), 53.13 (PL107.2) 927.6 (-25Mhz, PL107.2), and 1282.600 (PL 107.2), DSTAR 145.38Mhz, 442.060, and 1284.  
: DMR IS UP AND RUNNING 442.4125 +5Mhz Color Code 1.

PLEASE USE OUR REPEATERS.

## **NEXT CLUB MEETING**

Our next meeting is AUGUST 9th. We meet at 3600 Wheeler Ave in Alexandria at 7PM and the meeting ends, more or less, at 9PM. Many members get together at Atlantis Restaurant in the Bradlee shopping center at 5PM for dinner prior to the meeting. The Bradlee shopping center is on the south side of RT. 7 just east of 395, 3600 Wheeler is off of Duke Street about 1 block west of Quaker Lane. Informal talk in on the 147.315 repeater.

Our next program is to be provided by our own Ed, W4EDF on HF digital operations

## **BARRYVILLE HAMFEST**

Just got back from the Hamfest. Several members of the club attended. Rich, KA4GFY, Ian N8IK, Jay NV3W, Jack KE7VOU, Matt and Son KN4IJZ, Harry N4CWP, Larry K4LDW, Shawn KA3RQR, Richard KW4UJ, Wilson KM4KLL, Don, KI4D, Rick N4ASX, Erik KI4BXU, Jack W4JJ

Weather was great, lots of radios, lot of OLD radios,

## **JULY MINUTES**

Our program was provided by Jack W4JJ. Afghan Amateur Radio License, T6LC was granted from the Government of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan on 2 December 2009 and operated until 8 March 2010 Combat DX-pedition is complete. I understand it was one of our best programs. Thanks Jack!

## **Meeting minutes for July 2019 ARC Meeting**

Date: 7/12/2019

Time: 1900h

Location: Alexandria Police Dispatch Center

The July meeting program was provided by Jack Parker, W4JJ on operations in Afghanistan and Don KI4D provided a run down on Field Day. I was not able to attend, but I understand we spent a few extra bucks on our anniversary party. Our scores were better than we've done for a few years. Don did a GREAT job.

Rich talked about the two Motorola radios donated to the club and is having them programmed. He is also moving forward on the 444.9 MHz repeater to be installed in the trailer.

## **Hamfests –**

If you are looking for a road trip over the Labor Day Holiday, check out the Shelby Hamfest, on August 30, 31 and September 1, 2019 at the Cleveland County Fairgrounds, in Shelby, NC. Talk-in will be on the 146.880 (no PL) repeater. Here is the link: <http://shelbyhamfest.org/index.html>

The VA Section Convention in VA Beach is on September 7, 2019 in VA Beach, sponsored by Tidewater radio Conventions. Its right off I-264 near the VA Beach oceanfront at the VA Beach Convention Center. Talk-in is on the 146.895 (PL 141.3.Hz) repeater. Here is the link: <http://virginiabeachhamfest.com/>

The St. Mary's County Amateur Radio Association TailgateFest takes place on October 5, 2019 at the Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department in Hollywood, MD. Here is the link: <http://www.k3hki.org/tailgate-fest-2019/>

The Columbia Amateur Radio Association's CARAFest is on October 6, 2018 at the Howard County Fairgrounds in West Friendship, MD. It's near the intersection of I-70 and Route 32. Here is the link: <http://www.carafest.org/>

## **Training –**

Our Fall, 2019 class will start on Tuesday, October 8 and end December 3, 2019. There are already students lining up, so if you know someone who is looking for a class to earn their first license or upgrade to General, let them know. Our last class had an impressive 100% pass rate.

## **Contests –**

- August 10 and 11 – Maryland - DC QSO Party. Exchange is class and state. Most of us operating from home are a "Standard" station.
- August 17 and 18 – North American QSO Party, SSB. Exchange is name and state.

- August 18 – ARRL Rookie Roundup, RTTY. Exchange is name, 2 digit year you were first licensed and state.
- August 24 to August 26 – Hawaii QSO Party. Exchange is RST and state.
- August 24 and 25 – W/VE Islands QSO Party. Exchange is RST and state.
- August 24 and 25 – Kansas QSO Party. Exchange is RST and state.
- August 24 and 25 – Ohio QSO Party. Exchange is RST and state.
- August 31 to September 1 – Colorado QSO Party. Exchange is name and state.
- September 1 and 2 – Tennessee QSO Party. Exchange is RST and state.
- September 7 and 8 – Nebraska QSO Party. Exchange is state.
- September 14 to 16 – ARRL September VHF Contest. Exchange is 4 character grid square. Most of us are in FM18.
- September 14 and 15 - Alabama QSO Party. Exchange is RST and state
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- September 14 and 15 – Texas QSO Party. Exchange is RSTA and state.
- September 21 and 22 – New Hampshire QSO Party. Exchange is RST and state.
- September 21 and 22 – Washington State Salmon Run. Exchange is RST and state.
- September 21 and 22 – New Jersey QSO Party. Exchange is RST and state.
- September 21 and 22 – Iowa QSO Party. Exchange is RST and state

Don't forget, be sure to send in your log within 7 days after the contest ends for all ARRL sponsored contests.

REMEMBER to support the CLUB'S score for contests by providing Ian, N8IK, your info (Name, Call sign and Grid Square location) and submit your scores for the contests you play in. Contesting is one way we show that we are using our frequency allocations.

## **Repeaters –**

The club repeaters are all up and running. We will have to resume the follow-on net on one of the other repeaters after the Thursday net on the 2 meter analog repeater.

I will have an update on our newly obtained Motorola MTR-2000 repeater at the club meeting. It will be programmed for the TMARC shared non-protected pairs (442.900 MHz) to be used at public service events such as GW Birthday Parade. Since it is a shared non-protected pair, the plan is to use PL on both the input and output. We will use the club standard (107.2 Hz).

As always, ham it up and get on the air.

73, Rich, KA4GFY

## **ARES**

The City's EOC continues to develop. The City's radio shop is installing an HF antenna and the two VHF/UHF antennas. The city purchased a Kenwood TS-480HTX, a Kenwood TMD-710G and an ICOM ID-5100. When these are installed we will have HF, 6 meters, 2 meters (FM/Packet/D-Star/APRS) and 440 (FM/D-Star/Packet/APRS) capability the antennas allow us to add 6 meter FM and 1.2Ghz to the desk as well.

We have 14 volunteers out of a club of 83. We don't have a lot of emergencies, but having a credible group is important. We expect to work with CERT as Alexandria builds up it's CERT volunteer numbers, we also work with Red Cross and Alexandria Hospital.

If you would like to volunteer, you do not have to have prior training, but it is expected that within a reasonable amount of time you take the FEMA IS 100,200, and 700 classes. Each one takes about 20 to 30 minutes.

You can find the ARES volunteer from on the ARRL website or ask Rick, N4ASX.

73 Rick

N4ASX

ARES emergency coordinator.

## **Future Programs**

### **2019**

August – Ed W4EDF – Digital HF operations

September – Jim Wilson – Some history of the Alexandria Radio Club

October -

November – Club Elections – New President and Vice President.

December - Party

At this time, I do not have programs for August, September or October. Let me know what you want to hear about. HELP!!!! If you have an idea for a program, please let Rick know and he will try to find someone to provide the program. If you know someone you would like to have present a program, let me know

Rick, N4ASX

## **Social Events**

Monday Night Burgers – There is a group that gets together at 6:15 PM on Mondays at a local burger joint. Mark up on the 147.315 repeater and join them for the fun. Mark up on the

repeater about 6PM and join the group. The location does change! IF you have a good spot, you might suggest it to the group.