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The Newsletter of the Alexandria Radio Club
August 2023

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On National Night Out, Aug. 1, Jan (KB2LRX), Sean (K4KBK), and Sandy (KQ4DNE) greeted people in Del Ray, on behalf of ARC. Henry (r.) was very interested in ham radio.

Member News

Welcome New Members

Keegan W. Shilling (KQ4KAX), Paul Cataldo, and Susan Reinertson (KB0YXM)

President's Corner

Don (KI4D)

The month of July with an average high temperature of 92 degrees Fahrenheit was a month that did not invite comfortable outdoor ham radio operating in our area. Although not promised, hopefully, August will have at least a few good days to get outside to enjoy ham radio, including POTA.

I want to give a shout out to a number of club members who have recently been leading or contributing to various club interests in special ways. After giving a truly outstanding Winlink presentation at our club meeting last month **Ken van Wyk** (KORVW) has initiated a weekly “digital-net-night” on Monday nights at 7:00 p.m. The net is more of a workshop and “how-to” session to help club members learn to use ham radio digital modes software. Starting with FreeDV and moving on the VarAC, Ken has been a focal point on the club’s Discord channel for helping club members to get started with the new digital modes. Thanks to Ken, I was able to make my first VarAC contact on 10 meters with Jason (WA6MPR).

I want to give robust thanks to **Jason Palma** (WA6MPR) for the Discord server he created for the club; it has become a main-stay for on-going club discussions on a full range of ham radio topics. Contact Jason at wa6mpr@gmail.com for access to the club Discord channel, if interested.

Thanks to **Bryan Pettigrew**’s (WD4ADF) net control training sessions the club now has a host of new potential net controllers for club weekly nets. Contact Bryan at bryan.a.pettigrew@gmail.com if interested in taking net control training this fall.

Kudos to **Sean Gallagher** (K4KBK) for taking the club lead in support of the City of Alexandria National Night Out event on August 1st. National Night Out is a community-based event where the public gets to meet and greet police and other public safety and government officials. This event allows Alexandria Radio Club members to publicize its role in supporting the city during emergencies/disasters, and to appeal to those who may be interested in ham radio.

We would like to welcome three new members to Alexandria Radio Club. Welcome aboard to **Susan Reinertson** (KB0YXM); and member of the City of Alexandria Citizens Corp Council), **Keegan Shilling** (KQ4KAX), and **Paul Cataldo**.

The August 11th meeting of the Alexandria Radio Club will feature club member **Warren Wylupski** (KA2BWU) who will give a presentation on The Information Technology Disaster Resource Center (ITDRC); Warren is the Virginia ITDRC Coordinator.

Club meetings now have a timewise standardized format. The objective will be to keep discussions on track so that everything is covered in the time allowed. See figure1. Since time is a premium, it is requested that committee updates be concise so that we can accommodate the entire program in the timeframe allowed.

Meeting Component	Estimated Time Duration (Min)	Time
Opening	5-10	7:00-7:10 p.m.
Featured Presentation w/questions	50	7:10-8:00 p.m.
Club Business	30	8:00- 8:30 p.m.
Ham Work Shop	30+	8:30 p.m. - Until

1 Membership Meeting Format

The August Ham workshop will be led by **Todd Taylor** (KO4IJH) who will discuss WSPR and how WSPR will be used to help evaluate the performance of various NVIS antennas in connection with the DIY NVIS antenna project.

If you have an idea for a “how-to” presentation or discussion for the monthly club Ham workshop, please send me a note and we will try to work it in.

Don Lewis (KI4D)

Next Meeting

Will be held at 7 p.m., Friday, July 14, at the Alexandria Police Department Emergency Operations Center Community Room, 3600 Wheeler Avenue. See **President’s Corner** for details.

Last Meeting

Minutes – Carol (KN4LLL) [No formal minutes available]

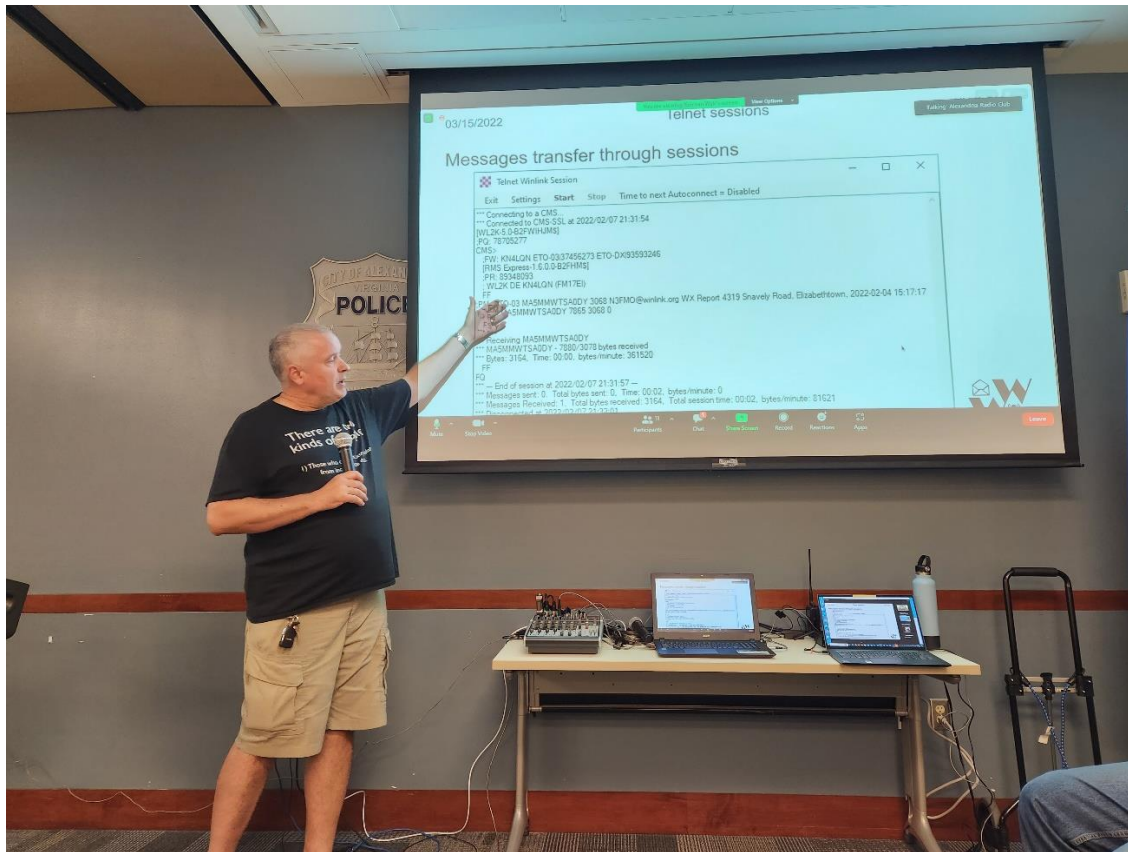
Date: July 14, 2023

Time: 1900 hours

Location: Zoom and In-Person at APD Community Room, Wheeler Lane

Presentation:

- Topic: Winlink Bootcamp—Getting Started
- Presenter: Kenneth R. Van Wyk, K0RVW



Kenneth R. Van Wyk, K0RVW, gave an in-depth presentation on the basics of Winlink at the July meeting. Ken's slide presentation is available at <https://krvw.com/K0RVW-Slides.zip>.

ADJOURNMENT: 2030 hours

Attendance (21)

Name	Call Sign
Don	KI4D
Ian	N8IK
Richard	KW4UJ
Rick	N4ASX
Rich	KA4GFY

Ted	W9TCE
Jan	KB2LRX
Gary	KC5QCN
Sandy	KQ4DNE
Jay	KV3W
Ryan	KO4EBY

Luciano	KB1TZN
Robert	KO4ZIK
Pete	N2KFA
Scott	W6GOU
Ed	W4EDF
Louis	KO4QUB

Jim	W4YUE
Henry	No call
Clayton	No call
Ken	K0RVW

ARES

Rick (N4ASX)

Marine Corps Marathon

I encourage all to volunteer for the Marine Corps Marathon (October 29, 2023). They need 150 volunteers. Amateur radio provides safety on the course, Aid Station communications, support to race management and, with APRS, race tracking.

This year there is new leadership and my experience with the Half Marathon suggests that the leadership is much improved. This year you will need to sign up via HAM COMMUNITY. I will send more info on request.

73, **Rick**, N4ASX

Activities and Events

Rich (KA4GFY)

Hamfests –

The Tidewater Hamfest and Swap meet takes place August 12, 2023 at the Ambassador Club of Portsmouth, 364 peninsula Avenue in Portsmouth. Talk-in is on the 146.850 (-) MHz repeater (PL 100.0 Hz). Here is the link: <http://virginiabeachhamfest.com/>

Training –

Our next class is scheduled to begin **October 3** and conclude **December 5, 2023**. If you know someone wishing to become an amateur radio operator, have them contact us at training@w4hfh.org.

Contests –

- August 12 – Kentucky State Parks on the Air. Exchange is state.
- August 12 and 13 – Maryland/DC QSO Party. Exchange is class and state. Most of us operating from home will be a “Standard” station.
- August 19 and 20 – North American QSO Party, SSB. Exchange is name and state.
- August 20 – ARRL Rookie Roundup, RTTY. Exchange is name, 2-digit year first licensed and state.
- August 26 through 28 – Hawaii QSO Party. Exchange is RST and state.
- August 26 and 27 – Worldwide Digi DX Contest. Exchange is 4-character grid square.
- August 26 and 27 – W/VE Islands QSO Party. Exchange is RST and state.
- August 26 and 27 – Kansas QSO Party. Exchange is RST and state.
- August 26 and 27 – Ohio QSO Party. Exchange is RST and state.
- September 2 and 3 – Colorado QSO Party. Exchange is name and state.
- September 3 and 4 – Tennessee QSO Party. Exchange is RST and state.

- September 9 and 10 – Alabama QSO Party. Exchange is RST and state.
- September 9 to 11 – ARRL September VHF Contest. Exchange is 4-character grid square.
- September 10 – North American Sprint, CW. Exchange is the other station's call, your call, serial number, your name, your state.
- September 16 and 17 – ARRL 10 GHz and Up Contest. Exchange is 6-character grid square.
- September 16 and 17 – Iowa QSO Party. Exchange is RST and state.
- September 16 and 17 – Texas QSO Party. Exchange is RST and state.
- September 16 and 17 – Washington State Salmon Run. Exchange is RST and state.
- September 16 and 17 – New Jersey QSO Party. Exchange is RST and state.
- September 16 and 17 – New Hampshire QSO Party. Exchange is RST and state.
- September 17 – North American Sprint. Exchange is the other station's call, your call, serial number, your name, your state.

Repeaters

Rich (KA4GFY)

PLEASE USE OUR REPEATERS

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.

The new Motorola Quantar repeater and newer antenna have been online since early December. We continue to get good reports from users reporting they have coverage where they did not before. As you drive around, keep checking the repeater to see where you can access it. We are doing some site work for remote receivers for the 147.315 repeater. Once they come online, we will let everybody know.

The Alexandria Radio Club has one of the only 23 cm analog repeaters in the area. Give it a try on your IC-9700, G-7, ID-1, or if you still have one, a T-81. It works quite well. We even tried the 23 cm repeater after one net and it worked quite well. If you have an ICOM 9700, be sure to join in.

There was a comment made about how no one uses 23 cm, so we should not support it. I beg to differ. I know there are several IC-9700s out there in the club, along with vintage 23 cm equipment. So, I am taking an informal poll. If you have 23 cm equipment of any kind, please email me at ka4gfy@arrl.net and let me know you have 23 cm equipment.

We do need to start thinking about replacing our 23 cm analog 23 cm repeater. It is built from two 30 plus year old Yaesu 23 cm mobile radios using a device built for phone patch as the controller. The current ICOM repeaters are capable of both DSTAR and analog.

We also have one of the few 33 cm analog repeaters in the area. It has good coverage and can be accessed with a handheld in many of the same places as our 70 cm repeater. If you have an Alinco G-29, Motorola GTX or a Kenwood TK-981, give it a try. If you are curious about 33 cm, check out kw902.com. This is the go-to website on everything about Kenwood 33 cm equipment. There is an active group of 33 cm enthusiasts in the Richmond area and they usually have equipment to sell at the Richmond Frostfest, so this will be a good place to look.

Ian, N8IK, runs the Wednesday night DSTAR net on the 145.380 MHz repeater at 8 p.m. The Wednesday night net is starting to pick up some momentum. We link the repeater to Reflector 62B at net time so members and former members outside the local area can join in. Some time ago, I asked the folks who maintain the lists of DSTAR reflectors to create a Virginia perma-link reflector. Many other states have them. Be sure to put Reflector 62B in your DSTAR programming.

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

73, **Rich**, KA4GFY

Alexandria Radio Club mailing list

Home: <http://mailman.qth.net/mailman/listinfo/alexandriaradioclub>

Help: <http://mailman.qth.net/mmfaq.htm>

Post: <mailto:AlexandriaRadioClub@mailman.qth.net>

This list hosted by: <http://www.qsl.net>

Please help support this email list: <http://www.qsl.net/donate.html>

An “Alexandria Radio Club Current Membership” Google Group has been established for internal club discussions by “active” club members. This is a private group established to promote internal club member communications among members of Alexandria Radio Club who are current with their club dues, and are therefore entitled to full membership privileges and benefits.

Invitations to join this list have been sent to “active” members, based on those current with 2023 club dues as reflected with the Club Treasurer. If you have paid club dues for 2023 and have not received an invitation to the Google Group, please send a note to Don Lewis KI4D so that the situation can be corrected soonest. A few email addresses have bounced.

Club Leadership

Elected Officers for 2023*

Don Lewis, KI4D—President
Sean Gallagher, K4KBK—Vice President
Carol Myers, KN4LLL—Secretary
Erik Misavage, KI4BXU—Treasurer

Elected Board of Directors, At Large*

Ian Keith, N8IK
Bob Crumley, KO4ZIK
Jason Palma, WA6MPR

* Voting members of the leadership group are the elected officers and elected directors.

Committee Chairmen

Joe Izaguirre, KO4QQX—Membership
Jan Maas, KB2LRX—Public Information
Officer (PIO)
Gary Sessums, KC5QCN—Club Metro
Area Liaison

Rich Adamy, KA4GFY (Lifetime
Member)
Rick Bunn, N4ASX (Lifetime Member)
Jim Stone, W4YUE
Marshall DeBerry, KI4MWP (Lifetime
Member)
Tom Kirby, KJ4FUU
Larry Walker, K4LDW
Monica Wilson, KC2IAY
Richard Morani, KW4UJ
Ted Einersen, W9TCE

Advisory Group of Past Presidents & Officers

Harry Jones, N4CWP (Lifetime Member)

Club Leadership Group members may be contacted using the following email addresses:

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