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ARC-SHORTS

The Newsletter of the Alexandria Radio Club
June 2024

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Lookin' around at Hamvention: (l.-r.) Ted (W9TCE), Sean (K4KBK), Bob (KO4ZIK), Ian (N8IK), Tom (AF2D), Jay (KV3W), Rich (KA4GFY).

Get On the Air on Field Day

Band captains are lined up, but could use the support of club members throughout the event.

Come and take a turn at doing what you love.

Early bird? Night owl? You're welcome any time.

Field Day will be held at Chinquapin Park, 3210 King Street, Alexandria. It begins at 2 pm, Saturday, June 22, and runs 'round the clock to 2 pm, Sunday, June 23.

President's Corner

Sean (K4KBK)

Well, **Hamvention** is over for this year and I hope you were able to get all the gear you were looking for. I found that most of the vendors offered show pricing at their retail locations and online sites so attendance wasn't mandatory to get sale prices unless you were chasing those "limited availability" specials that were only available at the show. Although, I wasn't really looking for anything specific (or so I thought) on my trip out there, I managed to spend \$1500+ for a new HF radio & power supply along with some antenna cable tools and some books. Time to start the lists for 2025.

We have just received some good news from the Sterling Park Amateur Radio Club and that news is that 7 of our members are receiving **VA QSO Certificates** for this year's participation and achievements in the contest. We will hand out those certificates at the meeting on Friday night. Be there so you can take your time in the spotlight!

We're just 10 days out from **Field Day 2024** and **Sandy (KQ4DNE)** has been busy pulling together all the fine-grain details so that we're covered on all fronts. Our former Field Day Chair, Bob (KO4ZIK), has been assisting Sandy but due to some late breaking family commitments, it looks like Bob will not be able to join us on 22/23 June. Given this latest change, we could certainly use a few more volunteers to assist with setup or take-down, or become one of the event Safety or Security Officers. While I believe we have Band Captains for each of 6 stations, we may still be a little short of operators to run the stations for the full 24-hour contest period. For those that have never operated on HF, Sandy will have a script that you can refer to while operating. Sandy will deliver the most current information at the monthly meeting on the 14th.

On 02 June, **Jan (KB2LRX)** represented ARC at the **Alexandria D-Day** Remembrance and Celebration at Market Square in Old Town. While I don't want to reveal too many details and steal Jan's thunder, I do want to thank him for his efforts to prepare and deliver our message at this high visibility and historically significant event.

Our **weekly nets** continue to grow and attract both new participants and more importantly some new members. **Bryan (WD4ADF)**, our net control chair, and our net controllers have done an outstanding job supporting our currently

scheduled nets but we'd like to see some more of our members stand up and take a rotation or two as net controllers. Bryan has the training available to put you successfully in the controller's seat. In fact, by the time of our next meeting, I will have (hopefully) completed my first cycle as net control for the 2M net. Please join us for the net on the 13th. I will do my best to get us through the session without too much confusion or creating too many faux pas. It will be fun either way.

I will put in another shameless plug for **volunteers to assist with a variety of club tasks**. We have a large pool of talent in the club and it would be great if we could leverage a little bit of it for the good of the club. See something that needs doing where you could assist or direct, tell us and we'll get it together.

Lastly, this month, with the **resignation of our club secretary, Carol Myers (KN4LLL)**, we are hoping to elect her replacement. The election committee is working to initiate the process so would expect we will hear something from them shortly. In the meantime, if you are interested in getting on the ballot for the position, please send me your name and I will forward to the election committee. As per the by-laws, nominations are open until we call for the vote at them meeting on Friday night, June 14. While our meeting will be hybrid with Zoom, you must be physically present at the meeting to vote.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on Friday night in the Community Room at the Alexandria Police Dept.

73, Sean, K4KBK - comms@gallagher.us.com

Member News

Congratulations to . . .

Skip Dronen, upgraded to General – new call sign KO2THF

Welcome New Member

Sven Hlywak (KC3ZDM)

At Our Last Meeting

The May meeting of the Alexandria Radio Club was held at Glory Days Grill, and provided a time of ham camaraderie in addition to club business. (Details in Last Meeting, below.)

Club President Sean Gallagher (K4KBK) introduced (l-r) Dakota Mayderry (KQ4RXW), Noah Mayers (KQ4RXV), and Claire Walker (KQ4SCJ), who had just passed both her Technician and General licensing exams in our recent testing session.



ARC at D-Day Event



Jan (KB2LRX), ARC Public Information Officer, represented the club at Alexandria's commemoration of D-Day, the beginning of the Allied invasion of Normandy in World War II. Alexandria is a Sister City of Caen, in Normandy, and the event featured remarks from representatives of France, Great Britain, and Canada. Our booth displayed a World War II-vintage US Air Corps transceiver, donated by Don (KI4D). It has 15 vacuum tubes, which fascinated people who compared the unit to their cell phones. Many visitors told stories about their relatives who had been active in ham radio, and several had licenses and expressed an interest in ARC and our training classes.

ARES

Joe (KD2HZG)

As some of you may know, Rick (N4ASX) was looking for someone to take the reins for the Alexandria City ARES (ARRL) Emergency Coordinator. I will be announcing some training sessions and upcoming drills after Field Day to help us improve readiness and increase our capabilities. My focus initially will be centered around unattended digital communications, like JS8Call, BPQ32, and Meshtastic, along with community resiliency improvements via outreach to places of worship and other community-based organizations. I'm hoping to secure funding and work with some of these groups to, at minimum, setup GMRS stations at notable community locations and validate testing with ARC's station at the EOC.

For training we will focus on setting up digital communications, field expedient antenna materials and construction techniques, and developing comm plans. If anyone has any experience with these or would like to lead a drill or training session, please feel free to email me at joek@26xx.org or message us in the ARES channel on our Discord community. (To join ARC Discord, email the moderator, Jason Palma, at wa6mpr@gmail.com.)

Joe Kalfa, KD2HZG

Activities and Events

Contests:

- **June 15-16, West Virginia QSO Party.** www.qsl.net/wvsarc
- **June 15, ARRL Kids Day.** <http://www.arrl.org/kids-day>
(Selected from ARRL Contest Calendar www.arrl.org/contest-calendar)

Special Events:

- **July 6, Colonial Williamsburg Special Event.**
<https://www.k4rc.net/events/special-event-stations/>
(Selected from ARRL Special Event Page www.arrl.org/special-event-stations)

Alexandria Radio Club Date Book

Coming Events

June 22-23: Field Day, Chinquapin Park, 3210 King Street

October 27: Marine Corps Marathon

Next Meeting

Will be held at 7 p.m., Friday, June 14, at the Alexandria Police Department Emergency Operations Center Community Room, 3600 Wheeler Avenue.

Last Meeting

Date: May 10, 2024

Time: 1900 hours

Location: Glory Days Grill, 3141 Duke Street, Alexandria

This was a dinner meeting focusing as much on socializing as on business. Highlights of the meeting included:

- Sandy, KQ4DNE, discussed Field Day 2024, to be held June 22-23, at Chinquapin Park. Final details will be presented at the June meeting.
- Sandy described the POTA training session, held April 13 at Belle Haven Park, led by Jason (WA6MPR), who gave a detailed presentation of POTA procedures, demonstrated equipment, and coached first-timers on the air.

Attendance (23)

Name	Call Sign	Name	Call Sign	Name	Call Sign
Sean	K4KBK	Pete	N2KFA	Clair	[no call yet]
Bob	KO4ZIK	Joe	KD2HZG	Noah	KQ4RXV
Erik	KI4BXU	Gary	KC5QCN	Dakota	KQ4RXW
Ted	W9TCE	Bryan	WD4ADF	Mason	KO4ROV
Sandy	KQ4DNE	Andrew	KI4THF	Thomas	KQ4KXH
Wilson	KM4KLK	Jack	KE7VOU		
Jay	KV3W	Skip	KQ4QKO		
Ian	N8IK	Howie	WA9HS		
Jan	KB2LRX	Scott	W6GOU		

PLEASE USE OUR REPEATERS

Club Repeaters: 147.315+ (PL 107.2), 444.6+ (PL107.2), 224.82- (PL107.2), 53.130- (PL107.2) 927.600 (-25Mhz, PL107.2), and 1282.600- (PL 107.2), DSTAR 145.380Mhz, 442.060+, and 1284.600-; DMR IS UP AND RUNNING 442.4125 +5Mhz Color Code 1.

Alexandria Radio Club mailing list

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Club Leadership

Elected Officers for 2024 * †

Sean Gallagher, K4KBK—President

Bob Crumley, KO4ZIK

—Vice President

Vacant—Secretary ††

Erik Misavage, KI4BXU—Treasurer

Elected Board of Directors, At Large* †

Sandy Kenyon, KQ4DNE

Joseph A. Porcelli, KT3I

Paul Cataldo, KQ4LJS

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

† Don Lewis, KI4D, was elected President in November, 2023, but resigned for health reasons on Jan. 12, 2024, at which time Sean Gallagher assumed the Presidency. The office of Vice President and a Director's position were filled by a special election at the February 9, 2024 meeting. †† Carol Myers, KN4LLL, resigned as Secretary in May, 2024. A special election to fill the position will be held at the June 14 meeting.

Committee Chairmen

Jan Maas, KB2LRX—Public Information Officer (PIO)

Gary Sessums, KC5QCN—Club Metro Area Liaison

Past Presidents/Life Members

Rich Adamy, KA4GFY (Life Member)

Rick Bunn, N4ASX (Life Member)

Marshall DeBerry, KI4MWP (Life Member)

Ted Einersen, W9TCE

Harry Jones, N4CWP (Life Member)

Ian Keith, N8IK

Tom Kirby, KJ4FUU

Don Lewis, KI4D

Richard Morani, KW4UJ

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Monica Wilson, KC2IAY

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