



ARC-SHORTS

The Newsletter of the Alexandria Radio Club
June 2025

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Gary Sessums-KC5QCN, sets up equipment for ARC's booth at Alexandria's D-Day event, June 1. In background: Sean Gallagher-K4KBK, Stex Fonda-K4IEW. Story below.

President's Corner

Sean (K4KBK)

Greetings to all! Looks like for some of you guys that weren't able to make it to Dayton, you're in luck, as Father's Day is right around the corner. I heard that in many circles, Father's Day allows you one free pass to the candy store, HRO Woodbridge! Now you can get that one item

you've been thinking about for months! Go ahead and get it! Ya know you want it! **Happy Father's Day!**

Looking at the calendar, we note that this month marks the halfway point in our 2025 year and we've had a ton of activity going. We supported the **Armed Forces Day (formerly the Military Auxiliary Radio System [MARS]) Cross Band Test**, a split HF radio event where one side of the transmission is conducted on MARS frequencies and the contact responses are received on amateur radio frequencies. On Saturday of Memorial Day weekend, we conducted the monthly joint Day in the Park/POTA event, which concluded with great lunch at the Columbia Island Marina restaurant. On June 1st, we commemorated D-Day, with an event at Market Square in Old Town Alexandria. We demonstrated HF, UHF, and VHF radio communication and even set up a Winlink station. The weather was perfect and the foot traffic was plentiful. There was a very high interest in Amateur Radio and many contacts were made for further information and the process required to obtain a license. Big thanks to Jan Maas, KB2LRX, for getting all that activity coordinated and set up.

On 7 June, our Net Control Chair conducted the first 10-meter net in club history. The net was largely a ground wave event with operators checking in from various locations in the Arlington/Alexandria area using both 100 Watt and 10 Watt QRP rigs. In total, we had 11 operators checked in, 9 directly to net control and 2 from the Huntingdon/Belleview areas by relay. All in all, a very successful net and a learning experience about ground-wave-based operations. Big Thank You to **Bryan, WD4ADF**, for getting this event organized and successfully completed. Looking forward to our next Net Excursion.

This month also brings us to our annual **Field Day event on 28/29 June**. **Joe Porcelli, KT3I**, has been hard at work getting all the details worked out. If you haven't committed to setting up a station or otherwise supporting this event, now is the time to contact Joe and let him know how you'd like to participate. I would also like to suggest that you wear your best radio operating gear as there's a rumor that the Zebra newspaper photographers will be there to capture some W4HFH details in preparation for a future feature article about the Club.

Looking forward, we are going to participate in another City event in September with our partners in the Emergency Management Office. The event is called **"Tons of Trucks"** and it features every piece of heavy equipment the City owns, specially cleaned up for the occasion. This is a family event and another great opportunity to put the Alexandria Radio Club out in front of the public.

The event will be held in Chinquapin Park and we will be bringing the trailer. We'll need some member support for this event, at/in the trailer, at whatever public (table) display we set up outside, and perhaps a couple of remote (repeater) operators to respond to eventgoers on the radio. Sort of a "Get on the Air" type station. Also considering the use of DStar & DMR connected to one of the busier reflectors/talk groups where listeners can clearly hear people checking in from all over the country/world. Looking for additional suggestions on how best to engage the public and help tell our story.

Our monthly membership meeting is set for Friday night, June 13th. In addition to the normal monthly information, our **EMCOM Division Director, Stex Fonda, K4IEW**, will be presenting the plan for developing and training our up-and-coming EMCOM operators. If you are new and think you have an affinity for boots on the ground emergency communications, this brief and this organization are for you. If you are a little more seasoned operator and want to refresh your emergency communications skills, then program is for you, too!

For those of you that participated in the **VA QSO party** and didn't receive your certificates at the Manassas Hamfest, I will have those certificates with me for presentation at the general membership meeting.

Well, that about wraps it up for June. Hope to see you at the meeting and/or at one of our events. We still need to identify a location for our annual Christmas party. This is an **All-Hands** search drill. Venue needs to hold 50, order off the menu preferred, no room charge and plenty of parking.

73,

Sean

K4KBK

Member News

10-meter Net Trial Proves Successful

In addition to our usual Wednesday night D-Star net, and our Thursday night 2-meter net, Club members formed a 10-meter net on Saturday, June 7. The idea was to try out equipment, test signals, and allow Technician class licensees an opportunity to work on the band.

Net control Bryan-WD4ADF reports: "Our first 'proof of concept' of a 10 Meter Band 'ground wave net' is in the books!" Those logging in: Michael-KB3DQI,

Sean-K4KBK, Gary-KQ5QCN, Jan-KB2LRX, Joe-KR4AHM, Steven-KR4CCT, Tom-NH7XJ, Andy-KI4THF, Skip-KO2THF (via relay), and Don-KI4D (via relay).

ARC Joins City's D-Day Commemoration June 1

Alexandria Radio Club (ARC) members participated in the City of Alexandria 2025 D-Day Commemoration to mark the 81st Anniversary of the D-Day landings and invasion of Normandy during World War II.

Pictured right are Gary Sessums-KC5QCN, Sean Gallagher-K4KBK, Stefano "Stex" Fonda-K4IEW, and Jan Maas-KB2LRX. They were later joined by Joe Kalfa-KD2HZG and Björn Jernudd-KC3AOO. Austin Kolb-KQ4ZCO also dropped by with friends. The team set up a battery-powered portable amateur radio station and antennas, distributed club flyers, and answered questions from the community, while demonstrating voice and digital modes of amateur radio, including the use of Winlink email over ham radio.



The program included live period music, WWII reenactors, history displays, community tables, performances by the U.S. Army Fife and Drum Corps, and the Alexandria Citizens Band. The event was held on Sunday June 1, 2025 from 1 to 4 PM at Market Square, Alexandria. (Left: Alexandria's Town Crier, Dr. Ben Fiore-Walker visits the booth.)

Field Day is Coming! Join the Party!

ARC's Field Day will be held June 28-June 29 in Chinquapin Park, 3210 King Street, Alexandria.

Operators, setup crews, and guides for visitors are still needed for the Club's and Ham Radio's biggest annual event.

Use the QR code sign up. Or this link:

<https://forms.gle/Xn9Ez6LYNrCbaSEA7>



And Bring a Friend!



Alexandria

Amateur Radio Club



Welcomes the public to attend our 2025 Field Day event located at Chinquapin Park, Alexandria, Virginia.

Located at 3210 King Street, Alexandria
Next to Alexandria High School



June 28-29, 2025

Operating times will run from 2pm Saturday to 2pm Sunday

Come and get on the air!

Amateur Radio Field Day Event



We're hoping to attract members of the public at our Field Day. City officials and emergency services personnel have all been invited, as well as Scouting groups. Tell your family, friends, and neighbors that they'll have a warm welcome as we practice the art and science of amateur radio.

Activities and Events

Hamfests:

- **August 3: Shenandoah Valley ARC, Berryville Hamfest, ARRL Roanoke Division Convention**, Clark County Ruritan Fairgrounds, 890 West Main Street, Berryville, VA. <https://www.berryvillehamfest.com>
(Selected from ARRL Hamfests calendar <https://www.arrl.org/hamfests-and-conventions-calendar>)

Contests/QSO Parties:

- **June 14-16, ARRL June VHF Contest.**
<https://www.arrl.org/june-vhf>
- **June 21, ARRL Kids Day.** <https://www.arrl.org/kids-day>
- **June 21-22, West Virginia QSO Party.**
<https://www.qsl.net/wvqp>
(Selected from ARRL Contests Calendar
<http://www.arrl.org/contest-calendar>)

Special Events:

- **July 1-8, 13 Colonies Special Event, WM3PEN.**
Philadelphia, PA. Holmesburg Amateur Radio Club.
<http://www.13colonies.us/>
- **July 5, Colonial Williamsburg Special Event Station, K4RC.** Williamsburg Area Amateur Radio Club.
<https://www.k4rc.net>
(Selected from ARRL Special Events Calendar <https://www.arrl.org/special-event-stations>)

Next Meeting

Friday, June 13, 1900 hours, at the Community Room at the Alexandria Police Headquarters Building, 3600 Wheeler Avenue.

Last Meeting

Date: May 9, 2025

Time: 1900 hours

Location: Community Room at the Alexandria Police Headquarters Building, 3600 Wheeler Avenue

1. For the May 9th meeting of the Alexandria Amateur Radio Club, 29 people were in attendance with 23 people in-person and 6 people participating in the online zoom meeting.
2. Robert Crumley, KO4ZIK, discussed the board members' plans to prepare for the application for 501c3 or 501c7 tax-exempt status including proposed changes in the by-laws. Richard Morani, KW4UJ, is currently working on by-law changes. Field Day 2025 preparations were also discussed.
3. Jack York, KE7VOU, gave a short summary of the April 11th meeting minutes.
4. Richard Morani, KW4UJ, discussed the treasurer's report with a total balance of almost \$14,000 and with recent bill payments for cellular data service. The new Burke and Herbert bank requires a minimum \$2,000 balance for the current checking account. Richard will attempt to find a Burke and Herbert checking account without a required minimum balance.
5. Robert Crumley, KO4ZIK, will be reminding dues payment delinquent members that their membership has expired.
6. Jan Maas, KB2LRX, will have a club table with promotional materials and radio operation demonstration at the City of Alexandria D-Day Commemoration at the City Hall Market Square on June 1st from 1pm to 4pm. A Field Day 2025 invitation will also be sent to high-ranking City of

Alexandria officials, since their attendance will generate recorded points for the club in ARRL competition.

7. Ian Keith, N8IK, discussed recent DMR repeater modifications to expand area of coverage. The 146.315 Mhz analog FM repeater has had recent reports of malfunctioning.
8. Richard Morani, KW4UJ, reported on the completion of the recent Technician license class, with eight people taking exams and six people passing their exams. Three people received new licenses. The online classes now have out-of-state participants. Robert Crumley, KO4ZIK, solicited new volunteer examiners (VE), needed to conduct the exams. All exams are now conducted with tablet computers.
9. Sean Gallagher, K4KBK, discussed the trailer preparation for Field Day 2025.
10. Richard Morani, KW4UJ, reported testing new links for the sale of club hats and shirts.
11. Bryan Pettigrew, WD4ADF, requested net control operators (NCO) for the regularly scheduled radio nets and will start a new NCO class in June. A special 10-meter net will be also held in June.
12. Robert Crumley, KO4ZIK, discussed Field Day 2025 preparations, including recruiting band captains, logistics, safety and security measures, and public relations (PR). Sean Gallagher, K4KBK, will be bringing the trailer. A vhf and uhf get-on-the-air (GOTA) and PR station was also discussed. Joe Kalfa, KD2HZG, will bring materials to construct antennas along with antenna analyzers. Jan Maas, KB2LRX, is looking for boys or girls scout troops for participation in Field Day activities.
13. Sean Gallagher, K4KBK, discussed club use of social media, including event photos and event announcements. Jason Palma, WA6MPR, discussed the posting of photos on his Discord server for club activities. Disclosure waivers are available for the posting of member club photos and other identifying information on club social media sites. Hash tags are used to direct club social media postings to the intended audience.
14. Upcoming events include:
 - a) Hamvention from May 16th to May 18th in Xenia, Ohio.

- b) Nuclear Ship Savannah Celebrates National Maritime Day On the Air - May 17-18, 2024 1300-2100Z. Open House onboard - Sun, May 18 10AM-3PM EDT. National Maritime Day (NMD) recognizes the US maritime industry and the proud tradition of the merchant navy. Congress created NMD in 1933 to honor the 1819 first Atlantic crossing using steam power made by NS Savannah's namesake SS Savannah. K3S will be QRV 40m, 20m, 17m, 15m, and 10m CW and SSB with a single 500W transmitter. Check the link: <https://www.qrz.com/db/k3sav>.
- c) Nuclear Ship Savannah Celebrates Museum Ships Weekend On the Air - June 7th and 8th, 2024 1330-2100Z. Port of Baltimore, MD. Check the link: <https://www.qrz.com/db/k3sav>.
- d) June 13th next club meeting
- e) June 28th and 29th Field Day at City of Alexandria Chinquapin Park
- f) Wednesday evening D-Star net on the W4HFH C, or 2m, node at 8pm
- g) Thursday evening net on the 146.315 Mhz analog FM repeater at 8pm

Please refer all comments and questions on this report to:

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Recorded Attendance, May 9, 2025 (23 in person, 6 remotely)

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Stex-K4IEW
John-KE4JEM
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Club Leadership

Elected Officers for 2025 *

Sean Gallagher, K4KBK—President

Bob Crumley, KO4ZIK

—Vice President

Jack York, KE7VOU—Secretary

Richard Morani, KW4UJ—Treasurer

Elected Board of Directors, At Large*

Sandy Kenyon, KQ4DNE

Joseph A. Porcelli, KT3I

Björn Jernuld—KC3AOO

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

Committee Chairmen

Jan Maas, KB2LRX—Public Information
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