

**OCTOBER CLUB MEETING**

Tuesday, October 12, 1999  
7:30 PM

**PROGRAM: Mr. Perelli-Minetti  
discussion on batteries**

**Annual Business Meeting  
Elections of Officers and Directors**

**N.R.A.O. Auditorium**

**A FUN THING**

Most of us go through life looking for "fun things" to do. They help to relieve tensions, make new friends, give us experiences which enlighten and brighten our lives and are just "fun things!"

So, what does that have to do with Ham Radio? Very simply, folks, we have fun things in our hobby and they are there for all to use and enjoy. They are called contests.

Oooooops, nasty word to some, but a carefully-planned event for so many others who enjoy this facet of Amateur Radio. Let's take a look at contests. Most of us enjoy some form of contest...it may be one of the most common... sports. It may be one of the famous challenge-type of TV programming. Many of us stand in awe of the competitors and for good reason, too. We can't throw a ball that far or run the marathon, either. We may not know who the king of Lower Slobovia was in 1908, but we enjoy watching those who do.

However, in Ham Radio we have many operating events which offer an opportunity to compete on a fairly even playing field with the "big boys and girls." There are contests to work lots of places around the world. There are RTTY contests, DX contests and even something called "Straight Key Night" at New Years. There are VHF contests, moonbounce competitions and, of course, Field Day!

One of the Granddaddy contests is the RRL Sweepstakes convening in November with the object for stations in the United States and Canada to exchange

QSO information with as many other U.S. and Canadian stations as possible on 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10. The activity starts this year on November 6th for c.w. and November 20th for phone, between the hours of 2100 UTC Saturday and ending at 0300 UTC Monday. Complete rules are in October QST, page 88.

Exchanges are simple: A consecutive serial number, precedence (a letter indicating power level or station status), your call sign, your year first licensed and ARRL section. I might provide this information: #1 Q W2HD 46 VA, meaning first contact, 5 watts or less, my call, licensed in 1946 and residing in the VA section. A complete contact would acknowledge the other station's info.

Several years ago, I enjoyed an SS in my present location using a tremendous power of three watts output. I contacted all 50 states except one on c.w. The 50th was Arkansas on phone (also 3 watts.) It was lots of fun and maybe this year it will be 50 on c.w. and 50 on phone during the second weekend. It's fun trying!

Unfortunately, No-code Techs aren't included in this contest, but there are VHF/UHF contests for their enjoyment at other times. A Novice can enter on HF c.w. or a Tech Plus can use 10 phone. You can contact as many or as few stations as you wish. Come on, jump in... the water's fine. 73...

**Harry, W2HD**

**FREQUENT CHANGES AHEAD**

Edward P. Taylor, KA4VMP, and his wife, Lori, announce the arrival of **Lisa Renee Taylor**. She was born at Martha Jefferson Hospital on September 30, 1999, at 8:43 AM. Lisa was 9 lbs. 7 oz. Mother and new daughter are doing fine.

Lisa's older sister, **Robin**, will soon be 4 years old. Now Ed has two daughters to introduce to Amateur Radio!

**PEEP FROM THE VEEP**

Look forward to October's meeting program. It will feature Jules Perelli-Minetti. For those of you who are asking "who on earth is Jules Perelli-Minetti?", let me tell you. Mr. Perelli-Minetti is the Manager at Batteries PLUS in Albemarle Square Shopping Center. Some of you know him very well. Mr. Perelli-Minetti has agreed to present October's program with a discussion on batteries, their variety, advantages and use and care.

As the majority of our HT's and many other items use batteries, this should be a very informative program. I personally have had dealings with Mr. Perelli-Minetti when he rebuilt my nicad battery.

Looking forward to seeing all of you at the meeting.

Jessie KE4OID

**NOMINATION COMMITTEE  
SLATE**

The nomination Committee has submitted this slate of candidates for the consideration of the AARC membership during the annual election to be conducted during the October meeting.

**Officers: (Vote for one each office.)**

President:..... Bob Pattison, K4DU

Vice-President:..... Mike Colburn, N4HRO  
Dick Mullikin, W4BZW

Secretary:..... Joe Fritz, KD4RWX

Treasurer:..... Sharon Duvall, KO4OC

**Directors: (Vote for five only)**

Grayson Dowell, KF4FYI

Mike Duvall, AC4ZQ

Bow Owen, K4QKH

Elmer Scott, KF4UCI

Pete Taylor, KC4UCK

Jimmy Walker, K4JMY

[Nominations from the floor will be in order for each position on meeting night. You must be present to cast a vote.]

**AARC DIRECTOR RESIGNS**

At the beginning of the AARC Board Meeting on Tuesday, October 6, Ann Condrey (W0ANN) resigned as Chair of the Education Committee and then resigned as a Director of the AARC Board.

President Don Bush (KE4DDR) accepted her resignation. We thank Ann for her service to the Club and wish her well.

In absence of direction in the Bylaws, the President named Bow Owen (K4QKH) an Interim Director until the end of this year. The elections during the meeting, next week, will fill all Officer and Director positions for next year.

Joe, KD4RWX

**911 PHONE PATCH**

If you missed the last meeting you missed a rather important presentation and discussion about putting a 911 telephone patch back on one of the repeaters. I decided to make the presentation because there are several options. At the end of my presentation and the resulting discussion that followed a motion was made to table the issue until the October meeting. This was done so that the information could be presented to the club membership in the club news letter. At the next meeting we are scheduled to vote on this issue. If you want your opinion to be heard please come to the meeting and vote.

**Reasons for this discussion**

The reason for this discussion is to have people reaffirm their commitment to a 911 phone patch and for the club to have input on issues that could save money but hurt the coverage of a 911 phone patch. The technical committee still has permission to put a telephone line in for a 911 phone patch from the days when 147.76 was on Carter's mountain. Unfortunately, while we had free electricity on Carter's mountain we will have to pay for it on Piney Mountain. This increases the fix cost burden on the dues paid by the membership. Despite the apparent surplus of funds in the treasury, your dues are at best just barely covering the fixed costs over the past 3 years. The fixed costs include postage, publications, refreshments, picnic, the phone line on Carter's and miscellaneous fees such as Insurance and State corporations fees that are paid every year. Virtually all the extras like repeater maintenance and test equipment purchases we have made have been funded by Ron Richey's recycling committee. Obviously adding more expense just increases the inevitable decline of the surplus of funds.

**The Problems we want to solve**

We have two problems we are trying to solve. The first and most obvious is to provide a 911 phone patch to amateurs in the area and AARC club members. This is the reason the club voted to fund the 911 phone patch on Carter's mountain in the first place. We live in a big county. Aside from a few major roads most of our repeaters cover two lane country and dirt roads.

The second problem we need to solve is a control link for the

equipment located on Piney Mountain. Right now the only legal control we have over the equipment on Piney is to get in a vehicle and drive up to the mountain. The repeater is located in a private garage where the owner stores some of his personal belongings. He does not want keys given out to just anyone.

Along with the control link problem is the difficulty in programming the SCOM 7k controller. We spent a lot of money for a talking repeater controller with a phone patch. To really take advantage of this controller and change the announcements regularly you have to program it with a computer and modem. It is possible to program it from an HT's touch tone key pad but it is not fun. Significant programming changes with an HT would be very time consuming and error prone. Making changes on a regular basis would be a real pain. Contact Will, KJ4XZ for specific details.

**Options:****\* Wired telephone line on Piney**

The 146.76 repeater has the largest coverage area of Charlottesville and Interstate 64 and the surrounding county. It has historically had an auto patch on it and would be easiest to get on line. All we would have to do is get a line installed and plug the repeater in.

The advantage of this approach is that it gives us a 911 patch on the 2m machine with the largest coverage. It also gives us a badly needed control link to control the 220 and 146.76 and other projects the club may want to put up there. It also allows for the expansion of auto patch services to club members that are willing to pay extra for it. At least 8 people indicated that they would pay \$20/year for auto patch privileges to help defer the phone costs.

The only disadvantage to this option is the fixed operating cost of the repeater. On Carter's mountain we use to pay about \$42/month for telephone service and had free electricity. On Piney we will have to pay \$38/month for telephone and \$16/month for electricity. To put it in simpler terms the dues of 25 club members was required to pay the telephone bill on Carter's. It will take the dues of 32 members to pay the telephone and electric bill on Piney.

I have been told that since this telephone line would support a repeater used for emergency communications for an ARES/RACES affiliated club, we should be able to get a free or greatly reduced telephone rate. The person that told me this is very confident he can help us out. I also have someone working on getting a price on cell phone service. With the latest price wars a cell phone link has become more attractive. I should have all the details at the October meeting. The actual phone costs will almost certainly be less so keep and open mind until October

**\* Wired telephone line to MJH**

Picking this option would require swapping the 146.76 and 146.925 controllers. The controllers on the machines would be reprogrammed so that the courtesy beeps and everything works the same as it does now. The only difference would be that 146.925 would have a voice ID and 146.76 would not. Martha Jefferson indicated that they are willing to give us free phone line.

The only advantage to this is free 911 access.

There are several disadvantages. The 146.925 repeater has less than half the coverage area of 146.76. We have not solved the control issue with Piney with this option. It makes it unlikely that we could ever let members make phone patch calls through this repeaters.

**\* Cell phone.**

There is a federal law that states that telephone companies must provide free 911 access to cell phones. Even if the user does not pay for any services.

The advantage is we could get free 911 service. We might be able to get a better rate than a wired line if we want to pay a little. The disadvantages are that a cell phone does not provide a control link for Piney unless we pay. You have to purchase a special interface for about \$150. Unless we have a digital phone to start, we may have to buy a digital interface later when they phase out the analog support in about two years.

**\* No 911 service**

Advantages.. I cannot think of any. I guess people that sell cell phones would get more customers.

Disadvantages? We would no longer provide and emergency service to the amateur community. The 1/2 of the member ships that does not have cell phone service would have to depend on someone being on the repeater in time of need or buy a cell phone. The people with cell phones would not have a backup service.

**\* Speed dial for members that want to pay a yearly fee.**

Assuming that the club votes to put the phone on Piney mountain we could offer this service to the members to defer some of the costs. Details of who pays, how much etc. would have to be determined in another forum at a later date. There was considerable interest at the meeting.

**Recommended course of action.**

I think free 911 phone patch is a valuable resource to area hams. One of the primary purposes of amateur radio communication is to provide emergency communications to the public. To be effective communications must be dependable and timely. It cannot depend on the luck of having someone monitoring the repeater all the times. I know I have used the 911 patch many times and been the first one to call in. The club should provide this service.

Second, despite the increased cost, the 147.76 repeater has the best coverage of the two 2M repeaters. I have had very good results down I-64 past Zion's Crossroad. Others have had excellent results down in Orange. 146.925 is good in the Charlottesville area but is useless after you get five to ten miles out on I-64E. With the 146.76 repeaters current location it provides excellent coverage for a heavily traveled 29 North and connecting side roads. Elmer and I are working on getting significantly more power out of the repeater. This will increase to coverage for those that have

problems hearing the repeater but get into it ok.

The third reason to select this approach is it provides a badly needed control link so you would not have to have access to the repeater building to meet and FCC requirements.

And last but not least is it keeps open the option of allowing users to pay for speed dial access if we decide to do that at a later date.

**Miscellaneous facts.**

A new S-com 7k controller like the one we have would cost \$850. I think we paid \$600-\$700 when we bought ours.

Control links are restricted to 220 MHz and above. The control link cannot use the same input frequency as the controlled device.

The intermittent problem with the 146.76 repeater around the time of the last meeting turned out to be a problem with the power amplifier. Since the last club meeting the 146.76 repeater has only been putting out 13 watts. As a result the coverage has been reduced significantly. Normally the repeater puts out 50 watts at the same point in the system. If you have been checking the coverage since the last meeting you should know this.

Mike Duvall

Technical Committee, Chairman

**LAST CALL  
Presented for vote at December Meeting**

**HAM OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS**  
Send your nomination statement to Joe Fritz.  
2306 Williamsburg Rd., Charlottesville, VA  
22901-1431  
kd4rwx@aol.com

**SPECIAL NOTICE**

At this time, we will be offering a class for those who wish to obtain a Technician License. Check with Joe Fritz. (973-1738 or email kd4rwx@aol.com) If you know someone who is interested. The class will be using the ARRL Technician Class Video Course. It will meet on Wednesdays at 6:30 to 9 PM at the Red Cross Center on Rose Hill Drive.

**CLUB EXPENSES AND THE 911 PATCH**  
**Mike (AC4ZQ), Technical Committee Chair**

Below is a table of what I call the fixed expenses for the last three years. The fixed expenses are the ones you expect your dues to cover each year. The fixed expenses include but are not necessarily limited to, the publication of the newsletter, directory, meeting refreshments, picnic, equipment insurance, state incorporation fee and the 911 phone patch. As you can see, for a while we were having a grand old time. Then reality set in and the routine expenses dropped back to levels more reasonable. The tree crashing on the building saved use a few bucks on the phone bill. HI HI.

Year	1997	1998	1999
Dues	1100.00	2038.00	1766.00
Donation From Sprint		250.00	
Publication Expense	1465.79	834.69	869.16
Meeting Refreshments	358.95	430.32	432.00
Picnic	50.00	100.00	100.00
Equipment Insurance	149.00	149.31	149.00
State Incorporation Fee	25.00	25.00	25.00
Phone Bill	451.00	532.00	99.04
Total Expenses	2499.74	2071.32	1674.20
	-1399.74	216.68	91.80
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This is not an official Treasurer's Report.			
For more information, please contact Sharon Duvall, KO4OC.			

Please take note that I did not show the BIG SURPLUS in this table. Most of surplus money comes from the recycling committee that Ron runs. I hope you share my opinion that this money should be used to fund projects that benefit the majority of club members. It should not be used to fund the fixed expenses listed above. In the past, this money has been used to buy HF and VHF graphical SWR analyzers, a deviation meter and to treat the whole club to a barbecue picnic catered by Big Jim's. The recycling committee profits are also covering most if not all the relocation expenses of the 147.76 repeater. We have not asked frequent repeater users for any money, although if you are feeling guilty the money is always welcome. Despite the amount of money that Ron brings in he can always use fresh blood and donations from businesses.

The 1999 figures are through September. Obviously, there will be additional publication expenses.

There were other expenses in the past for repairs to the repeater, vests, textbooks that are not shown in the table above.

I hope this gives you a little more insight into some of the finances of the club and how they relate to repeater expenses.

**Using Autopatch in Emergencies:\***

An autopatch connects the repeater to the public switched network for placing local telephone calls. This is done by inputting your DTMF access code and the telephone number or programmed special number. When making emergency calls via autopatch it is vital that transmissions be kept brief.

This is because autopatch calls are not full-duplex like a telephone and the person answering does not know that you are on the radio. You cannot hear the call taker's instructions when you are talking! Don't blurt out a long string of information. It only frustrates the call taker and prolongs the call.

The 911 system traces calls, but when on the autopatch it displays the building address of the repeater site, not where you are! When emergency services answers clearly say:

"This is <your name>. There is a <incident type> at <location>. I am calling on the radio and cannot hear you until I stop talking, OVER..."

Saying "OVER" and unkeying makes your point clearly. Be brief, do not explain. Let the call taker PROMPT YOU for further information. Have the following information ready for the call taker:

- 1) LOCATION, most accurate position possible, street name or state highway route number, mile marker, street number or cross street;
- 2) DIRECTION of travel, and which lane or shoulder;
- 3) INCIDENT TYPE, traffic accident with injury or property damage only, vehicle fire, dead animal, debris in road, etc.
- 4) NUMBER and TYPE of VEHICLES involved; auto, pickup, tractor-trailer, etc.
- 5) DESCRIPTION of VEHICLE and NUMBER OF OCCUPANTS: i.e., red 4-dr. compact, two occupants, female driver and infant in car seat.
- 6) INJURIES, NUMBER OF PEOPLE INJURED, and EXTENT of injuries, if known;
- 7) HAZARDS; power lines down, occupants possibly trapped, brush fire, fuel leak, HAZMAT placard visible on trailer, lanes blocked, etc.
- 8) YOUR NAME and TELEPHONE number where you can be reached later.

Answer any other questions the call taker may have. The call taker couldn't care less about your callsign, it's extraneous information to them. They will want a name and telephone number where you can be reached later. Give your work telephone or pager if you don't want to give your home telephone over the air. Always wait for the operator to hang up before you identify with your callsign and terminate the phone patch.

\*This general guidance for using an autopatch to report emergencies is based upon suggestions provided to the Northern Virginia FM Association by the Fairfax County Public Safety Communications Center.

**EQUIPMENT FROM EASTERN VIRGINIA**

The following information is supplied from the estate of E. Glen Snyder, WB4LMS, on behalf of his widow.

Glen, and old friend of many years became a Silent Key on July 16. I have been involved in the task of disposing of all Ham radio gear and test equipment. Unfortunately there were some real complications that had to be resolved initially. They have now all been done.

The Collins equipment is listed below is copied from a larger list:

MFGR	DESCRIPTION	MODEL	SERIAL NBR
Collins	HF Transceiver	KWM2A	MCN-2342
Collins	HF Transmitter	32S-3	12934
Collins	HF Receiver	75S-3	12345
Collins	HF Transceiver	KWM	380 582
Collins	VHF Converter	62S-1	10796
Collins	HF Amplifier	30L-1	12067
Collins	HF Amplifier	30L-1	No S/N
Collins	Station Control	312B-4	1484
Collins	Station Control	312B-5	10247
Collins	Power Supply	516F-2	19730
Collins	Power Supply	516F-2	21272
Collins	Power Supply	PM-2	No S/N
Collins	Antenna Tuner	180S-1	No S/N
Collins	Desk Mike	SN-281	No S/N

The above list has been prepared by request of Glenn's widow, who desires to make suitable disposition of all of these items. Generally, the exterior appearance is good. The condition of much is unknown at present, but several items are known to require repair. The following are a few known situations.

Both of the 516F-2 Power Supplies need repair. The solid state PM-2 is for the KMW-2A and appears never to have been installed or wired up. The KMW-2A could not be tested without a power supply, but I am assuming it may need repairs. That goes for the 32S-3 Transmitter also. I made a brief try at the 75S-3 Receiver, but never could get any audio.

As to the KWM 380, I know the receiver works just fine, and that tells a lot about some of the important circuits. But I could get no transmit output to a dummy load. The 62S-1 is a VHF Converter and this is known to require repairs. I have not had any opportunity to check out the 30L-1 yet, but hope to try next week on one of them. The second one I suspect was acquired from surplus as there is no serial number.

The 312B-5 Station control cannot be checked sans a power supply. The 312B-4 has been cannibalized for its meter. The 180S-1 Antenna Tuner is probably OK. I would expect the desk mike is OK also.

That is all I can tell you at the present time. I know the prices that this stuff brings in good working and appearing condx, but that won't happen with these pieces of equipment.

If anyone is interested in obtaining this Collins gear, please contact me immediately.

It would be preferable to make an "offer" for the entire lot. Any "reasonable" one will get serious consideration. This equipment will be disposed of in a very short time for some other reasons.

Mrs Snyder has told me several times that her greatest interest is that some Ham who really likes Collins equipment ought to get it.

I wish I could tell you more about it, but there has been so much to do in this estate that I simply have not the time nor facilities to do all that I would like.

If anyone would like to see it, I can arrange that. She lives in York County, near Yorktown, VA, only 5 minutes from my QTH, about 7 miles from the I-64 & US 17 interchange.

If anyone is interested in some of the other equipment available, I can provide a list on request.

73,  
Ken Pierpont, KF4OW  
tel. (757) 898-3774  
kf4ow@juno.com

**Next month I will try to put together a survey of the membership concerning ideas for next year, etc. Some questions will be directed at which areas you might like to participate. Your suggestions for program topics will be included.**

**Try to attend the October meeting. It will be the time to elect new officers and directors. Nominations are in order from the floor, so, if you are interested, come and nominate yourself.**

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**LOCAL CLASSIFIED ADS**

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	New ads may be placed directly to the editor: 804 973-1738 or email at kd4rwx@aol.com
<b>7/1/99 FOR SALE: HF BEAM</b>	Rick, KO4WQ, would like to sell a Mosley TA33jr three element triband beam. Call him at 804 823-1128.
<b>7/22/99 FOR SALE: ICOM HF TRANSCEIVER</b>	Richard, K4VY, would like to sell an ICOM IC-735 HF transceiver and PS55 power supply, desk & mobile mike, manual. Call 804 974-9852.
<b>7/29/99 FOR SALE: VARIAC</b>	Ron, K4RKA, has for sale several variacs, 1.25amp, 3amp, 6amp, 10amp, and 20amp rating from \$5 to \$20 each. Call 804 973-3640.
<b>7/29/99 FOR SALE: KENWOOD HF TRANSCEIVER</b>	Richard, N8HUJ, is offering a Kenwood TS690 hf + 6m transceiver. It includes am/fm/ssb/full qsk, mike & manual. Call him at 804 974-6121.
<b>8/19/99 FOR SALE: MCINTOSH COMPUTER</b>	To go with the new McIntosh logging program, Ron, K4RKA, has for sale a McIntosh Performa 475 computer, modem, printer, monitor for \$100 total. Call 804 973-3640 if interested.
<b>9/2/99 WANTED: LASER PRINTER</b>	Rick, KO4WQ, is looking for an IBM format laser printer.

**BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH...**

KD4HBX	Steve	Oct 5
KB4JNI	Bud	Oct 24
AC4ZQ	Mike	Oct 24
KF4ZGD	Steven	Oct 24
KF4APO	Marlene	Oct 25
WB4RBW	Nancy	Oct 29
K4APM	Linda	Oct 29
W3DXX	Howard	Oct 31

**VE SESSIONS - 1999**

October 9 Richmond	Pat Wilson 804 932-9424 9 AM
October 16 Fredericksburg	Carolyn Cavanagh 540 373-0572
October 16 Harrisonburg	Buck Mowbray 540 289-5580
October 17 Lynchburg	Charles Beard 804 832-7651
November 1 Chesterfield	Tony Amato 804 717-5237
November 21 Lynchburg	Charles Beard 804 832-7651
December 4 Culpeper	John Berry 540 543-2580
December 5 Lynchburg	Charles Beard 804 832-7651
December 6 Chesterfield	Tony Amato 804 717-5237
December 11 Richmond	Pat Wilson 804 932-9424
December 18 Harrisonburg	Buck Mowbray 540 289-5580
	Please call in each case to check on times, place, and if walk-ins are permitted.

**CLUB BUSINESS**

**AARC Board Meeting - September 7, 1999**

Dave (K4DND) requested some meeting time to discuss the weekend SET exercise. Also, there is an upcoming Hospital which will lead up to a wide area hospital exercise on October 16th.

Hein (N4FWA) asked if the .925 repeater is set up for crossband? Mike (AC4ZQ) said yes. Is the battery connected on the .76 repeater? Mike indicated that they were to install it on Wednesday. Dave indicated that there were 6 batteries that he had obtained. Where were they?

Greg (N4PGS) indicated that there were no new activities scheduled. He believed Montpelier was still a possibility.

Mike will make a presentation at the meeting concerning Autopatch and related topics.

**AARC Meeting -- September 14, 1999**

(In the absence of the President and Vice President, the Secretary, Joe Fritz (KD4RWX) served as Acting President and presided.)

Albemarle Amateur Radio Club Agenda

September 14, 1999

Joseph D. Fritz (KD4RWX), Acting President

I have asked Nancy, KF4MEF to take the Minutes for tonight's meeting..

**Approval of Previous Minutes:** The following Treasurer's Report was inadvertently omitted from the minutes.

Total Income	2269.30
Total Expense	2156.48
Balance forward	4298.71
Total	4411.53

I am sure additional expenses have been paid. New numbers will be forthcoming in the October Minutes.

The Chair will entertain a motion for the approval of the Minutes reported in the September issue of the AARC BULLETIN. These are for July and August and to include the mentioned Treasurer's Report, above. Motion was made, seconded and the Minutes as modified, were approved.

#### Special REPORTS:

##### EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Dave (K4DND) reported that the operation went well at the SET on Saturday. There were some transportation issues. Twenty-nine Amateur Radio operators participated. Bob Nelson commended the participants. Special note was made of Harry's (W2HD) role as Net Control.

##### NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

President Don Bush (KE4DDR) asked me to present the names of the Nomination Committee as prescribed by the Bylaws. He only had 3 nominees. The Bylaws require 5. I was given the authority to name the remaining two. He did not state that he had appointed a Chair, therefore, since the prior number did not constitute a full committee, I will appoint a temporary chair to call the first meeting. At that time the committee will select a leader to guide the committee.

The Following AARC members are appointed

Gary Beasley, AG4BZ  
 Harry Dannals, W2HD\*  
 #Greg Faust, N4PGS\*  
 Ernie Sardi, W2EIU  
 Mella Sardi, W2HTJ

\*named by Joe Fritz, Acting President.

# Greg accepted to be the Temporary Chair.

As a matter of courtesy, the committee shall contact current Officers and Directors concerning their interest in standing for Election at the October meeting. The selection of a slate will be entirely up to the committee. They are not constrained by Current Board Membership. They should obtain the permission of each person who they nominate, in order to assure that nominees will stand for election. As always, at nomination time during October meeting, nominations from the floor will always be in order.

This committee will provide their slate to the President and Secretary by September 30. This will permit the publication of the slate in the October newsletter.

#### REGULAR Reports:

- Secretary: Joe (KD4RWX) Acting Secretary, Nancy (KF4MEF) recorded that 39 members and guest were present.
- Treasurer: Sharon (KO4OC)
- Activities: Greg (N4PGS)
- Education: Ann (W0ANN) Ann offered a brief statement concerning the fall class is not being held.

In view of information which has come to the attention of the Acting President-today- namely that there might be at least 9 or more

individuals who may be interested in getting their licenses. Nine (Seven) of these are said to be associated with one of the local emergency response organizations. Two additional individuals have expressed an interest in a class as well.

Since the regular class was previously canceled, as Acting-President, I am appointing a time-limited Educational Sub-Committee which is being asked to determine the following:

- Validate the number of individuals who would be interested in taking a class starting in October. If at least five individuals are located, then;
- Locate one or more individuals who would be willing to teach all or parts of this class, if formed.
- Locate and secure a site where the course can be taught. One has been suggested and will be passed on to the Sub-committee
- Establish times and dates for class meetings.

ADDITIONALLY: This class is not to be constrained by any VE Session schedule. When an ending date is determined, an attempt will be made to schedule a local VE Session. Failing that, VE SESSIONS scheduled in the region will be provided for would be exam takers.

Therefore, I appoint the following to carry out the defined tasks.

Harry Dannals, W2HD  
 Joe Fritz, KD4RWX  
 Dick Mullikin, W4BZW  
 Bill Bearden, KC4TQF

These individuals will select one member to serve as Chair. The Committee will prepare a report of its findings and recommendations. The report is due by September 30, 1999. This Report will be sent to the Chair of the Education Committee and the President. The Chair of the Education Committee will pass her recommendation on to the President in an expeditious manner or not later than at the October Board Meeting.

Fundraising: Ron (K4RKA) - No report  
 Publication: Joe (KD4RWX)

I wish to announce that Bob Dorsey (K4UVT) has accepted the responsibility of the Editor of the AARC Bulletin for next year. He will need additional individuals to assist him in the process. Some have already volunteered. Others are invited to participate. Send me the names. Check your September newsletter for additional details.

Technical: Mike Duvall (AC4ZQ) presented a program on Autopatch. He will write a message for publication in the October newsletter for all to read. There is likely to be a vote on this issue at the October meeting.

There was a question concerning if an open autopatch might be possible. That issue will await a future discussion.

Jimmy (K4JMY) commented that the fixing of the repeater should be more of a priority than autopatch. The Acting President indicated that it should be possible to work on both issues at the same time.

A question came from Don (KA4MCA) concerning refreshments. That issue was set aside for a future discussion.

Submitted by Joseph D. Fritz, KD4RWX, Secretary AARC

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**AARC CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Notify Joe (KD4RWX) to place information on the calendar.

Month	Day(s)	Activity
Oct:	12	Annual Meeting Elections and Committee reports; Nominations due for Ham of The Year
Nov:	9	Meeting
Dec:	14	Meeting
Jan	??	Winter Dinner Meeting
Feb	8	Meeting
Mar	14	Meeting
Apr	11	Meeting
May	9	Meeting

**PUBLIC SERVICE SCHEDULE**

DATE EVENT  
 TBA Heart Walk  
 TBA Montpelier Horse Races  
 Please sign up at meetings when the SIGN UP CLIPBOARD is passed around. You can also send an email to Greg (N4PGS) indicating your interest in working particular events.  
**Greg (N4PGS) and (Hein N4FWA)**

**CLUB MEETINGS**

**Regular Meeting: Second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.**  
**Board and Technical Meetings: First Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m.**  
 Meetings are held at the National Radio Astronomy Observatory (NRAO) building, Edgemont Road (UVA area)

**WA4TFZ REPEATERS**

**INPUT/OUTPUT TONE ACCESS (if required, etc.)**  
 146.160/146.760 **88.5 Hz**  
 (If tone is enabled, you can turn the tone off and back on temporarily by:  
 Temporary Tone OFF **DTMF 325\***  
 Remove Temporary Tone Off **DTMF 326\***  
 Time **DTMF 10\***  
 Tone status of repeater **DTMF 700\***

146.325/146.925 **88.5 Hz if enabled**  
 223.160/224.760 **no tone**  
 449.250/444.250 **151.4 Hz (If enabled)**  
 145.030 MACHO node  
 145.030 CHO Packet Bulletin Board

**LOCAL NETS:** (146.760 repeater)  
 Monday night: Information Net (each Monday) 7 PM  
 YL Net (1st Monday of month) 8:30 PM

**Thursday night: Northern Piedmont Emergency Net & Swap Net & Technical Session (each Thursday) 8 PM**

**LUNCHEON:**

**Wednesday: Area Hams gather at the Old Country Buffet (OCB) next to TOYS R US on 29 North 11 AM - 1 PM**

**LAST CALL**

**Presented for vote at December meeting.**

**HAM OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS**

Send your nomination statement to Joe Fritz.  
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