

**2000 AARC BOARD IS ELECTED**

The AARC Officers and Directors elected were:

**Officers:**

President:.....Bob Pattison, K4DU  
Vice-President:....Dick Mullikin, W4BZW  
Secretary:.....Joe Fritz, KD4RWX  
Treasurer:.....Sharon Duvall, KO4OC

**Directors:**

Mike Colburn, N4HRO  
Mike Duvall, AC4ZQ  
Elmer Scott, KF4UCI  
Pete Taylor, KC4UCK  
Jimmy Walker, K4JMY

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**Albemarle Amateur Radio Club  
VE Group to Conduct a VE Session**

The AARC VE team will conduct an ARRL Examining Session on:

**Saturday, November 20, 1999,  
at 9:00 AM EST.**

All tests will be given, including code, etc. The location will again be the Auditorium of NRAO, Edgemont Road, UVa grounds, in Charlottesville.

**ADVANCE REGISTRATION IS REQUESTED.**

To register, mail the following items to:  
John Gray, W6UZ, 110 Carrsbrook Court,  
Charlottesville, VA 22901.

1. A completed FCC Form 610 see below
2. A list of examination elements you desire to take.
3. A check for \$6.45 made out to:  
**AARC VE Session**

Preregistration materials should reach John Gray, W6UZ, by the close of business on November 18, 1999.

**SPECIAL NOTICE:** ANY candidate requiring special accommodation because of handicap or disability should contact John (W6UZ) well in advance of the examination in order to discuss the arrangements necessary.

John may be contacted for further information and the **FCC Form 610**. He can be reached at 804 973-1094 or e-mail to [jdgray@ric.net](mailto:jdgray@ric.net)

**NOVEMBER CLUB MEETING**

Tuesday, November 9, 1999  
7:30 PM

**PROGRAM:**

Richard (K8EV) extends an invitation to all DXers and want-a-be DXers to bring some of your most interesting QSL cards and some stories to go with them.

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

**HEAR YE!! HEAR YE !!!!**

The YL Net has been in existence for some time and we have the faithful trio who participate each Monday night at 8:30 PM. Won't some of you other ladies join us for a half hour of lively and stimulating conversation. We cover all topics, exchange ideas, discuss books we've read and you name it, we talk about it. By joining us, you will get to know other YL'S in the area and share your views with us. It's fun as well as informative.

So all you YL's, Monday evening, 8:30 PM. Be there on the Net!!!! LET US HEAR FROM YOU on 146.76 at 8:30.  
de Meia - W2HTJ

**The Editor's Last Hurrah!**

I hope to have the 1999 Directory ready for the next meeting (November).

Next month's issue will mark the last issue by this editor. I have had 2 long runs at the editorship, separated by a nice tour of duty by the Deans. I am now pleased to pass it on to the capable hands of Bob (K4UVT). Several workers have volunteered to assist him.

I will be providing a short survey intended to gather information which should provide planning guidance to the AARC Leadership.

I plan to enter into the fray of the Autopatch discussion, which was short circuited at the last meeting. Comments from others are welcomed. Or, you can wait and respond to my points.

I will also discuss some of the issues related to the cost of publications related to the AARC. It is likely that the Directory, as we now know it, will become a paid item next year, with the basic membership list provided as part of a newsletter issue.

Joe (KD4RWX)

**A PEEP FROM THE VEEP**

Jessie, KE4OID

I want to congratulate all of our new officers. Thank you for your interest and support to our club. Without members like yourselves, we would not exist. As for the rest of the membership, as your outgoing VP, I hope all of you will be as supportive to our new VP as you were with me. Remember, keep those program ideas flowing!

November's program will be a club member and guest participation one. Richard (K8EV) extends an invitation to all DXers and want-a-be DXers to bring in some of your most interesting QSL cards and some stories to go with them. With the possibility of lower code requirements to upgrade, there might be ample opportunity for more of us to obtain DXing ability. Come, be a participant, a student, or just to enjoy the cards and stories. This should be a very enlivening program.

December's program will be presented by a member of our own Albemarle/Charlottesville EOC. More on this program in November, but keep the date in mind. It should be a very informative program.

Our New Year will start off with our annual **Winter Dinner Meeting on Sunday, January 9, at OCB (Old Country Buffet). The time is 6:30 PM.** This is my parting gift to all future VP's, not having to research and plan the winter dinner. SEE YOU ALL THERE!!

**Montpelier Horse Event is ON!**

The following is the information about the Race.

Montpelier Steeplechase  
Saturday November 6, 1999  
0830 - 1600 EST

The arrangements for this race are similar to last year. We are part of a volunteer setup consisting of police, police auxiliaries and race officials. Our job is to provide routine communications to assist race officials and emergency services, if necessary.

If you are interested in participating, please give me or Hein a call or e-mail message.

Thanks,  
Greg, N4PGS

## IT'S ONLY THE BEGINNING

At our October meeting, those in attendance elected the slate of officers and directors to "run" the AARC. Some may have left the meeting thinking their involvement in club activities was now all finished for the year 2000. NO!... not true! If anything, your responsibility and mine just began for the new year. How come, you say? Those guys and gals elected were selected by us to do the important job of carrying out the plans of the club! Yes, indeed, that's true, but what are those plans? They are what you and I want to see for the twelve months of the new year. Our job as members is just beginning. Let's take a look...

The President of the club is like the captain of a ship... he is the one who gives the orders for right full rudder, engines ahead full or stop all engines. He makes those decisions depending on the course he must sail and that course is usually given to him by higher authority... hey, folks, that's us! In our club, the Vice President arranges for the club programs and our annual club dinner (the latter is already set based on the last dinner.) Are we to let him select only those programs he might enjoy? Well, it might be that his program selection will be very good, but it might be that we should give him a shove in a direction which is more to our liking... right? If you agree, why not communicate your desires to "El Veep" and tell him what you would like.

The offices and duties of the Secretary and Treasurer are usually the least of our worries. Once you have good persons filling the positions you let well enough alone. The club still has a "AAAA" rating in the market and our records are in good order (we hope!)

The five directors are in office because the officers can always use a little help in completing their assignments and a system of checks and balances offered by the directors is important. But, believe it or not, we still have more folks involved by virtue of our Constitution and By-Laws.

Who are they? They are the club's committees. Their titles are almost self-explanatory: Technical Committee, Fund Raising Committee, Education Committee, Publications Committee and, finally, the Activities Committee. Committee members are usually presented by the President to the Board and appointed by the Board at the January meeting. Interested? Read on.

Each committee consists of a Chairperson, a Director and at least two other members also appointed by the Board. The club's station Trustee is automatically a member of the Technical Committee. If you have any interest in the responsibilities of the committees, let the President or Board know of that interest. There is little doubt that your act of volunteering would be forgotten and there is absolutely no doubt that you would be a valued contributor to the future of the AARC. It isn't necessary to attend the added Board meeting (usually one week before the monthly meeting) if you are a committee member other than a Director. Your committee activity will be only as frequent as the Chairperson decides.

Incidentally, the club's outside activities other than regular meetings don't really stop with the committees described above. Those already described are committees determined to be essential to the club's welfare. Other committees may be established as a special need arises and they are appointed as above. Of course, the Nominating Committee is covered separately.

Well, fellows and gals, this description is really a part of the club's Constitution and By-Laws, but I thought it might be well to highlight this important activity of our club. Perhaps you will find the time to take part in "YOUR" club by volunteering to be a committee member. I know, that word volunteer is sometimes very forbidding, but don't

believe it. There is no greater feeling of satisfaction than knowing you have been an influential part of "OUR" club. 73...

/s/ Harry, W2HD

## SKYWARN ENDANGERED: H. R. 1553 Vic, N3DFS

H.R. 1553, The National Weather Service and Related Agencies Authorization Act of 1999, passed the House of Representatives on 19 May. On the following day, it was read twice in the Senate and referred to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation. Congressman Tom Bliley sent me a copy, under an explanatory letter.

### QUOTE:

Section 3, (c), (2) COMPETITION WITH PRIVATE SECTOR - The National Weather Service shall not provide, or assist other entities to provide, a service if that service is currently provided or can be provided by commercial enterprise, unless-

(A) the service provides vital weather warnings and forecasts for the protection of life and property of the general public; or

(B) the United States Government is obligated to provide such services under international aviation agreements to provide meteorological services and exchange meteorological information.

### UNQUOTE

3. (c), (2), (A) appears to be the loophole through which the SKYWARN program can continue to operate as before.

As of October 12, the Senate had not taken final action on the House Resolution. Steve Mansfield, N1MZA, Manager, Legislative and Public Affairs, ARRL, in his "DC Currents" in the November 1996 QST, points out, correctly, that the H.R. ". . . has unnecessarily raised fears that Amateur Radio related activities such as SKYWARN may be endangered."

There is reason to hope that the Senate will not follow the House in this matter. Further, there is, to the best of my knowledge, no commercial competition in the observation and reporting methods in which SKYWARN Spotters are involved.

The full text of H.R. 1553 can be seen on the Internet at URL <http://thomas.loc.gov>

## CLUB BUSINESS

### AARC Board Meeting - October 5, 1999

- Ann (W0ANN) resigned as Chair of the Education Committee. She also resigned as Director of the AARC.
- Don (KE4DDR) appointed Bow Owen (K4QKH) as an Interim Director to serve until the end of 1999.
- Mike (AC4ZQ) briefly discussed the repeater and in response to a concern, indicated that he would check with Ron concerning the "removed from service" batteries which Dave (K4DND) had acquired for the Club.
- Joe (KD4RWX) discussed his concern about the cost of the Newsletter. He recommended that Subscriptions be set at \$12. That was approved by motion.
- The Board approved a recommendation of Dues for year 2000 as called for in the Bylaws. \$20 Dues will be recommended at the October Business meeting.
- Dave will speak of recent drills at the next meeting.
- Jessie (KE4OID) announced that the meeting topic would be on batteries. She also announced that the Winter Dinner was set for January 9th at Old Country Buffet.
- Bow (K4QKH) announced he needed some additional assistance in a small public service project he is working with at Earlsville.
- A comment was made concerning the importance of encouraging members (especially those who regularly use the repeaters) to make donations to the repeater fund.

**AARC Meeting -- October 12, 1999**

[48 Individuals were present when the count was made.]

Mr. Perelli-Minetti is the Manager at Batteries PLUS in Albemarle Square Shopping Center presented the program. He discussed various types of batteries and their characteristics.

- September Minutes were approved.
- Tom Rae (W4RAE) was approved as a member.

**ELECTIONS**

- **President:** Bob Pattison (K4DU) was nominated by the Nomination Committee. No others were nominated. A motion was made that the Secretary cast one ballot for his election. The Secretary did so, and the **Year 2000 President elected was Bob (K4DU).**
- **Vice President:** Mike Colburn (N4HRO) and Dick Mullikin (W4BZW) were nominated by Nomination Committee. No additional nominations were made. Voting was by paper ballot and the **Year 2000 Vice President elected was Dick (W4BZW).**
- **Secretary:** Joe Fritz (KD4RWX) was nominated by Nomination Committee. Jessie Preston (KE4OID) was nominated from the floor. Voting was by paper ballot and the **Year 2000 Secretary elected was Joe (KD4RWX).**
- **Treasurer:** Sharon Duvall (KO4OC) was nominated by the Nominating Committee. No additional nominations were made. A motion was made that the Secretary cast one ballot for her election. The Secretary did so, and the **Year 2000 Treasurer elected was Sharon (KO4OC).**
- **Directors:** Grayson Dowell (KF4FYI), Mike Duvall (AC4ZQ), Bow Owen (K4QKH), Elmer Scott (KF4UCI), Pete Taylor (KC4UCK), and Jimmy Walker (K4JMY) were nominated by the Nomination Committee. Nominated from the floor were: Mike Colburn (N4HRO), Bill Bearden (KC4TQF), and Jessie Preston (KE4OID). Voting was by paper ballot.
- Elected as Year 2000 Directors were: Mike (N4HRO), Mike (AC4ZQ), Elmer (KF4UCI), Pete (KC4UCK), and Jimmy (K4JMY).
- Greg (N4PGS) presented a brief Annual Report from the Activities Committee. A much more extensive written report was submitted.
- Dave (K4DND) reported that the airport manager had requested that an antenna be installed at that location for emergency operations. Also, an observer of the SET exercise gave high remarks to the Amateur Radio operations. He indicated a need to get other emergency agencies to better utilize Amateur Radio's capabilities.
- Certificates for participants will be distributed.
- Joe (KD4RWX) moved that the Dues for Year 2000 be set at the current level of \$20. Motion approved.
- Rick (KO4WQ) mentioned the importance of making donations to the repeater fund.
- Mike (AC4ZQ) began a discussion of the Autopatch issue. After a considerable discussion of pros and cons, Jimmy (K4JMY) made a motion to reestablish the autopatch. It was seconded. Hein moved that we adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. Meeting was adjourned.

Treasurer's Report submitted for publication by Sharon (KO4OC).

<b>INCOME</b>	
<u>Donations</u>	
Repeater	44.50
Education	170.75
Cash	21.05
Raffles	108.00
Surplus Material	660.00
Total Donations	1004.30
Dues	1371.00
Qst Renewals	6.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>2381.30</b>

<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Corp fee	25.00
Cost for new 76 repeater	674.32
Electric 76	109.41
Club food	532.34
Insurance	149.00
Parts, Equip	477.01
Printing, Postage	869.16
Telephone	99.04
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>2935.28</b>

<b>[Balance for year (553.98)]</b>	
Balance forward	4298.71
<b>Current Total</b>	<b>3744.73</b>

Submitted by Joseph D. Fritz, KD4RWX, Secretary AARC

**LOCAL CLASSIFIED ADS**

<b>CONTACT</b>	New ads may be placed directly to the editor: 804 973-1738 or email at kd4rwx@aol.com
<b>WANTED: 10/21/99</b>	GENERAL COVERAGE RECEIVER- Noah, KF4JHB, is listing for a friend the desire for a general coverage receiver. If you have one, please call Glenn at 804 361-1126.
<b>WANTED: 10/21/99</b>	Brad, N7IVV, wants a 9600 baud TNC. Call him at 804 985-1528.

**BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH...**

KD4TOR	Bill	Nov 7
W4CZY	Billy	Nov 8
KC4UCK	Pete	Nov 8
KE4NNT	Jan	Nov 10
KE4UKZ	J. L.	Nov 10
W3DX	Rob	Nov 10
KD4NNL	Mike	Nov 12
KA0JG	Joe	Nov 13
N4WJQ	Sam	Nov 18
K4UVT	Bob	Nov 19
N2YDW	Alfred	Nov 23
KF4MEF	Nancy	Nov 29

**VE SESSIONS - 1999**

November 1 Chesterfield	Tony Amato 804 717-5237
November 20 Charlottesville	John Gray 804 973-1094
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.	

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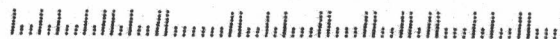
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**CURRENT MEMBER**

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### AARC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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

Month	Day(s)	Activity
Nov:	9	Meeting
Dec:	14	Meeting
Jan	9	Winter Dinner Meeting
Feb	8	Meeting
Mar	14	Meeting
Apr	11	Meeting
May	9	Meeting

### PUBLIC SERVICE SCHEDULE

DATE	EVENT
11-6-99	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