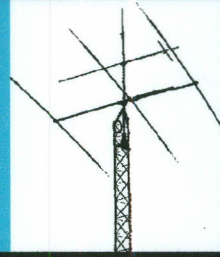


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Meeting Notice

The next regular AARC meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 12 at 7:30 PM at the **Astronomy building on the UVA campus at the corner of Alderman and McCormick**. The program for the evening will be announced. **Please note that club meetings will no longer be held at the NRAO building.**

See you there!!

The President Speaks

Bob, K4DU

Can it be November already? As I write this I cannot help but think how beautiful the leaves are this Fall. Their vibrant colors will be in full display for a few more weeks before they tumble to earth. This will leave a clear view enabling me to plan where to place my next wire antenna. I currently have a Carolina Windom running SW to NE. I want to place another HF wire antenna roughly perpendicular to it. I plan to use the new antenna on 160, 80 and 40 meters. What should I put up? Another Windom, a delta loop, or a G5RV? If you have suggestions send them to me via e-mail at k4du@arrl.net. My good friend Stu keeps telling me to put up a rhombic. How much space would I need for a Rhombic on 160 meters? If this sounds like a test, it is.

Are you planning to operate Sweepstakes? What is Sweepstakes you ask? Only the granddaddy of all Ham radio contests. If you haven't operated a contest I suggest you give this one a try. Given the timing of the Beacon you may miss the CW portion, but there will be plenty of time left for the phone part of the contest. For information about the dates, times and rules see the see page 100 of the October issue of QST or go to www.arrl.org/contests/rules/2002/nov-sweeprules.html.

Don't worry about the big guns and the serious operators who are working to win it all. Set a goal for yourself and see if you can beat it. During my first contest my goal was

simply to work 100 stations in less than three hours. Later on I used contests to find DX that I needed. Some local hams get together and work multi-op in contests. For more information about contesting (like what's a multi-op) come to the November meeting.

I encourage you to dive in and try your hand at contesting. It will help you improve your operating skills, give you an opportunity to test out the equipment and if you are a closet paper chaser like me, give you a compressed opportunity to pick up needed states, grid squares, counties, countries and islands (depending of course on the contest). November also features the CQ WW DX Contest and the Arkansas QSO Party among others. Once December rolls around we have the ARRL 10 Meter Contest and the ARRL 160 Meter Contest.

If it is awards you are after working contests will give you a chance to practice the art of sending QSL cards. When you come to the November meeting bring one of your QSL cards. We will put together a display so everyone can see the QSL cards of those in attendance. Don't forget, we have a new meeting location. We will be in the Astronomy Building on the Grounds at UVA. See you there!

73 de K4DU

Veep Peeps

Josh, KG4NGV

No VP column available at press time

AARC Beacon Availability

Bob, K4UVT, Editor

Beginning immediately, I will be cutting back on the number of back issues of the AARC Beacon in PDF format kept on the website. These issues are currently stored on the QSL.NET server under my account. This is a free account, but there is a limit to the amount of disk space allocated to free accounts. I currently have every issue of the Beacon since February 2000 on the website.

Therefore, I will begin to keep only 12 months worth of the Beacon on the website. Each month, the oldest issue will be deleted. This will help to conserve our disk space usage on this server. I will, of course, keep archived copies of all issues, should anyone need an issue from the far past. But I rather doubt that will occur.

Also, the website will show the issue links in reverse chronological order, i.e., with the current issue first. This will make it easier for you to obtain the current issue without having to scroll down the page to find it.

Club Business

AARC Board Minutes October 8, 2002

Board opened at 6:30 PM. Members Present: Bob K4DU; Marty AG4DN; Pete W4PRT; Steve KF4ZGD; Steve KD4HBX; John KX4P; Will KJ4XZ. Members Absent: Ralph K4CFE; Josh KG4NGV.

It was noted that the November Board meeting will take place on November 5 at the Charlottesville Library at 7:00 PM.

The Treasurer's Report indicates total expenditures of \$1,272.69 for 2002 to date and excess revenues of \$2140.81. Balances are as follows: AARC Fund \$3,212.28; Repeater Fund \$1062.68; Packet Radio Fund \$78.51; Total \$4,262.45. (Full report is available from Secy. on request.)

A new location for the General Meetings has been found by Pete at the old UVA Forestry Building now the Astronomy Building at Alderman and McCormick. Other places were noted but rejected.

Activities for the November and December General Meeting were discussed. Various topics were suggested. Bob will examine the recommendations.

A Life Membership in AARC for Bud Beazell KB4JNI was recommended by Bob. The nomination was approved by the Board for presentation to the general membership.

Will noted that he had purchased additional sets of "power poles" as instructed by the Board for sale to the membership at \$7.50 per bag. A bill for the total cost was given to Steve to present to Ralph.

It was noted that this will be the last meeting at NRAO. There have been over 250 club activities held in this location over the years.

There being no further business the Board meeting closed at 7:05 PM.

Submitted by Marty AG4DN, Secy.

Regular Meeting October 8, 2002

Bob opened the meeting at 7:30 PM. There followed the introduction of members.

It was noted to the membership that **this was the last meeting at NRAO** and that 250 activities had taken place for the AARC at this location. **In the future meetings will be held at the Astronomy Building at the corner of Alderman and McCormick on the UVA campus.** There should be ample parking to the left of the building and rear.

Bob presented the Treasurer's Report. (See Board Minutes for October 8, 2002).

the Tech classes and in all probability four will take the test in November.

The program for high school students will be delayed until the Spring in the hopes that it will attract more students than at present.

Public Service events included a Skywarn class given on October 5. Dave K4DND was pleased by the attendance. The Montpelier Races will take place on November 2. A call for volunteers for this event will be made shortly.

There will be a VEC test session for all grade levels given on November 2. The test will take place at the new meeting location in the Astronomy Building at Alderman and McCormick on the UVA campus.

Ernie as Chairman of the Nominating Committee presented a slate of officers for 2003 to the membership. The nominations were as follows:

President: Steven Traylor KF4ZGD

Vice President: Pete Thorsen W4PRT

Treasurer: Ralph Traylor K4CFE

Secretary: Marty Mait AG4DN

Directors: (Five Positions)

Howard Gay KG4TWQ

Will Seay KJ4XZ

John Green KX4P

Steve Clements KD4HBX

Bob Pattison K4DU

Nominations were opened from the floor. There being no floor nominations, nominations were closed. Joe W2PVY made a motion that the slate of officers submitted by the Nominating Committee be approved by acclamation. The motion was seconded and approved by the membership. The officers for 2003 taking office in January 2003 are as noted above.

Harry W2HD noted that the 220 band was under attack by commercial interests. If the amateur community does not make use of the band it will be lost. He noted further that a 220 net will activate at 8:30 PM each Monday from the club's 220 repeater.

It was noted that there was an error in the Board Minutes for September 3, 2002, as appeared in the October Beacon, page 3. A change of date was required from August 6, 2002, to September 3, 2002. The change was approved and the

and approved.

The Youth Members of AARC proudly displayed and read their Charter of Affiliation with the "National Association for Amateur Radio" for the "Virginia Young Radio Amateurs' Association." They also displayed their FCC license under the name of Matthew E. Bisgaier KG4UKC.

The Life Membership nomination for Bud Beazell KB4JNI was placed before the membership for approval. The membership approved the nomination by voice vote. The Secretary was instructed to notify Bud.

It was noted that a thank you letter from AARC to NRAO for the use of their facility should be sent. Bob will take this under advisement with Hein N4FWA.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Submitted by Marty AG4DN, Secy.

Happy

Thanksgiving!!

AARC Classified Ads

All items must be related to amateur radio and must be surplus to the owners operation (i.e. no dealers or for profit). Price may be listed if desired. **Note:** Check also the WA4TFZ/AARC web page at <http://www.people.virginia.edu/~ejd4e/aarc/>. Please note that all small letters must be used for this address. New Ads August be placed directly to the Editor: 804 990-2659 or via E-mail to the Editor at k4uvt@yahoo.com Please **let K4RKA know when items can be deleted from this file. Updated 4/5/2002.**

5/30/02 FOR SALE: by AARC	The AARC offers for sale the following: Heath audio generator, model AG-0A, works fine \$25. Data Precision 5740 frequency counter, works to 100 MHz, \$25. Autek QF-1 short wave interference filter \$10. Contact Ron, K4RKA, on .925 or at 434 973-3640
6/27/02 WANTED: Kenwood TH21BT HT	Ernie, W2EIU, is looking for an old Kenwood model TH21BT 2mHT. Call him at 434 985 4180
5/02/02 WANTED: 17-inch cabinet	Carter, WD4AYS, is looking for a 17 inch deep cabinet for a SP600 or R390. He is also looking for EH Scott radios SLR or SLRM. Call 434 979 7383.
8/15/02 FOR SALE: K4MTX Estate Sale	Wollensak & Channel Master stereo headphones, \$5. 6 outlet ac power strip, solder sucker, soldering iron, \$5 each or best offer. Speaker \$2. Contact Ron, K4RKA, on .925 or 434 973-3640

Area Hamfests

None reported

FCC Database Updates

New Calls

None Reported

Upgrades

None Reported

VE Session Schedule - 2002

November 2 Charlottesville (ARRL VEC) AARC	Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed) Contact: Harry Dannals W2HD (434) 974-7388 Location: UVA Astronomy Building 530 McCormick Charlottesville, VA
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Next Club Meeting : November 12 - 7:30 PM UVA - Astronomy Building

CLUB MEETINGS and NETS

REGULAR Meeting: Second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM
BOARD & TECHNICAL Meetings: First Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM
 Meetings are held at the National Radio Astronomy Observatory (NRAO) building on Edgemont Road (UVA)
LUNCHEON: Wednesdays -- Area hams gather at the **Wood Grill Buffet** on Rte 29 North from 11 AM – 1 PM
Monday Night Information Net – Each Monday at 7:00 PM
YL Net: First Monday of each month at 8:30 PM
Northern Piedmont Emergency Net / Swap Net / Technical Session: Each Thursday at 8:00 PM
All Nets are held on the 146.760 repeater

AREA REPEATERS

WA4TFZ

<u>INPUT/OUTPUT</u>	<u>Tone Access (If needed)</u>
146.160/146.760	151.4 Hz
146.325/146.925	151.4 Hz
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

Other Area Repeaters

145.410 (-) 100 Hz Tone (if enabled) -- **AF4CY (Madison)**
 442.075 (+) 151.4 Hz Tone -- **KF4UCI**

AARC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	EVENT
November 12	Regular Club Meeting
December 10	Regular Club Meeting

AARC - PUBLIC SERVICE SCHEDULE

DATE	EVENT
November 2	Montpelier

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.