

AARC Meeting of February 14, 2017 (Valentine's Day)

1) The meeting was called to Order at 7:00 PM by President Ed Berkowitz with 27 people attending (see the attached sign-in sheet).

2) Members and non-members were asked to state their names and call signs and reveal something interesting about themselves. Some amazing facts were revealed!

3) Treasurer's report: Treasurer Don Eason commented that he has served the club for ten years as treasurer. For the month of January, Don reported:

Opening Balance \$ 9,723.75

Checks & Debits \$ 53.30

Deposits \$ 1,003.51

Ending Balance \$10,673.96

4) President Ed made a motion to approve three new members; his motion was unanimously approved. These three new members who were approved are:

Mike Chapman KB8ZWF of Waynesboro, VA

Carlos Matos-Ramos KJ4VWC of Charlottesville, VA

Davis Thomas WD3O of Midlothian, VA

5) Bill Pond provided a report on club repeaters. Bill noted that the Marshall Manor repeater site will be shut down by April 1st because the Trump Winery plans to expand their grape arbors and the tower support wires are in the way of their new grape vine fields.

6) Rick Oliver offered a report on the upcoming "Mini Maker Fare." He explained that this event was successful for the club last year and that the club plans to participate again this year. The date will be this fall. He also noted that the "Mini Maker Fair" at Barns & Noble is scheduled for November.

7) Larry Eicher promoted upcoming club programs, previewing the interesting scheduled speakers.

8) Dave Damon reported on upcoming Public service events, mostly radio coverage of bike races. Dave summarized, "It's a lot of fun," He has posted the exact dates for us on the AARC website.

9) A.J. Miller described the evening's six raffle items. These included such items as a new General Class License manual, a battery tester, a mobile head set, a historic milliamp meter, and more. The lucky winners left with a smile on their faces. A.J. reported a total raffle amount for the evening of \$60.

10) Bob Pattison reported that the club made \$1,250 in profits at the Richmond Frostfest of February 4th. Bob described AARC participation in Frostfest as very successful. Most of the profit was the result of selling a complete Swan Cubic station what was donated to the club.

11) Our program for the evening, "The Reverse Beacon Network" was presented by Rob Capon W3DX. Thanks to videographer John Porter, Rob's power point presentation is now available through the club web site (www.albemarleradio.org). Rob commented that he was first licensed as a Novice at age 14. He ended his talk with the comment, "How endlessly fascinating ham radio is; it's just been a gift." Ed also posted the PDF of the briefing on our website.

The meeting adjourned early at 8:20 PM.

Minutes are respectfully submitted by Jim Wilson /K4BAV

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