

AARC AWARDS DINNER, December 11, 2018  
Michael **KA4JJD**, Chair 2018 Awards Committee

The annual awards dinner of the Albemarle Amateur Radio Club was held on December 12, at the DoubleTree Hotel. The meeting was apparently attended by 55 members and guests.

President John Porter **KK4JP** called the meeting to order shortly after six in the evening, and an excellent buffet dinner was then consumed.

John **KK4JP** welcomed and presented certificates of appreciation to Gabe Elias, Allison Farole, Barry Neulen, and Maribel Street. He thanked them for their continuing support of amateur radio through coordination for emergency activities.

Michael **KA4JJD**, Chair of the 2018 Awards Committee, thanked its members: Dave **K4DND**, Bill **AD6JV**, Bob **K4DU**, John **KK4JP**, and Dennis **WR4I**. Michael explained that a new system for distributing certificates, proposed by Patrice **KM4RSL**, would be carried out by Michael **KA4JJD** and his beautiful assistant Bob **K4DU**.

Michael **KA4JJD** presented this year's Club's operating awards. As usual, there were none. He explained that these awards were aimed at encouraging less-experienced hams to expand their operating repertoires. Continuing epic fail.

John **KK4JP** presented the AARC's Special Service Awards for going above and beyond standard duties: To Ed **N3US** for chairing the AARC Antenna Team; to Jim **AD4YM** for insuring that the AARC could continue to meet at the NRAO, which involved his attending a lot of meetings; to Mark Gorlinsky **WA1A** for serving as Liaison to the Roanoke Division of the ARRL/VEC; to Bill Pond **NOWP** for unrelenting, innovative, outstanding work on the AARC repeaters; and to Vicky Eicher **XYL** For once again providing excellent photographic documentation of Club events.

Dennis **WR4I**, AARC Vice President, presented the award for Outstanding Presentation at a club meeting to **BACON** (Best All-around Club of Nerds) of Charlottesville High School for their February 13 presentation on the balloon launch.

Dave **K4DND**, Director for Public Service, explained the role of Public Service and its value to the community. He presented awards for those participating in public service events to: John **KK4JP**, Dayton **AA4DH**, Gordon **WW4GW**, Mike **KQ9P**, Bill **NOWP**, Michael **KN4BFB**, Jeff **K4OLW**, Elmer **KF4UCI**, Shannon **KJ4VJR**, Michael **KA4JJD**, Larry **K4JZQ**, Jon **KJ4RPW**, Andrew **KK4SHO**, Michael **W6FW**, John **KE7HX**, Kevin **K4SHR**, Lenny **N4LXP**, Joe **KJ4PE**, Ed **N3US**, Rick **KJ4ZIH**, Stephen **KN4AOB**, Joe **W4BXG** (SK), Jim **K4CGY**, Bill **K4FZE**, Bill **AD6JV**, Barbara **KN4LAH**, Sid **WA4MBS**, Marty **W4MBW**, Paul **AK4OH**, Bill **K4OOO**, and Rich **KI4QKV**.

Dave **K4DND** then presented to Dayton **AA4DH** the Hein Hvatum N4FWA Award for Outstanding Public Service. This award, one of the most important presented by the AARC, memorializes its namesake, who was a good friend and example to many in the AARC, and who was instrumental in designing and promoting public service activities.

Outreach Awards for participating in the 2018 Apple Harvest Fall Camporee of the Stonewall Jackson Area Council Event were presented by Michael **KA4JJD** to Dennis **WR4I**, who again organized the event, Ed **N3US**, and Bob **AK4BR**.

Rick W3KDR, Director for Education, presented Outreach Awards for the faculty of the outstanding AARC 2018 Technician Course. Awards were presented to: *Bob K4DU, Jim K4CGY, Bill AD6JV, Skip WD4LT, Ron K4RKA, Dave K4DND, and Mike KQ9P. Special AirBNB Awards, for securing the excellent location, were presented to: Harry W2HD and Joe W2PVY.*

Bob **AK4BR**, Chair for 2018 Field Day, presented awards recognizing contributions to the AARC Field Day exercise, which he directed. Bob noted that as a new(ish) member of the AARC, he was much impressed by the skills and dedication of its members. He volunteered to chair the event next year (this is now on paper). The following awards were presented:

- Ed **N3US**: Mentorship and More Award
- Larry **K4JZQ**: Mentorship and More Award
- Mike **KQ9P**: Too Much to List Award
- Dennis **WR4I**: CW “They Count Double” Award
- John **KK4JP**: GOTA Award
- Paul **AK4OH**: Phone Forever Award
- Jim **K4CGY**: Spud Launcher and Sweet Radios Award
- Michael **KA4JJD**: Proclamations and Invitations Award
- Don Eason **N4UVA**: Funding and Fire Hall Award
- Jim Wilson **K4BAV**: Retro and Outreach Award
- Bob **K4DU**: ARRL “I Know People” Award
- Joe **KO8V**: “Doesn’t Everyone Have a Mast On Their Truck?” Award

Champions of GOTA awards were presented to Barbara **KN4LAH** and Vicky **XYL** for making lots of contacts and winning lots of points for the club.

**Michael KA4JJD** presented awards to long-serving Volunteer Examiners, who had been nominated by Mark **WA1A**. Awards were presented to:

- Ten Years of Consistent Participation: Dave **K4DND**
- Seven Years of Consistent Participation: Bob **K4DU**
- Five Years of Consistent Participation: Michael **KA4JJD**
- Five Years of Consistent Participation: Bill **AD6JV**

Michael **KA4JJD** presented the AARC Elmering Awards to:

- Mike **KQ9P**, Honoring contributions to the education, nurturing, and motivation of members of the AARC Radio Club in the digital radio arts
- Dave **K4DND**, Honoring contributions to the education, nurturing, and motivation of members of the AARC Radio Club in the Public Service radio arts
- Rick **W3KDR**, Honoring exceptional contributions to future amateurs and to the AARC for conducting an outstanding Technician Course
- Bob **K4DU**, Honoring exceptional contributions to future amateurs and to the AARC, for organizing and conducting a CW Course

Michael **KA4JJD** then presented some special awards which “do not fit into other categories.” These awards were presented to:

- Ed **N3US**: Man of 1000 Emails Award; For making more contacts during 2018 with emails than did many contesters using HF
- Jim **K4CGY**: Cash Flow Award; For working his tail off evaluating and repairing equipment donated to the AARC
- John **KK4JP**: Dashing Through the Snow Award; Acknowledging fearlessness in conducting his first official meeting during the “blizzard of 2018” 1 in snowfall
- Dennis **WR4I**: Dashing Through the Snow Award; Acknowledging fearlessness in conducting his first official meeting during the “blizzard of 2018” 1 in snowfall
- Mike **KQ9P**: Grownup in the Room Award; For keeping his cool while shepherding the UVA Cubesat Project
- Rich **KI4QKV**: Can You Hear Me Now Award; For the most improved signal on the Monday Night Information Net
- Bob **AK4BR**: Herding Cats Award; For successfully running AARC Field Day 2018
- Bill **N0WP**: It’s Not a Bug, It’s a Feature Award; For his never-ending work on the Club’s repeaters, thereby demonstrating the triumph of hope over experience
- Michael **KA4JJD**: Meat Me at the Picnic Award; For his belated but excellent burgers at the AARC Picnic
- Joe **W2PVY**: Mondays Will Never Be The Same Award; For his stalwart stewardship of the Monday Night Information Net
- Dennis **WR4I**: May the Morse Be With You Award; For attempting to drag us back to the 1830s
- Bob **K4DU**: The Most Important Meal of the Day Award; For his (and Igor’s) continued electrification of the Saturday morning breakfasts at Panera
- Rick **W3KDR**: Not a Coward Award; For running the 2018 Technician Course
- Bill **AD6JV**: Not a Coward Award; For serving on the 2018 Nominations Committee
- Mike **KQ9P**: Omniscience Award; For software displaying Field Day contacts

- John **KK4JP**: Powerdive Award; Acknowledging exceptional aeronautical skill, demonstrated by crashing his drone and thereby eliminating one of KQ9P's mesh nodes
- Michael **KN4BFB**: The Repeater Lives Award; For attempting to convince us that repeaters will still function in the age of single-board computers
- Jim **K4BAV**: Say Cheese Award; For making members of the AARC look better than they actually do through his masterful photography
- Jeff **K4OWL**: Loyal Sidekick Award; For his loyalty and unflinching willingness to brave the wilds and troop over hill and dale with N0WP
- Paul **AK4OH**: Undercover Contester Award; Who knew he could work so many stations in so little time?
- Vicky **XYL**: XYL of the Year Award; For her event photography, excellence at GOTA, and putting up with K4JZQ

The final raffle of the year was conducted by AJ **KE4AJM**, Director for Fundraising, with special prizes, including HTs (which AJ had programmed for local repeaters and other handy frequencies) and two "antique" VOMs. A good deal of money (~\$200?) was raised. Applause ensued.

John **KK4JP** presented the final awards of the evening. The President's Award, honoring exceptional contributions and value to the President of the AARC, was presented to Jim **K4CGY**. The Ham of the Year Award, honoring exceptional and sustained contributions and outstanding service to the AARC was presented to Larry **K4JZQ**. Thunderous applause ensued.

John **KK4JP** adjourned the formal portion of the meeting. This year, the aforementioned formal portion took less than 90 minutes, thanks to the **KM4RSL** method. Applause ensued. In keeping with the wonderful camaraderie of the AARC many people stayed around to visit and to eat more desserts. Neither was unexpected.

Respectfully submitted (with apologies for typos, omissions, and other errors)

Michael  
**KA4JJD**