

## **AARC Meeting Minutes of May 14, 2019**

President Ed Berkowitz, N3USS called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM at NRAO.

**Member Introduction:** Ed suggested that as each member gave their call sign that they also give the general membership some background on how the member got interested in ham radio and any other interesting personal info. While this took 45 minutes to complete, most found it quite useful in getting better know our fellow ham radio colleagues.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Treasurer Report by Don Eason, N4UVA:**

Beginning Balance: \$20,685.37

Checks: \$519.90

Deposits: \$296.76

Ending Balance: \$20,462.23

**Technical Report by Bill Pond, N0WP:** Bill reported that he added a S-Com controller to the Buck's Elbow repeater and used a pass filter obtained from Dave Damon K4DND. Bill indicated he might put a filter at Martha Jefferson Sentara hospital repeater as well. All equipment seems to be working properly at the present time. Bill wants to eventually replace all the remaining ARCOM controllers with S-COM controllers.

**Estate Sales Report by Jim Owen K4CGY:** Jim indicated he received \$18 for one sale item and gave that to the Treasurer. He also indicated he is working on 2 other receivers to get them ready for sale.

**Field Day Committee Report by Bob Romanko, AK4BR:** Bob stated his idea is to reduce communication to the whole membership vs. communication within the Field Day committee members in order to keep email traffic to an absolute minimum. First he plans to send out a general communication to all members on

the AARC email list listing the Field Day committee membership, together with specific duties each committee is responsible for. This message should go out 3-4 weeks before the Field Day weekend. Bob encouraged all members who might be interested in helping out on specific jobs at Field Day directly contact the heads of each subcommittee to volunteer to assist our Field Day efforts and not send membership wide 'reply all' emails unless absolutely necessary.

**Fund Raising Committee Report by AJ Miller, KE4AJM:** AJ gave a review of the raffle items and advised members he was selling raffle tickets. At that time Ed Berkowitz, N3US, reminded members do pay their 2019 membership dues. The Board voted that if a member does not pay by April 1, a person's name will be removed from the general membership list and not have email access to notices about club activities. This new policy will be shortly implemented.

**Main Presentation by Bob Pattison K4DU and Michael Rein KA4JJP**  
"Are You a Paper Chaser?"

Bob Pattison began the presentation by going over general operating awards offered by ARRL and CQ Magazine, whereas Michael Rein presented an update on AARC special awards that are given out each year at the Annual Awards Dinner in December.

(The following is a bulletized listing of topics outlined by K4DU. If interested, members are encouraged to watch the full video of this presentation on the AARC website or see the posted Powerpoint briefing)

Tools of the Trade:

Computerized logging program

LOTW

QSL cards

Mobile QSL cards

SASEs

Greenstamps

Record keeping is important

Recommended LOTW by ARRL as well as CQ counties award record book.

Listing various awards:

WAS Worked All States

5BWAS covering 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 meter bands

Worked All Continents

VHF/UHF Century Club

A-1 Operator Club – have to be nominated by an existing A-1 operator

DXCC – DX Century Club 100 countries confirmed

Code proficiency certificate

Elmer Award

1<sup>st</sup> Contact

QRP DXCC

CQ Magazine Worked All Zones

CQ Magazine Magazine Country Award

Worked All Prefixes

Ten-Ten International Net Inc.

Specialized Awards

AMSAT

IOTA

SOTA

10-10 and many more

Special Event Station

At this point K4DU turned the floor over to KA4JJD whose power point presentation was entitled “But Wait, There’s More....”

Michael, KA4JJD used his presentation to list the various AARC awards that have been available to all members over the years, but for some reason only one member has taken advantage by sweeping the field of those AARC awards available to any member. A sheet listing these awards was distributed to all members. Examples of these awards include:

Welcome to the AARC

Worked A Few States

Worked Lotsa States

Worked Nearby States  
Big Ten  
Paper Chaser  
Worked All Border States  
All American  
Worked All Suffixes  
Worked My Call  
Central Virginia Repeater Century Award  
Get to Know Your Club  
Eyeball Award  
Elmer Award

**General Business:**

At the conclusion of main presentation, AJ K34AJM conducted the raffle. At the conclusion of the raffle, AJ announced the club had gained \$55 for the club treasury.

Jim Owen K4CGY asked whether anyone had notified QST magazine about our participation in Field Day this year. Bob Romanko AK4BR replied that this would be done. Ed Berkowitz N3USS suggested this be done ASAP because the time between notification and publication for any magazine requires a long lead time.

Bob Romanko AK4BR announced that he will be the main speaker at the June monthly meeting with the entire program devoted to Field Day plans for June 22-23, 2019.

Bob Romanko AK4BR noted that the last Special Event conducted by the AARC club was in 1993 honoring Thomas Jefferson's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday year. Bob felt it was a shame the club had not conducted any special event since that time. He suggested that since this is the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of UVA this year that the club consider having a Special Event activity to honor UVA sometime during the upcoming fall together with the UVA club call W4UVA.

Again, if the club wants to do this special event we need to get a notice published in QST as soon as possible if we intend something as soon as early fall.

Larry Eicher, K4JZQ then made a motion to have such a Special Event in the fall. The motion was seconded by K4DU and then passed unanimously. AARC will do a special event ham activity sometime during the fall to honor the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of UVA. Bob Romanko AK4BR, will coordinate this activity with UVA officials.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Eicher, K4JZQ  
Acting Secretary

Attendees:

K4JZQ, Larry Eicher  
N3USS, Ed Berkowitz  
KE4AJM, AJ Miller  
W2PVY, Joe Giovanelli  
K4THE, Dennis Mennerich  
KN4TBG, Jon Callahan  
AK4BR, Bob Romanko  
WB4ZJO, Mike Balister  
W4PRT, Peter Thorsen, Jr.  
N4UVA, Don Eason, Jr.  
K4CGY, Jim Owen  
AD6JV, Bill Phillips  
N4LXP, Lenny Vincent  
N4PGS, Greg Fust  
K4WLE, Wesley Epperly  
AA4D, George Grotz  
KI4QKV, Richard Freeman  
KN4LAH, Barbara Freeman  
KK4JP, John Porter  
NX4S, Ben Casto  
KN4GOZ, ?  
WD3O, David A. Thomas  
WF3LO, Frank Daly  
KA4JJD, Michael Rein  
K4SHR, Kevin Cwalina  
KO8V, Joe De Vincentis  
KK4SHO, Andrew Wiley  
KN4TKR, Steven R. Hull  
K2SSB, Stan Hazen

K4DU, Bob Pattison  
N0WP, Bill Pond  
XYL, Connie Pond