

## AARC Meeting Minutes 3/9/2021

Meeting called to order by Ed Berkowitz, President, at 7 pm.  
Meeting held online via Zoom.

February Treasurer's Report – Don Eason:

**Beginning Balance: \$25,039.71**

<b>Checks:</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>	<b>(Ivy Creek Methodist Church Donation)</b>
<b>Deposits:</b>	<b>\$28.06</b>	<b>(Amazon Credit and 0.19 Int.)</b>

**Ending Balance: \$24,967.77**

Check written for \$1439 for coax cable order which will be in March report.

Jim Owen reported on bulk cable order which was placed recently and check cut by Don.

Public Service – Dave Damon:  
No 2021 public special events so far.

Repeaters are functioning properly. Club members should try to make contacts with new hams.

Ed proposed new member: Ed Lang KC4YLX who was voted in to club.

Education – Bob Pattison:  
General License class to start March 24, Wed at 7 PM. 24 people have signed up.  
Probably will be Fall Technician class.  
Difficult to teach Morse code class online. Will look into it.

John Porter introduced tonight's speaker, Gordon Miller, NQ4K who will give a presentation about the Virginia QSO party.

2021 VA QSO Party organized by Sterling Park ARC (SPARC).

Website [www.qsl.net/sterling/va\\_qso\\_party](http://www.qsl.net/sterling/va_qso_party).

They have a new plaque for GOTA stations. Encourage electronic log submission through online portal rather than paper log submissions.

Dates for VA QSO Party: March 20-21. Times are:

10 AM to midnight Saturday

8 am to 8 PM Sunday.

Best frequencies: SSB HF 3860 MHz, go up/down around that frequency.

FM VHF 146.580 MHz.

Summary sheet has frequency, mode, date, time.

Your call sign, serial number (sequence of contact), QTH.

Their call sign, SN, QTH.

If using logging software, the most popular programs for the VA QSO Party are N1MM Logger Plus or N3FJP.

May use spotting nets but no self-spotting. If you don't get all essential information or leave blank then it's not considered a valid contact.

2021 VQP committee does contest scoring. Send email to Andy, K1RA, if operating mobile. Mobile mode contacts made significant contribution to number of QSOs.

27 plaques awarded in 2020 using various modes and power. There were multiple operator stations with licensed control operator.

In future, improve activations in counties and independent cities. Paper logs are disappearing, most submissions electronic. All participants submitting logs get certificates.

There were 37,000 contacts on 80 M, then sizeable number on 40 M. Some contacts on 2M. Digital modes had low participation, mostly RTTY or FT8/4.

Larry pointed out that our QTH abbreviation is ALB.

End of presentation.

Bob Romanko reported that Field Day this year will most likely be same format as in 2020.

Some discussion on who has room for 80 meter dipoles.

Bob will report on FD at June AARC meeting.

Special event to commemorate Jack Juett ride is under consideration and may have stations setup along route. May take a year to plan this. There will be a Zoom meeting over the summer to start planning this Special Event.

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 pm by Ed.

John encouraged members to stick around for informal breakout sessions on Zoom.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Kramer KN4CJI, Secretary

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## AARC Meeting Attendee List 3-9-2021

### 33 Members present

Ed Berkowitz	N3US
Dave Damon	K4DND
Steve Kramer	KN4CJI
Don Eason	N4UVA
John Porter	KK4JP
Joe Giovanelli	W2PVY
Ron Richey	K4RKA
David Beebe	KN4UEK
Joe DiVecentis	K08V
Larry Eicher	K4JZQ
Warren Yursik	KN4LYF
Michael Ellington	KN4BFB
James Owen	K4CGY
Benjamin Kidd	KG4EIF
Wynn Solomon	AAI4MV
Bob Romanko	AK4BR
Bob Pattison	K4DU
A.J. Miller	KE4AJM
Bill Oleksy	KF4IE
Fred Rollins	K4GVE
Jim Wilson	K4BAV
Roy Chilson	W1REC
Tim Freeze	KO4ELL
Michael Rein	KA4JJD
Ian Callahan	KN4TBG
Kevin Cwalina	K4SHR
Peter Pelny	KO4JMJ
Allan Graves	AG4VA
Ed Lang	KC4YLX
Steve Sellars	KD4ZPF
Lee Roy Moyer	K4ISW
Scott Kordella	

Tonight's speaker: Gordon Miller NQ4K