# AARC Meeting Minutes
# 5/11/2021

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

**Treasurer's Report for April**, **2021** – Don Eason:

Beginning Balance:  $23,477.97

Checks :   $314.98 - Liability Insurance Premium and Zoom cost
Deposits:  $190.19 - Cable $170.00 Int .19

Ending Balance: $23,353.18

Coax cable receipts: $1311.45
Still 175 ft of LMR240 cable left for sale (subsequent to meeting, this was sold)

Ed stated that club picnic and swapfest will be held Saturday, Oct. 2, 2021. We do have reservations at Darden Towe Park. Larry, Don and Ed will get food, either chicken or pulled pork.  Don Eason proposed another bulk purchase of coax to be distributed at the picnic but Ed and Jim Owen clearly stated this last purchase was a one time event and they are not willing to proceed with another purchase.

No new members this month.

**Repeater report – Dave Damon:**
Dave and Gordon put dual-band gateway on 895  repeater's antenna. Yaesu has not repaired our Fusion repeater.  Question about 726 repeater capable of link to Martha Jefferson. Bill responded that link is not reliable.

**Public Service – Dave Damon:**
Walnut Creek marathon 8/27 only event this year.

**Estate report – Jim Owen:**
Nothing to report this month.

John Porter introduced Jack Smith for tonight's presentation.

Jack Smith, KE4LWT, is an emergency coordinator who runs central division in North Carolina will talk about Disaster Deployments. He has done many deployments around the U.S as a volunteer . He is Operations Branch Director. Works on National Incident Management System (NIMS).

Challenges:
- Austere environment
- Unfamiliar organizational structures
- Evolving or devolving communications systems
- Safety and security

Pre-deployment:
- Family situations
- Self evaluation (personal safety)
- Training: capable and confident, train with experienced operators
- Readiness: physically, mentally able to withstand rough situation, practice in field
- Deployment kit: modular systems, checklist
- Notification

Deployment:
- Don't self-deploy, report into deployment manager or director of organization
- Capabilities: may need to redeploy frequently and rapidly
- Self-care: take care of self, normal operating period 12 hours
- Relief: reassignment as situation evolves
- Additional notes: track what you use, refine what to bring in future deployments

Post-deployment:

- Fill out activity log and ICS309 comm's log and after-action document. Request feedback.
- Self-assessment: what works, what practice do you need
- Self-care
- Reset: repair, replace, refine packing list

Observation from Deployment:
- Infrastructure overload: not enough excess capacity
- Infrastructure outages: large disasters may cause running out of fuel, power, etc.
- Remote operations: ham radio is bridge
- Situational awareness: roads, weather conditions
- Insufficient utilization: don't want to be sitting around, use other skills to help out if you have time
- Emergency communications: provide comm's to save lives and property. All other comm's not emergency.
- Usually first 24 hours of emergency no health and welfare messages allowed.
- Used WinLink to send resource requests and other low priority traffic late at night when traffic is low.

Q & A followed:
72 hours need to be self-sufficient is usual rule of thumb.
Most emergency comm's uses VHF 2 m. He uses J-Pole antenna and sound card, solar panel, batteries for 72 hrs.


**Other business:**
Ed will send email to save date for picnic.
John Porter: June meeting speaker Bob Romanko about Field Day.

In-person club meetings at NARO not available until April, 2022 at the earliest
John will setup breakout sessions on Zoom after meeting.

Meeting adjourned by Ed at 8:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Kramer, KN4CJI, Secretary

## AARC Meeting Attendee List
## 5/11/2021
23 Attendees

| Name | Call |
|---|---|
| Ed Berkowitz | N3US |
| Dave Damon | K4DND |
| Steve Kramer | KN4CJI |
| Don Eason | N4UVA |
| John Porter | KK4JP |
| Joe Giovanelli | W2PVY |
| Ron Richey | K4RKA |
| Joe DiVecentis | KO8V |
| Larry Eicher | K4JZQ |
| James Owen | K4CGY |
| Bob Pattison | K4DU |
| Michael Rein | KA4JJD |
| Ian Callahan | KN4TBG |
| Mike McPherson | KQ9P |
| Dennis Terrible | WR4I |
| Wynn Solomon | AAI4MV |
| Dayton Haugh | AA4DH |
| Steve  Hull | KN4TKR |
| Benjamin Kidd | KG4EIF |
| Michael Ellington | KN4BFB |
| Bill Pond | N0WP |
| A.J. Miller | KE4AJM |
| Guest Jack Smith | KE4LWT |