

AARC Meeting Minutes 12/14/2021

Meeting started at 7 pm by Ed Berkowitz, N3US, presiding. Meeting held via Zoom.

Treasurer's Report – Don Eason: For November.

Beginning Balance:	\$28,950.25	
Debits:	\$0.00	
Credits:	\$281.85	(Donations, Amazon Smile--\$21.61 plus \$0.24 interest)
Ending Balance:	\$29,232.10	

Don Eason Jr. Treasurer

Ed reminded us time to renew dues for 2022.

New members voted in:

Blake Jordan - Technician - Full member

Patrick Morrisey - no call sign yet - Associate member

Estate Sales – Jim Owen:

A variety of equipment for sale including antennas, transceivers, Kenwood V71A, etc. See online Swapfest listings

Public Service – John Porter:

Crozet event in May 2022.

Education – Bob Pattison:

Technician course very successful. Grateful to all instructors for class.

Planning on meeting of educational committee in January to decide on General and other classes next year.

May be an NRAO 2022 project to encourage students in STEM to use Ham radio to learn about Spectrum.

Michael Ellington asked about putting digital mode on 925 repeater. John P. said Bucks Elbow Fusion repeater is set-up for digital modes.

Facebook page – Michael Rein:

FB page is mostly inactive. He will post a few photos from the Maker Fair. It appears most people look at FB page but do not post. He reminds club members to post on club FB page.

Awards Presentation:

Ham of the Year Award – presented by Ed Berkowitz:

Awarded to Benjamin Kidd – KG4EIF for designing and making the code oscillator kits for the club. He put over 120 hours into project. He was very helpful to club members in advising and showing how to put kits together.

President's Award – Ed Berkowitz:

Awarded to Don Eason – N4UVA for many years of amazing service to the club especially as treasurer and handling legal and insurance issues for the club.

See Attached List for all the other Awards:

End of Awards program. Awards to be sent to recipients. Ed thanked Jim Wilson for his work in putting together awards for this year.

Other business:

Club has Youtube channel of various presentations given at club meetings. Most popularly viewed is the one about FT8 for FD given by Joe Devinentis – KO8V.

Ed asked our guest to introduce himself, Dom Morse. He is an educator at Murray H.S. He is collaborating with physics teacher and with 12-14 students to incorporate radio and electronics into curriculum. Also, he wants to expose students to ham radio. He learned about club from PVCC.

Ed thanked everyone for attending.

Meeting adjourned by Ed at 7:42 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Kramer, KN4CJI, Secretary

AARC Awards for 2021 – Final Awards List

Monthly Programs Awards (10)

February 9, 2021: Alfred Wanderlingh, Manager of Batteries Plus, for his presentation on Batteries

March 9, 2021: Gordon Miller, NQ4K, for his explanation of “The Virginia QSO Party”

April 13, 2021: John Porter, KK4JP, for his presentation on “Winlink”

May 11, 2021: Jack Smith, KE4LWT. Emergency Coordinator, for his explanation of “Disaster Deployments”

June 8, 2021: Bob Romanko, AK4BR, for his outline of “Field Day 2021”

July 13, 2021: John Porter, KK4JP, for his explanation of his “Nano Vector Network Analyzer”

August 10, 2021: Ben Kidd, KG4EiF, for his presentation on “Printed Circuit Boards”

September 14, 2021: Kevin Calina, K4SHR, for his presentation on “Special Event Stations at the Shenandoah National Park”

October 12, 2021: Travis Kosko, W3TJK, Chief Meteorologist for Channel 19 TV, for his presentation on “Severe Weather”

November 9, 2021: John Porter, KK4JP, for his explanation on How to Program our Modern Radio Transceivers

Monday Night Information Net Awards (7)

Gold Attendance Awards for 75% or more attendance for 2021 go to:

Jim K4BAV for exemplary MNIN attendance of 75% or more

Jim K4CGY for exemplary MNIN attendance of 75% or more

Dave K4DND for exemplary MNIN attendance of 75% or more

Tim KO4ELL for exemplary MNIN attendance of 75% or more

John KK4JP for his exemplary MNIN attendance of 75% or more

Joe W2PVY for his exemplary MNIN attendance of 75% or more

Stan K2SSB for his exemplary MNIN attendance or 75% or more

Technician and General Class Instructor Awards (8)

Dan O'Rourke **K4UL** for his teaching “Procedure and Practices” for the General Class and “Modulation & Bandwidth” for the Technician Class.

Hank Perritt **K9KDF** for teaching “Rules and Regulations and Digital Modes” for the General Class and “Modulation & Bandwidth” for the Technician Class

Skip Thacker **WD4LT** for teaching “Components and Circuits” for the General Class and “Electricity, Ohm's Law, Power, Metric System & Components” for the Technician Class.

John Porter **KK4JP** for teaching “Radio Signals & Equipment” for the General Class and “Contact Basics, Band Plans, Making Contacts, Using Repeaters, Nets, Emergency Communications, Special Modes and Techniques, Call Signs, Control Operations, Interface” for the Technician Class.

Jim Owen **K4CGY** for his teaching “Antennas & Propagation” for the General Class and “Propagation, Antennas, Feedlines and SWR” for the Technician Class

Joe Greenberg **KJ4PE** for his teaching “Transmitters, Receivers & Transceivers, Power Sources” for the Technician Class

Ed Berkowitz **N3US**, for his teaching “Electrical & RF Safety” for the General Class and “Safety & Amateur Radio, RF Interference” for the Technician Class.

Bob Pattison **K4DU**, for his teaching “General Class Overview” for the General Class and “Welcome to amateur Radio” for the Technician Class.

Awards to our Volunteer Examiners:

Example: Recognizing William Pond, N0WP, for serving as a Volunteer Examiner over many years - 23 sessions.

N0WP	Bill Pond			23 sessions
WA1A	Mark Gorkinsky			75 sessions
WD3O	Dave Thomas			42 sessions
N3US	Ed Berkowitz			36 sessions
K4CGY	Jim Owen			36 sessions
K4DND	Dave Damon			47 sessions
K4DU	Bob Pattison			66 sessions
KA4JJD	Mike Rein			19 sessions
W4PRT	Pete Thorsen			17 sessions
K4UL	Brian O’Rourke			6 sessions
N4UVA	Don Eason			18 sessions
AD6JV	Bill Phillips			18 sessions
KQ9P	Mike McPherson			10 sessions
K9KDF	Hank Perritt			7 sessions
KC4K	Taylor Vierrether			2 sessions
K4FZE	Bill Steo			9 sessions

Field Day Participant Awards (13)

AD6JV for operation in Field Day 2021 as Class 1D

K4CGY for operation in Field Day 2021 as Class 1B1

K4DND for operation in Field Day 2021 as Class 1D
K4JZQ for operation in Field Day 2021 as Class 1D
K4SHR for operation in Field Day 2021 as Class 1B1
KA4JJD for operation in Field Day 2021 as Class 1D
KG4EIF for operation in Field Day 2021 as Class 2A
KK4JP for operation in Field Day 2021 as Class 1E
KN4TBG for operation in Field Day 2021 as Class 1B1
KN4YNK for operation in Field Day 2021 as Class 1D
KO8V for operation Field Day 2021 as Class 1E
N0WP for operation in Field Day 2021 as Class 1D
WR4I for operation in Field Day 2021 as Class 1E

Public Service Awards (14)

Mike McPherson KQ9P for participation in the Tour de Greene 2021
Bill Pond N0WP for participation in the Tour de Greene 2021
John Porter KK4JP for participation in the Tour de Greene 2021
Elmer Scott KF4UCI for participation in Tour de Greene 2021
Dave Damon K4DND for participation in Tour de Greene 2021
Dayton Haugh AA4DH for participation in the Rockbridge Gravel Grinder 2021
John Porter KK4JP for participation in the Rockbridge Gravel Grinder 2021
Bill Pond N0WP for participation in the Rockbridge Gravel Grinder 2021
Warren Yursik KN4LYF for participation in the Rockbridge Gravel Grinder 2021
Dave Beebe K4UEK for participation in the Rockbridge Gravel Grinder 2021
Mike McPherson KQ9P for participation in the Rockbridge Gravel Grinder 2021
Joe Devinentis KO8V for participation in the Rockbridge Gravel Grinder 2021
Greg Faust N4PGS for participation in the Rockbridge Gravel Grinder 2021
Dave Damon K4DND for participation in the Rockbridge Gravel Grinder 2021

Antenna Team Awards:

Ed Berkowitz, N3US, for participation in the AARC Antenna Team in 2021.
Larry Eicher, K4JZQ, for participation in the AARC Antenna Team in 2021.
Jim Owen, K4CGY, for participation in the AARC Antenna Team in 2021.
John Porter, KK4JP, for participation in the AARC Antenna Team in 2021.
Bob Pattison, K4DU, for participation in the AARC Antenna Team in 2021.

Special Awards (2)

Ham of the Year to Benjamin Kidd □ **KG4EIF** for designing and making available a professional quality kit to encourage members to learn and practice Morse code.

President's Award to Don Eason N4UVA for many years of amazing service to the Albemarle Amateur Radio Club

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**AARC Meeting Attendee List
12/14/2021**

23 Attendees via Zoom.

Ed Berkowitz	N3US
Steve Kramer	KN4CJI
John Porter	KK4JP
Don Eason	N4UVA
Larry Eicher	K4JZQ
James Owen	K4CGY
Bob Pattison	K4DU
Ian Callahan	KN4TBG
Frank Haynes	W4NUA
Michael Rein	KA4JJD
Michael Ellington	KN4BFB
Dennis Terribile	WR4I
Jim Wilson	K4BAV
Brian O'Rourke	K4UL
Rich Freeman	KI4QKV
Barbara Freeman	KN4LAH
Bill Oleksy	KF4IE
David Beebe	K4UEK
Bob Romanko	AK4BR
Tim Freeze	KO4ELL
Sara Townsley	KO4UPF
Warren Yursik	KN4LYF
Dominick Morse	guest