

AARC Meeting Minutes

12/13/2022

Meeting started at 7 PM by Ed Berkowitz, N3US Acting President.
Held via Zoom.

Annual Awards Meeting – see attachment for details

Nominating Committee Report by Chair Bob K4DU

There are nominees for the four club officers and for Public Service and Estate committee chairs. The Technical committee and Public Relations committee still require nominees.

Treasurer's Report by Larry Eicher:

Balance as of 12-13-22 is \$35,524.19. The club made significantly money last two months selling equipment with Jim K4DU and Ed N3US preparing donated equipment for sale and then selling it.

Larry said club recently earned \$52 from Amazon Smile. So when you purchase stuff on Amazon remember to click on Amazon Smile for the AARC. Ed mentioned that there are Add-ons to all browsers to force you to use Amazon Smile.

Reminder to all club members to pay dues for 2023. Ed sent email reminding everyone.

New member voted in: Antoinette Simpson as associate member and she has paid dues.

Repeater Report:

Dave Damon said all repeaters are working properly.

John asked for new topics for speaker for January meeting.

January meeting to be held at PVCC on 2nd Tuesday of January plus it will be Zoomed.

Meeting adjourned by Ed at 8:11 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Kramer, Secretary

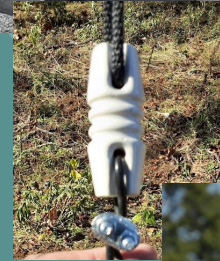
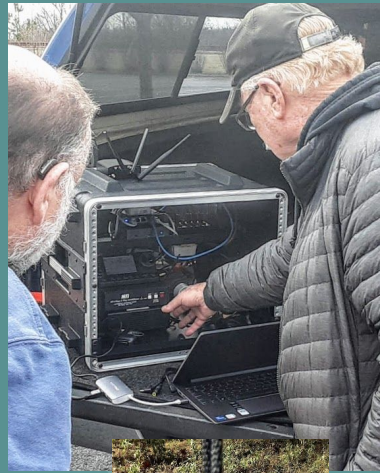
22 Attendees on Zoom:

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| John Porter | KK4JP |
| Steve Kramer | KN4CJI |
| Dave Damon | K4DND |
| Bob Pattison | K4DU |
| Bill Pond | N0WP |
| James Owen | K4CGY |
| Dave Beebe | K4UEK |
| Warren Yursik | KN4LYF |
| Larry Eicher | K4JZQ |
| Joe deVincennes | KO8Y |
| Frank Haynes | W4NUA |
| Tim Freeze | KO4ELL |

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| Dennis Terrible | WR4I |
| Jim Wilson | K4BAV |
| Ian Callahan | KN4TBG |
| Bob Romanko | AK4BR |
| Rich Freeman | KI4QKV |
| Wynn Solomon | AI4MV |
| Steve Sellers | KD4ZPF |
| Chuck Gross | KS4NW |
| Bill Phillips | AD6JV |
| Michael Ellington | KN4BFB |

Albemarle Amateur Radio Club Awards 2022

Photos: Jim Wilson and John Porter



Silent Keys - 2022

- Dale Jensen, KO4GRM
- Bob Parson, W4BGU
- Bob Stohlman, K4RCG
- Harry Dannals, W2HD
- Duane Snow, W3SNO
- Ron Mauer, KB4JNK
- Cole Hendrix, K4FRV
- Michael Rein, KA4JJD
- Bob Villwock, N4HRV



Michael Rein KA4JJD, Ticks and Mosquitoes, 15 June 2016



Monthly Program Awards

- **Mike McPherson, KQ9P** – Albemarle AUXCOMM, Transmitter Hunt, You can do Surface Mount
- **Bob Romanko, AK4BR** – Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) 2022, Field Day 2022
- **Joe Devinentis, KO8V**– UHF/VHF Setups for Public Service Events
- **Dennis Terribile, WR4I** - Antennas vs QTH
- **Ed Berkowitz, N3US** – Building Your First HF Station
- **Robert Pattison, K4DU** – Station Move!
- **Jack Smith, KE4LWT** – ARES in Virginia
- **Stephen Greer** – Plans for the Blue Ridge Ride to Defeat ALS
- **John Porter, KK4JP** – LoRaWAN and the Internet of Things



AARC YouTube Channel Favorites

- **Bill Olesky & Paul English 2020** - Army Military Auxiliary Radio Service (MARS) – **2,045 Views**
- **Joe Devincentis 2020** – FT8 for Field Day – **1,969 Views**
- **Jim Owen 2019** – Air Launcher Construction – **1,302 Views**
- **Ed Berkowitz 2020** – RF Exposure - Evaluating Your Station - **769 Views**
- **Bob Romanko 2021** – Field Day 2021 Rules and Planning – **571 Views**
- **Mike McPherson 2016** – Central Virginia Mesh – **541 Views**



Monday Night Information Net Control Volunteers

- **Larry Eicher K4JZQ - Net Manager**
- **Jim Wilson K4BAV**
- **Steve Fox KA4FOX**
- **Warren Yursik KN4LYF**
- **Bob Romanko AK4BR**

Monday Night Information Net Awards

Platinum Award, over 90% participation in 2022

- Jim Wilson, K4BAV



- Stan Hazen K2SSB



Monday Night Information Net Participation

Gold Award over 80%:

- Jim Owen, K4CGY
- John Porter KK4JP

Silver Award over 70%:

- Ron Richey K4RKA
- Warren Yursik KN4LYF

Bronze Award over 60%:

- Dave Damon K4DND
- Tim Freeze KO4ELL





Picnic Awards to Volunteers who volunteered to assist in a variety of preparations for our annual Picnic

- **Larry Eicher K4JZQ - Picnic Organizer**
- **Patrice Porter KM4RSL**
- **Steve Kramer KN4CJI**
- **Pat Berkowitz**
- **Ed Berkowitz N3US**
- **John Porter KK4JP**

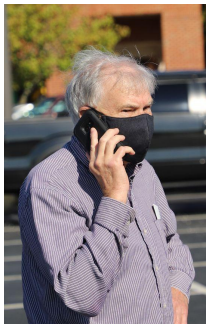




Technician Class Instructor Awards

Led by Education Chair Bob Pattison, K4DU

- **Brian O'Rourke, K4UL** for his teaching "Radio and Signal Fundamentals" & "Modulation and Bandwidth"
- **Hank Perritt, K9KDF** for teaching "License Regulations and Privileges," "Types of Radio Circuits," & "Modulation & Bandwidth"
- **Dave Damon, K4DND** for teaching "Contact Basics, Band Plans, Making Contacts and Using Repeaters, Nets, Emergency Communications, Special Modes and Techniques"
- **Skip Thacker, WD4LT** for teaching "Electricity, Ohm's Law, Power, Metric System & Components" .
- **John Porter, KK4JP** for teaching "Introduction to Amateur Radio" & Control Operations" .
- **Jim Owen, K4CGY** for his teaching "Propagation, Antennas, Feedlines and SWR"
- **Joe Greenberg, KJ4PE** for his teaching "Transmitters, Receivers & Transceivers, Power Sources"
- **Ed Berkowitz, N3US**, for his teaching "Safety & Amateur Radio, RF Interference" .
- **Bob Pattison, K4DU**, for his teaching "Call Signs"





Volunteer Examiners

Sessions Administered 2022

Hank Perritt, K9KDF, VE liaison, 3 sessions

Dave Krovetz, KY4IE, 2 sessions

Jim Owen, K4CGY, 2 sessions

Bill Pond, N0WP, 2 sessions

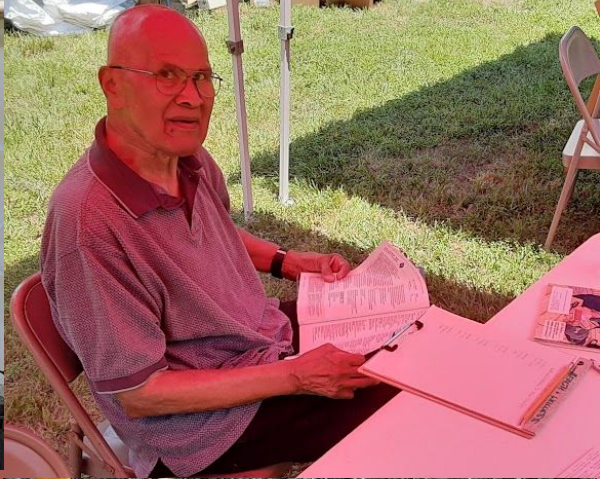
Ed Berkowitz, N3US, 1 session

Bob Pattison, K4DU, 1 session

Stephen Esposito, AE4SJ, 1 session

Brian O'Rourke, K4UL, 1 session

Field Day 2022





Field Day 2022

Joe DeVincentis - amazing effort/result with the scaffolding and erecting the hex beam. That was a huge "safety win" for the team.

James DeVincentis - an unwavering commitment to "owning" Digital for the club

Larry Eicher- obtaining the food without the typical "looking for donations." That was a great boost to supporting local fooderies!

Kevin Cwalina - exemplary job with the network and displays, especially liked the shrouds he built! The network and technology performed flawlessly.

Tyler Schroder – This young man, a guest operator, racked up many of our QSOs!

Dennis Terrible- an unwavering commitment to "owning" CW for the club and 5 solar contacts

Ian Callahan - Flawless execution of Safety Officer duties

John Porter - owning GOTA and Education

Jim Owen - handling the radios and being our "radio interference conscience"

Richard Freeman - greeting visitors and putting the club's best foot forward to the public

Ed Berkowitz - operating scheduling and publicity and guidance to the committee chair for the event

Vicky Eicher - recognition for her commitment as a GOTA operator





Public Service

Tour de Greene

- Mike McPherson KQ9P
- Joe Devinentis KO8V
- James DeVinentis, N4BFT
- John Porter KK4JP
- Warren Yursik KN4LYF
- Dave Damon K4DND

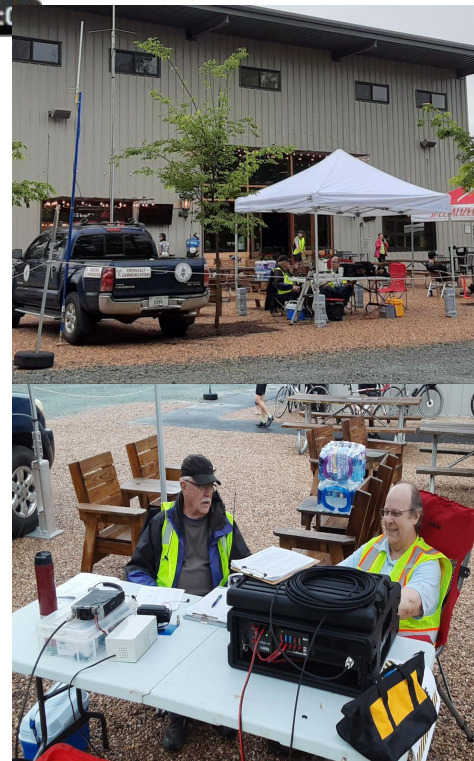
Rockbridge Gravel Grinder (spring)

- Joe Devinentis KO8V
- James DeVinentis, N4BFT
- Greg Faust N4PGS
- Dayton Haugh AA4DH
- John Porter KK4JP
- Bill Pond N0WP
- Warren Yursik KN4LYF
- Dave Beebe K4UEK
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Blue Ridge Ride to Defeat ALS



- Dave Beebe, K4UEK
- Ed Berkowitz, N3US
- Steve Bowman, KN4AOB
- Ian Callahan, KN4TBG
- Dave Damon, K4DND
- James DeVincentis, N4BFT
- Joe DeVincentis, KO8V
- Greg Faust, N4PGS
- Doug Goode, KK4CEQ
- Joe Greenberg, KJ4PE
- Dayton Haugh, AA4DH
- Ben Kidd, KG4GIF
- Paul McKee, AK4OH
- Mike McPherson, KQ9P
- Tom Moore, WB5BNT
- Patrick Morrisay, KO4VLM
- Bill Phillips, AD6JV
- Bill Pond, N0WP
- John Porter, KK4JP
- Michael Rein, KA4JJD
- Bobby Shifflett, KZ4RTS (ex KN4HCG)
- Jack Smith, KE4LWT
- Bill Steo, K4FZE
- Lenny Vincent, N4LXP
- Warren Yursik, KN4LYF



Rockbridge Gravel Grinder (Fall)

- Joe Devincentis KO8V
- James DeVincentis, N4BFT
- Dayton Haugh AA4DH
- John Porter KK4JP
- Bill Pond N0WP
- Warren Yursik KN4LYF
- Dave Beebe K4UEK
- Mike McPherson KQ9P
- Paul McKee AK4OH
- Dave Damon K4DND

INCIDENT RADIO COMMUNICATIONS PLAN (ICS 205)

| 1. Incident Name: Rockbridge Gravel Grinder OCT 2022 | | 2. Date/Time Prepared: Date: 16 OCT 2022 Time: 2100 | | 3. Operational Period: Date From: 29 OCT 2022 Date To: 29 OCT 2022 Time From: 0900 Time To: 1600 | | | | | | |
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| 4. Basic Radio Channel Use: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Zone Grp. | Ch # | Function | Channel Name/Trunked Radio System Talkgroup | Assignment | RX Freq N or W | RX Tone/ NAC | TX Freq N or W | TX Tone/NA C | Mode (A, D, or M) | Remarks |
| | | TACTICAL | VHAM45 ELLIOT KNOB | PRIMARY NORTH | 147.045 W | 131.8 | 147.645 W | 131.8 | A | KG4HOT REPEATER; LOCATION ELLIOT KNOB; PRIMARY FOR NORTHERN HALF OF COURSE |
| | | TACTICAL | VHAM75 BEAR DEN | BACKUP NORTH | 147.075 W | 131.8 | 147.675 W | 131.8 | A | W4PNT REPEATER; LOCATION BEAR DEN; BACKUP FOR NORTHERN HALF OF COURSE |
| | | TACTICAL | UHAM10 ELLIOTT KNOB | BACKUP NORTH | 444.100 W | 131.8 | 449.100 W | 131.8 | A | KG4HOT REPEATER; BACKUP FOR NORTHERN HALF OF COURSE |
| | | TACTICAL | VHAM30 ROCKY | PRIMARY SOUTH | 147.330 W | | 147.930 W | | A | W4NNK REPEATER; PRIMARY FOR SOUTHERN HALF OF COURSE |
| | | TACTICAL | VHAM85 APPLE ORCHARD | BACKUP SOUTH | 146.685 W | 100.0 | 146.085 W | 100.0 | A | WA1ZMS REPEATER; BACKUP FOR SOUTHERN HALF OF COURSE |
| 5. Special Instructions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NCS AND THE REST STOP OPERATOR WILL COORDINATE FREQUENCY USE AS THE EVENT PROGRESSES AND COVERAGE CHANGES • NCS DUTIES MAY BE DIVIDED BETWEEN THE TWO OPERATORS IF NECESSARY • IF TWO NET CONTROL STATIONS BECOME NECESSARY, SAGS SHOULD REPORT BEFORE LEAVING ONE NET AND WHEN JOINING THE OTHER SO NCS OPERATORS CAN TRACK WHICH SAGS ARE ON THEIR FREQUENCIES • CELLULAR COVERAGE MAY BE AVAILABLE ON THE COURSE; DON'T FORGET THAT YOU MAY BE ABLE TO USE YOUR PHONE TO CALL 911 OR NCS IF RADIO CONDITIONS ARE BAD • NOTE THAT SOME VHF REPEATERS ARE + OFFSET; MAKE SURE YOUR RADIO PROGRAMS IT CORRECTLY | | | | | | | | | | |
| 6. Prepared by (Communications Unit Leader): Name: Mike McPherson | | | | | | Signature: _____ | | | | |
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Antenna Team Activities 2022

- Ed Berkowitz, N3US - Team Leader
- Ian Callahan, KN4TBG
- Patrice Porter, KM4RSL
- John Porter, KK4JP



AI4MV Antenna Replacement & Upgrade





Special Awards

- Ken Welborn
- Scott Kordella



For Providing AARC Piedmont Virginia Community College facilities for our in-person meetings and Examination Sessions.



Ham of the Year

John Porter, KK4JP

for supporting the club by serving as Vice President, arranging amazing monthly presentations, serving as Web Master, and arranging simulcasting of in-person and Zoom based meetings



President's Award

Jim Owen, K4CGY

for many years of amazing service to the Albemarle Amateur Radio Club including serving as President, Trustee, and Director of Estate Planning