

AARC Meeting Minutes 4/11/2023

Meeting started at 7:05 pm by John Porter
Held via Zoom.

Introductions done by new people: Lee Moyer - club member for over 50 years,
Tim Freeze - member for 4 years. Toni, KQ4EWT, license 4 months, regular at Panera
meetings on Saturday, enrolled in General class.

Several guest speakers spoke about different events.

ThawFest presentation by Tim Stevens, KM4YRX:

Upcoming ThawFest hamfest in Stanardsville on April 22nd at American Legion Hall.
Costs \$5 to enter. Tables sold out. There will be food. Parking concerns around 8-10
am. ThawFest is ARRL sanctioned and will have service and equipment vendors.
The AARC has 2 tables. Coordinate with Ed Berkowitz on equipment sales for club.
Door prized will be awarded. Handicap accessible.

Ride to Defeat ALS: Bridget Phelps and Amelia Atwill both spoke about this event. It
will be 5/13, register at 7 AM and done by 3 PM. Volunteers can join for lunch. Anthony
Woodyard was here from ALS group. They appreciate AARC support. There are some
changes in rest stop, see maps. There will be 4 separate routes: 100 km, 50 km, 25 km
and a 10k Family Ride in Nelson County. Organizers will know that AARC volunteers
will be there.

Business Meeting items:

Treasurer's Report - Larry Eicher:

In UVA checking account - \$34,726.78. This is down due to expenses last month. Ed &
Dave handling equipment sales.

Expenses: \$40 for ARRL ON-the-AIR magazine at Northside Library. Antenna purchase
\$4519.48, check sent to Tessco. Slight discrepancy due to shipping costs.

2 ThawFest tables for equipment sales: \$30. Annual liability insurance through ARRL:
\$200.

Donations in memory of Stan Hazen (SK) to club by Richard Mulligan (W4BZW), Mr. &
Mrs. Jon Williams-\$50, Catherine H. Hazen in memory of Stan: \$250, and estate of
Stan Hazen \$1000.

Estate Sales revenue due to sale of donated equipment. This thanks to efforts of Ed
Berkowitz and Jim Owen.

Education Committee report - Ed Berkowitz:

General Class started last week with 11 students with goal to take and pass exam to get
General class license.

Estate Sales report by Ed B :

Ed and Dave Damon reviewing equipment from Michael Rein (SK). Goal is to sell equipment locally. So far sold \$1600 of gear with money turned over to Marjorie Rein.

Technical Committee report by Bill Pond:

Antennas purchased and shipped. Shipping company to deliver antennas on Thursday. Repeaters operating ok so far. He will update some config files on repeaters.

They still need to find someone to do antenna installation.

Discrepancy on bill versus invoice is that shipping costs changed from Larry's address to Bill's by \$4. Any additional charges for shipping Bill will take care of.

Dave D. said no movement on installation quote. He said companies that do antenna installations are really backed up.

So far no working antenna on tower. Antenna on 10 ft. pole now works.

Raffle report by Ian Callahan:

Raffle to be held next month when we meet in person again per Ian Callahan.

Public Relations report by Dennis Terrible:

Dennis will work with Bob Romanko on Field Day and plans to do PR push. He wants to redo club website to make it more user friendly. Ed commented that we did not do good job of advertising classes. Need to put announcements on social media.

Presentation on Public Service by Dave Damon:

<https://www.albemarleradio.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/AARC-Public-Service-April-11-2023.pptx>

Brief summary follows:

What is Public Service?

- Participation in public events in ways that take advantage of our
- Access to valuable Radio spectrum
- Personal equipment
- Skills and know-how
- Time and energy

Why do we do it?

- Because it is fun
- It is an opportunity to solve equipment and communication problems
- It is a great chance to showcase the Amateur Radio hobby
- Think about how many people visit Field Day, versus how many people participate in a bike tour

Long history of AARC in Public Service. For example, at least 25 consecutive years with MS-150 and 25 years with JHefferson Cup Bike Races. Used to have as many as a dozen events per year, now down to 4 events in 2022. Scaled back due to Covid and reassessment of supporting events operated for personal profit.

Dave went through what club does at these events, e.g. a bike Tour. Setup Net Control Station at Start/finish, one or more Shadows, operator at each Rest Stop and SAG

vehicles working the course and provide Sweep vehicle on each course to follow last rider.

He noted that a Tour is different from a Race. In a Tour, we don't pay attention to riders at front; all of our attention is to average rider to last rider. In a RACE, don't pay attention to riders in back of pack, all of our focus is supporting competitive riders at the front.

Events organized by means of an Incident Action Plan (IAP) which provides a uniform method of planning an event.

Thanks to Steve Bowman (KN4AOB) of Greene County VA ARC, Mike McPherson, KQ9P of AARC and Steve Greer of ALS Society.

What's coming up?

-Saturday, May 6

-Rockbridge Gravel Grinder

-Start and finish from Rockbridge Vineyard and Brewery near Raphine, VA

-Saturday, May 13

-Charlottesville Area Trail Runners

-3.5 mile trail course starting and finishing at Mint Springs Park

-Ben Kidd KG4EIF and the Kidd's Kids

-Nate Pedersen N4PED

-Tonya Pedersen KQ4EUR

-Blue Ridge Ride to Defeat ALS

Discussion about AARC participation in events and whether members should receive gifts. Members are covered by club liability insurance.

Dennis asked about equipment used for events. Need better than HT's. Generally, we use mobile rigs. Dave has some loaners. Use simplex to cut down on repeater usage during event.

Field Day report by Bob Romanko:

May be problem with our FD at Earlysville Fire House. A wedding was scheduled same day. Bob will work this out with Fire Station people.

Reminder to pay dues by end of month. Non paying people will be purged from club list.

Meeting adjourned by Bob Romanko at 8:31 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Kramer, Secretary

Attendees:

36 total via Zoom.

Steve Kramer KN4CJI

Bill Pond N0WP

Larry Eicher K4JZQ

Bill Phillips AD6JV

Joe DiVincentis KO8V

John Porter KK4JP

Mike McPherson	KQ9P
Dave Damon	K4DND
Bob Romanko	AK4BR
Frank Haynes	W4NUA
Ian Callahan	KN4TBG
Jim Wilson	K4BAV
Steven Hull	KN4TKR
Bill Oleksy	KF4IE
Wynn Solomon	AI4MV
Dave Beebe	K4UEK
Ben Casto	NX4S
James Owen	K4CGY
Warren Yursik	KN4LYF
Rich Freeman	KI4QKV
Ben Kidd	KG4EIF
Ron Richey	K4RKA
Joe Greenberg	KJ4PE
Toni Simpson	KQ4EWT
Tim Freeze	KO4ELL
Chuck Gross	KS4NW
Steven Hull	KN4TKR
Lee Moyer	K4ISW
Dennis Terrible	WR4I
Nancy Richey	WB4RBW
Lance Strain	
Kevin Dean	

Guests:

Bridget Phelps	ALS
Amelia Atwill	ALS
Anthony Woodyard	ALS
Timothy Stevens	KM4YRX