

AARC Meeting Minutes 6/13/2023

Meeting started at 7:03 PM by Bob Romanko, president.
Held at PVCC and on Zoom.

Introductions done, members spoke about Field Day.

Treasurer's Report - Larry Eicher:

The current balance we have in our UVA Credit Union checking is \$35,407.86. I have an additional \$470 in hand to deposit into the account later this week. We have a Debit charge against the account to pay for 25 ARRL Field Day T shirts, ordered by Dennis Terrible totaling \$329.06, and we expect to spend up to \$500 to pay for food and refreshment for Field Day weekend, depending on the number of participants, a number still to be determined as of this date.

In addition during this last month we have paid \$25 to renew our registration with the Virginia State Corporation Commission for another year, and also filed our annual report with the IRS.

Respectfully submitted. Larry Eicher, Treasurer AARC

Bob R. read a letter from Ron Richey nominating Larry Eicher for Life Membership in AARC.

I nominate Larry Eicher, K4JZQ, for Life Membership in the Albemarle Amateur Radio Club. Larry has unfailingly performed above and beyond duty in many areas, not just the obvious food for Field Day. As Treasurer, Larry is also responsible for maintaining our substantial bank account. Larry has managed the Monday Night Information Net (MNIN) for several years including recruiting and training new Net Control Stations. Moreover, no matter what the weather is like outside, Larry always participates in AARC antenna team installations.

Since upgrading from a long-time Novice, he has participated in almost every event that the club has done as well as others involving hams in the area such as SOTA.

He is generous to members such as his donation of a \$200 Buckmaster OCF dipole to a member in need. Further, for Field Day, one particular member of our club hates chicken, so personally Larry sees that he has a burger every year.

Larry has consistently gone the extra mile for our organization and amateur radio and is fully qualified and justified in being honored with the recognition of Life Membership.

The Board voted to recommend Larry for Life Membership. A motion was made at the general meeting by Bob, second by Ed B. and voted unanimously by members present. Congratulations to Larry Eicher!

Estate Sales - Ed Berkowitz:

Ed has a variety of ham books for sale. Many families of SK members donate equipment to club and don't want money from sale. Lot of work by Ed and Jim Owen to cleanup equipment and get it ready for sales. They prefer local sales for members and to avoid shipping costs. Swapfest on website is updated with any new equipment for sale.

Technical Committee Report - Bill Pond:

New antennas are now in Bill's possession. He is working on details for installing antennas on new county tower. Bill is talking with Tim Jellison about installing the antennas. He stopped by to see the new tower. Tim is very busy with cell tower installs right now so our job would not be high on his list. Installation will require 2 full days of work. Bill is still getting various parts for mounting antennas which will cost about \$900. Bob R. volunteered his trailer if someone wants to pick up mounting brackets instead of shipping them. Right now may hold off on ordering brackets. Tim might be available this summer. Bill and Dave Damon working on finding another tower installer, if needed.

Public Service - Dave Damon:

No events on horizon. Nothing until this Fall.

Education Report - (Bob Pattison not here) Ed Berkowitz gave report:

VE session very successful. Several people passed their General or Amateur Extra class tests and will get their licenses. Bob P. and John Porter assisting Joe with getting antenna back up.

Public Relations - Dennis Terribile:

Dennis ordered 15 ARRL Field Day T-shirts. He has publicized FD event to local radio and TV stations. Roanoke division director and assistant director may come to event. Interview with Bob R by NPR local station. Someone suggested emailing Travis Koshko, local TV weatherman about FD.

Raffle - Ed Berkowitz:

Sales of books and other items at meeting. Ian, who was doing raffle, has health issues and may no longer be doing raffle. Club needs someone to fill in for Ian as director of fund raising for rest of this year.

MNIN - Bob R.:

Steve Fox will finish as net control operator by end of summer. Club needs volunteer to fill-in for Steve as Net Control. Bob needs someone to replace himself as Net control manager.

Field Day Presentation by Bob Romanko, FD Chairman:

Bob gave slide show presentation of FD Planning Report and Discussion.

For FD to be successful, it takes work of many people.

(link to presentation) <https://www.albemarleradio.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/AARC-Field-Day-2023-Opportunities.pdf>

FD Framework:

Every year 4th full weekend of June. (6/24-25).

Earlsville Volunteer Fire Company

283 Reas Ford Road, Earlsville

Friday, 6/23 setup starts at 4 PM includes tent and table setup.

Saturday, 6/24 starting at 8 AM, setup continues with radios and lan setup.

Antennas left over from last year's FD.

Logging software setup on Saturday.

There is a wedding planned for Saturday afternoon. We will not be using the firehouse and will park at rear left of grass lot near training platform. We should not be interfering with wedding nor they with us as far as noise and interference.

Operating modes will be SSB, CW and digital.

Picnic for Sunday lunchtime. Chicken and pizza and drinks provided by club, members to bring side dishes.

Registration required for picnic. Must indicate member and guests.

Volunteer form on club website. Please fill out form with desired volunteer activity.

<https://www.albemarleradio.org/2023/05/25/field-day-2023-invitation>

QST June issue has FD supplement.

Club will operate as group 3A and callsign W4DO.

Need help with GOTA with 5x points for Saturday 2-7 pm and Sunday 10 am to 2 pm.

Scores are by club, individual and aggregated.

Planning for success: Everyone does a little.

See presentation for details.

Porta-potty and 6 folding tables provided. Bring your own chairs and bug spray.

Be careful in woods due to ticks and copperheads.

Antennas dipoles, GOTA end-fed dipole.

Ed B. will be safety organizer. He uses standard ARRL safety list. Personal safety, trip hazards, electrical, generators, etc. He will have safety vest.

Rich Freeman will staff Greeting table which will have brochures and signup sheet.

Bob Romanko's son Victor is working on new branding logo to put on cap or banner or badge.

John P. said GOTA needs people as coaches.

Ben Kidd said he has Yagi build kits for kids. Also, fox hunt in field from 2-4:30 pm Jim O. reviewed list of transceivers that will be used for FD. Will be FD committee meeting before FD.

Meeting adjourned by Bob R. at 8:33 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Kramer
Secretary

Attendee List:
23 attendees

Bob Romanko	AK4BR
Ed Berkowitz	N3US
Bill Phillips	AD6JV
Larry Eicher	K4JZQ
Joe DeVincentis	KO8V
Dave Krovetz	KY4IE
Connie Pond	guest
Bill Pond	N0WP
Steve Kramer	KN4CJI
Dennis Terribile	WR4I
Joe Giovanelli	W2PVY
Tanya Pedersen	KQ4EUR
Nathan Pedersen	N4PED
John Porter	KK4JP
Jim Owen	K4CGY
Daniel Stornetta	
Frank Haynes	W4NUA
Ben Kidd	KG4EIF
Dave Damon	K4DND
Jim Wilson	K4BAV
Joe Thompson	KN4WJK
Rich Freeman	KI4QKV
Barbara Freeman	KN4LAH