

AARC Meeting Minutes 7/11/2023

Meeting held at PVCC. Meeting started by Bob Romanko, club president. We will meet at PVCC in August, not sure where we'll be in September & October. Introductions done by all present.

New members voted in: Joe Duquette, KK4TBJ.
Daniel Milner KJ4YHE and Kathy Jung AA4A, Joe Furtwengler N3MND

Treasurer's report - Larry Eicher:

UVA Credit Union checking account balance: \$35,052.44.

In June we had Field Day and used our club Visa debit card to make various purchases.

FD major expenses:

1. Purchase of ARRL T-shirts	\$329.06
2. C'ville Holdings for ads	\$325.00
3. Food & Refreshments	\$325.64

If anyone has expenses related to FD authorized activities, contact Larry so he can close the books on the 2023 FD program.

Estate Sales (Ed Berkowitz)

Club is getting 90 ft crankup tower and Yagi antenna and rotator. There may be some expenses in taking tower down. Let Ed know if you're interested.

Technical Committee (Bill Pond)

He is talking with a company about getting the new antennas installed on the County tower.

Public Service (Dave Damon)

There will be 2 public events this fall. One is the RockRidge Gravel Grinder on Oct. 28th and an Offroad event at Blue Ridge School Nov. 12th.

Public Relations (Dennis Terrible)

Writeup on FD in Daily Progress. Interview on CBS-19 news. Due to technical difficulties, no video on their website.

Fund Raising (Ian Callahan)

He is turning over fund raising to AJ Miller. Raffle will be held at end of meeting tonight.

Field Day Recap (Bob Romanko)

Had a brief presentation. Areas of responsibility performance: Everyone did great job on their assigned tasks. See presentation for details.

Wedding held at same time did not present any problems. Comments by Bob about event. He felt that Earlysville site was too small. ARRL rules allow for 1000' diameter to setup FD. We could try for school in Earlysville next year. Schools do not have same rules for overnight use as do public parks.

We were fighting antenna interference from multiple antennas too close to each other. Next year we need to be able to spread out. Just used dipoles for antennas, no beam this year. Ed, who was safety officer said it was "boring job" because everyone observed the safety rules.

QSO report: Total 1612 contacts with increase in digital mode and decreases in phone and CW but overall decrease from 2022. We had only 11 operators and there were big gaps in operator schedule, not enough volunteers. Total score so far was 4975, 1 625 points and 3350 from multipliers. Many extra points due to portable power and other items. Need to submit logs to ARRL by July 25th. Twenty meters "on fire" in middle of night.

Bob stated he would not be FD chair for 2024. Need someone else to take on FD chair.

Bill Phillips gave out certificates for FD operating. John Porter showed video from FD.

Presentation by Joe Thompson, KN4WJK on mobile bicycle operating.

Bought ebike used for work commute. Installed Yaesu FT857 radio, with tuner and Monoband antenna. He can't use electric assist on bike due to interference so he uses Lithium Ion battery pack.

Other business:

Bob R. said Steve Fox no longer doing third Monday for MNIN, need new netcontrol 3rd Monday of month starting in September. First Monday is also available. Currently covered by Bob.

Raffle held by Ian: raised \$50 from raffle.

Meeting adjourned by Bob at 8:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Kramer
Secretary

Attendee List:

Bob Romanko	AK4BR
Ed Berkowitz	N3US
Bill Phillips	AD6JV
Larry Eicher	K4JZQ
Connie Pond	guest
Bill Pond	N0WP
Steve Kramer	KN4CJI
Dennis Terribile	WR4I
Joe Giovanelli	W2PVY
John Porter	KK4JP
Jim Owen	K4CGY
Frank Haynes	W4NUA
Ben Kidd	KG4EIF
Dave Damon	K4DND
Jim Wilson	K4BAV
Joe Thompson	KN4WJK
Rich Freeman	KI4QKV
Barbara Freeman	KN4LAH
Ian Callahan	KN4TBG
Daniel Stornetta	KQ4IGK
Tim Freeze	KO4ELL
Chris Striker	KO4KQO
Joe Duquette	KK4TBJ