

Albemarle Amateur Radio Club

July 8, 2025

Monthly Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order 7:00 pm, by President, Bob Romano AK4BR.
2. Attendees. 15 in attendance in person at PVCC. 6 in attendance via Zoom.
3. Welcoming Statement & Announcements:

- a. Welcome to the AARC monthly meeting

4. Approval of June Meeting Minutes.

5. Five applications for membership to be considered this month:

- Joe Rivera, Extra, KO4NMJ, Mineral, VA, and his wife,
- Diana Rivera, Technician, KO4ZKZ, Mineral VA
- Anthony Alimenti, KR4EYH, Technician, Crozet, VA
- CJ FitzHenry, KR4ESU, Technician, Lovington VA
- Brent Lunnen, WB2PJT, General, Charlottesville (Forest Lakes)

A motion was offered and seconded to approve membership for the new applicants.  
The motion was passed on a voice vote.

6. Treasurers Report – Larry Eicher, K4JZQ. Present, provided report.

- a. As of today, Current total deposited assets \$39,571.

- b. Full report included at end of these minutes.

7. Committee Reports

- a. Public Service – Dave Damon K4DND. Present, provided report. Next expected event is Tour de Green in late Aug/early Sep, but no specific requests have been received yet.

- b. Estate Committee – Rich Bradley W4DZC. Not present, no report.

- c. Technical Committee – Bill Pond N0WP. Not present. K4DND gave details in his stead. Trip up to Heard Mtn planned for Friday. Neither have visited the site for years, since before COVID. Bill believes the hum is from the link radio, not power supply.

- d. Public Relations – Russ Sawyer KN4LAU. Not present. Newspaper article published and two radio articles were published about Field Day. Hospital PR

staff will be present at the Martha Jefferson Hospital's 200<sup>th</sup> week of Winlink Wednesday this coming Wednesday.

e. Education Committee – John Porter KK4JP. Present, provided report. In planning stages for future classes, would be virtual.

f. Fundraising – AJ Miller KE4AJM. Not present, no report.

g. Volunteer Exam Liaison - Hank Perritt K9KDF – Not present but provided written report. Included in full at end of these minutes.

8. Comments for the group:

- Nothing offered.

9. Old Business

a. Club Branding & Logo. Not discussed at this meeting.

10. New Business

a. Pete K4KE – Announced that he has accepted a job in the Hampton Roads area. While he intends to maintain his Albemarle County residence and AARC membership, returning as time permits, he will be unable to continue to serve in the role as Secretary. He will continue to serve temporarily in the role until another Secretary is appointed.

11. Program – 2025 Field Day Recap. Presentation on club website.

12. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Pete Francisco, K4KE, Secretary

## Meeting Attendees

### In Person:

Bob Romanko	AK4BR
Dennis Terribile	WR4I
Peter Francisco	K4KE
AJ Miller	KE4AJM
Steve Bookout	NR4M
Ed Berkowitz	N3US
John Porter	KK4JP
Scott Barker	KQ4TNX
Jim Owen	K4CGY
Larry Eicher	K4JZQ
Joe Giovanelli	W2PVY
Jim Wilson	K4BAV
Glenn Hartman	WA3Z
Brent Lunnan	WB2PJT
Asa Gage (AJ)	KQ4ZGD, about to be AJ8U

### Online:

Dave Damon	K4DND
Ben Kidd	KG4EIF
Chris Kiewra	KQ4KEO
Warren Yursik	KN4LYF
Bill Oleksy	KF4IE
CJ FitzHenry	KR4ESU

## Treasurer's Report

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Report on Expenditures from our recent Field Day activity June 28-29.

The club spent a total of \$357.19 for expenses related to Field Day this year. This is more or less the same that we have spent in years past. We need to thank those who worked hard on bringing this all together. If anyone has other expenses that are not currently on my list below, please let me know so we can reimburse your valid club expense.

### Individual Expenses:

Ed Berkowitz	\$45.27. (debit card)
Patrice Porter.	36.36 (donuts)
Brenda Romanko	245.68. (cold cuts/drinks,snacks)
Bob Romanko.	12.00. (gas for generator)
Benjamin Kidd.	17.88. (Education materials)

Total:       \$357.19

Based on Board approval President Bob Romanko also sent a thank you donation to the Earlys ville Volunteer Fire Company for \$300 on July 4, 2025. Their offer to allow us to use their indoor facilities during the recent heat wave was much appreciated. A suggestion was made to find out the fund-raising dinners scheduled for EVFC and encourage our members to attend whenever possible.

Regarding our current balances at the UVA Credit Union, our current Credit Union balance is as follows:

Business Economy Checking.	\$3,814.59
Business Money Market Fund	24,621.74
Business Savings Account	5.00
 13 month Certificate of Deposit.	 11,134.40
 Grand Total as of July 8, 2025.	 \$39,571.00 (rounded)

I've gotten some feedback from some members who might be interested in coming up with some ideas on future club projects that would promote AARC future ham activities. We continue to benefit from sales from the donations of ham equipment from SK ham families. We need to find valid ham projects that honors these types of donations. Two suggestions include a Space Station antenna project, and possibly establish a Remote ham station for hams to share.

73,  
Larry K4JZQ

## VE Liaison Report

July 7, 2025

The ARRL has decided to delegate its VEC functions to a third party vendor, which discloses that it will use information submitted by subscribers for targeted advertising. The ARRL declines to provide transition assistance and has delegated that function to a ham in Ohio who expects VEs to watch hours of training videos and attend Zoom training sessions. Once participation with the vendor is approved, tests will be online, which requires computers and Internet connections onsite for each test taker. This is a burden I am not sure we want to bear.

I am exploring VECs as alternatives to the ARRL, and have received prompt and welcoming responses from three: Laurel, W4VEC, and WCARS. None of the three would impose burdens like the new ARRL system. I am assembling information about the three alternatives and plan to submit a report to the active VEs in the AARC, elicit their preferences and recommendations, and then submit a report and recommendation to the Club's leadership for approval.

Hank Perritt  
K9KDF  
VE Liaison