

Albemarle Amateur Radio Club

AJ Monthly Meeting Minutes

Date: November 11, 2025

Location: PVCC/ Zoom hybrid

Call to Order: 1900 Bob Romanko AK4BR

1. Attendees			
In Person		Online	
Name	Call Sign	Name	Call Sign
Ian Callahan	KN4TBG	Warren Yursik	KN4LYF
John Porter	KK4JP	CJ Fitzhenry	W4FTZ
Bob Romanko	AK4BR	Scott Houppermans	KQ4EOL
Bill Pond	N0WP	Alan Nathanson	WA3WCO
Connie Pond	spouse	Jim Jokl	WD2H
Ed Berkowitz	N3US	Micheal Brimacombe	KQ4QDS
Dave Damon	K4DND	Bejamin Kidd	KG4EIF
Russ Sawyer	KN4LAU	Ben Casto	NX4S
Len Soika	KQ4BBR		
Deanna Soika	KQ4BCP		
Cameron Tabor	K4WDA		
Scott Barker	KQ4TNX		
Glenn Hartmann	WA3Z		
Peter Francisco	K4KE		
Jim Wilson	K4BAV		
Jow DeVincentis	KO8V		
Larry Eicher	K4JZQ		
Joe Giovanelli	W2PVY		
AJ Miller	KE4AJM		
Jim Owen	K4CGY		
Total Attendance: [20] in person, [8] via Zoom			

2. Welcoming Statement & Announcements

Welcome to the AARC monthly meeting.

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Kudo's to Ian KN4TBG our club secretary for creating a form that will allow us that follows our meeting agenda which makes it more consistent and uniform.

3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the October meeting minutes was made by AJ Miller KE4AJM and 2nd by Joe DeVincentis KO8V in which the notion was approved by all present.

4. Membership Applications

Scott Houppermans, KQ4EOL, Fredericksburg, Virginia

Vote to approve Scott as a new member was unanimous.

Cameron Tabor, K4WDA, Nellysford, Virginia. Vote to approve Cameron as a new member was unanimous.

5. Treasurer's Report

Presented by Larry Eicher K4JZQ

Total Deposited Assets: \$40,278.43

Full report attached at the end of these minutes.

6. Committee Reports

- A. Public Service – Dave Damon K4DND: Public service is over for this year, putting list together for award ceremony.
- B. Estate Committee – Ed Berkowitz N3US: Sales are spotty, more items will be listed.
- C. Technical Committee – Bill Pond N0WP: Everything is going really well. The last time the 895 Repeater went down was due to a problem with the tone decode/ filter circuitry. Thinking it was a bad connection in the little board kits that I have been putting together, I recently found a 3d file for cases for the bards that Mike McPherson KQ9P has been printing for free.

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- D. Public Relations – Russ Sawyer KN4LAU: Nothing new to report, looking for new ideas for youth.
Dave Damon K4DND asked what we are doing for current youth members. Recruiting youth hams is great but if we are not doing anything for current youth members we are missing the boat. Ed N3US agrees and asked what can we do to help the youths?
Discussion ensued with Bob AK4BR suggesting youth hams running the Field Day GOTA station and when having events contacting youth hams take part. Bob asked the 2 youth members attending the meeting “what would you like to see? Deanna KQ4BCP replied she would have to think about it and Micheal KQ4QDS replied not entirely sure, really enjoyed the gravel grinder.
- E. Education Committee – John Porter KK4JP: ED N3US has been sharing information about the hybrid license class. Hopefully in January we can get something going. John also appreciates feedback and any resources anyone has available.
- F. Fundraising – AJ Miller KE4AJM: Described raffle items. \$32 raised this evening.
- G. Volunteer Exam Liaison – Hank Perritt K9KDF: Per Bob AK4BR next test session will be Saturday December 13, 2025 the new VEC (W4VEC) has published work arounds so we can submit the scores and submission to the FCC when they open back up.

7. Old Business

Bob AK4BR purchased 3 field day stations, 2 digital and 1 cw/ phone. We will probably raffle off the old laptops. Bob would like to purchase 3 mouse(s).

8. New Business

Awards Banquet is at 1800 on December 9th at the Timberwood Grill located in Forest Lakes. Email will be sent out to the membership. Private room will hold 50 people, Bob AK4BR proposed Club paying \$750 and members would pay \$20 per person. Discussion was made to have members pay \$25 each person or the club pay for everything.

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A motion was made by Joe DeVincentis KO8V, 2nd by AJ Miller KE4AJM to approve the club paying \$750. All members present approved with 1 member Dave K4DND opposed.

9. Program

Satellite Radio Contacts. Pete Francisco K4KE.

10. Comments / Announcements

Today is Veterans Day, all veterans please stand for acknowledgment.

11. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Joe Giovanelli W2PVY and 2nd by Joe DeVincentis KO8V. Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Ian Callahan KN4TBG
AARC Secretary

Appendix A – Treasurer's Report

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New debit card issued through UVA credit union.

Account Balances:

- Business Economy Checking: \$4,110.54
- Business Money Market Fund: \$24,785.36
- Business Savings Account: \$100.00
- Certificate of Deposit: \$11,282.53

Grand Total: \$40,278.43

Expenses:

Bob Romanko reimbursement for \$912.96

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Bill Pond reimbursement \$77.41

U.S. Postal Service to cover 1 year rental renewal for postal box 6833
\$210

For dues renewal asking everyone to hold off to Jan 1.