

Albemarle Amateur Radio Club

Monthly Meeting Minutes

Date: December 9, 2925

Location: Zoom only

Call to Order: 1900 by Bob Romanko

1. Attendees			
In Person		Online	
Name	Call Sign	Name	Call Sign
		Bob Romanko	AK4BR
		John Porter	KK4JP
		Larry Eicher	K4JZQ
		Ed Berkowitz	N3US
		Bill Pond	N0WP
		Russ Sawyer	KN4LAU
		Jim Wilson	K4BAV
		Scott Barker	KQ4TNX
		Ian Callahan	KN4TBG
		Dave Damon	K4DND
		Dennis Terrible	W4RI
		Jim Owen	K4CGY
		Pete Francisco	K4KE
		Ronald Richey	K4RKA
		Glenn Hartman	WA3Z
		Allan Nathanson	WA3WCO
		Barbara Freeman	KN4LAH

2. Welcoming Statement & Announcements

Welcome to the AARC monthly meeting.

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3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the November meeting minutes was made by Ed Berowitz N3US and seconded by Ian Callahan KN4TBG and motion was passed.

4. Membership Applications

No new applicants.

5. Treasurer's Report

Presented by Larry Eicher K4JZQ.

Total Deposited Assets: \$39674.60 as of December 9 2025.

Assets are distributed as follows:

Business Checking \$3,430.25

Business Money Market \$24,825.39

Business Savings Account \$100.00

Certificate of Deposit \$11,318.96

6. Committee Reports

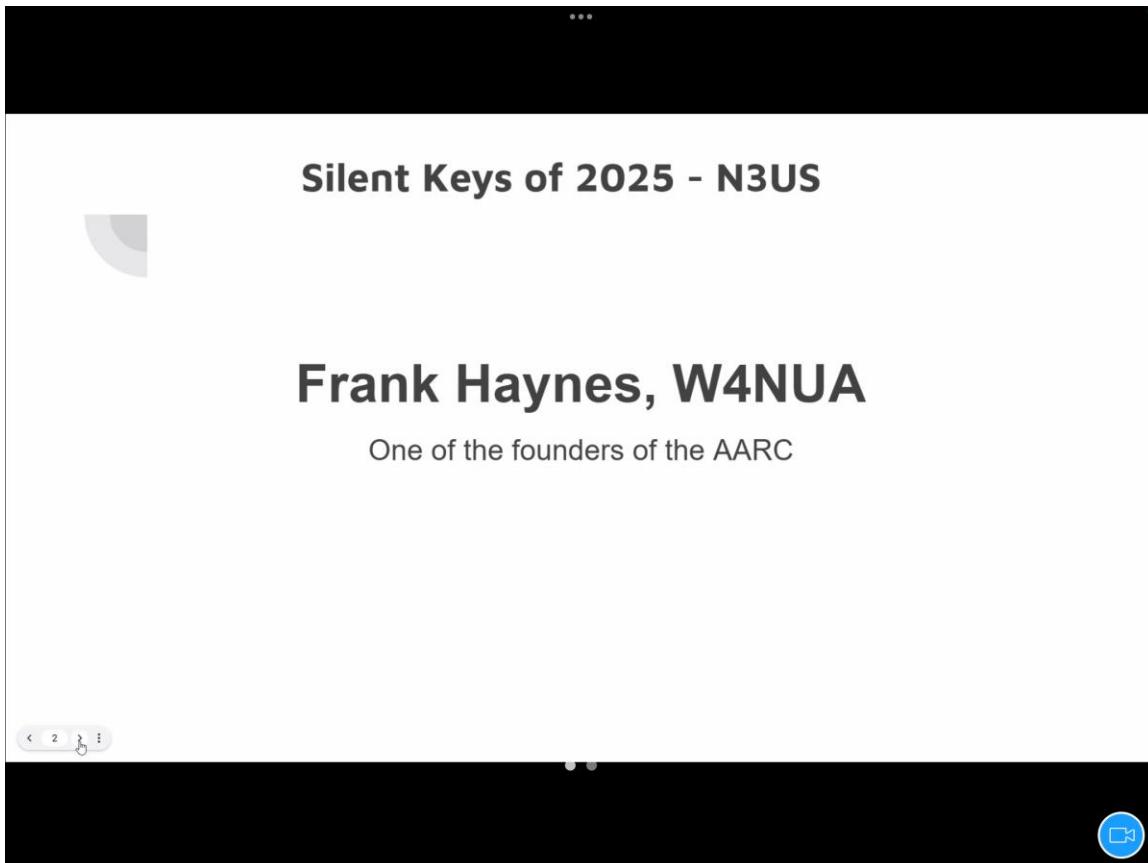
- A. Public Service – Dave Damon K4DND: 4 events this year, Mint Springs Trail Run, Blue Ridge Extreme Gravel, ALS ride and the Rockbridge Gravel Grinder.
- B. Estate Committee – Ed Berkowitz N3US: Jim Owen K4CGY and I sold the last of the equipment from the Wilson Estate.
- C. Technical Committee – Bill Pond N0WP: I do have a perspective and really have high hopes for a new recruit- Glenn Hartman WA3Z has offered to help with the Technical Committee.
- D. Public Relations – Russ Sawyer KN4LAU: For field day I had interviews on NPR, Jay James with WINA and we also had an article in the Daily Progress. Working on ideas to involve more youth. Peter Francisco K4KE started the public Facebook page.
- E. Education Committee – John Porter KK4JP: No Comment, my apologies.

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- F. Fundraising – AJ Miller KE4AJM not present.
- G. Volunteer Exam Liaison – Hank Perritt K9KDF: per Bob Romanko; VEC session scheduled for December 13.

7. Program

Albemarle Amateur Radio Club awards for 2025.



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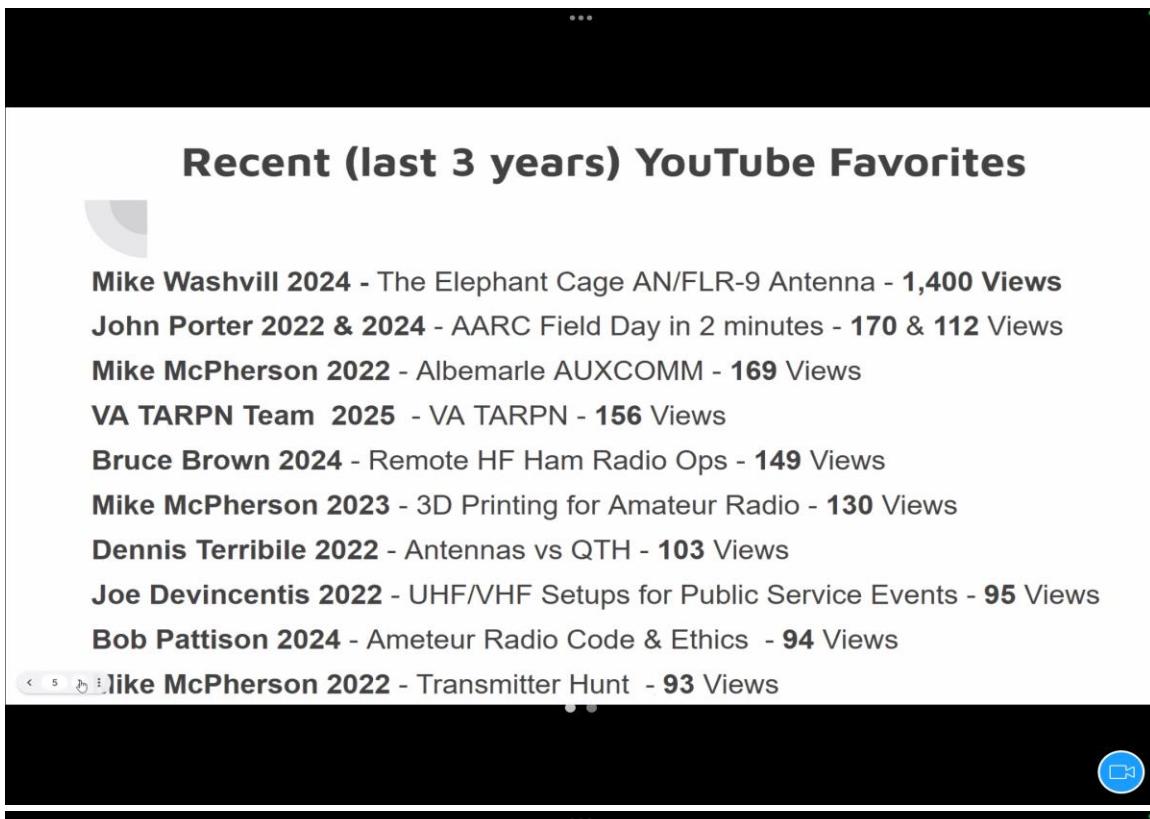
Monthly Program Awards - WR4I

- **Dennis Terribile WR4I** - Bringing Ham Radio Into Schools
- **Warren Yursik KN4LYF and LeRouy Caudill KO4JMH** - Northwest Region Hospital Radio Network
- **Jason Rausch K4APR, Jason Thurston KG4AEP, Arthur White N4TRQ, John Best KC4MEC, and Pete Anoia K4VBX** - Virginia Terrestrial Amateur Radio Packet Network
- **Bob Romanko AK4BR** - The Long Island CW Club
- **Dennis Terribile WR4I** - Parks on the Air
- **Bob Romanko AK4BR** - Field Day Planning 2025
- **Bob Romanko AK4BR** - Field Day 2025 Recap
- **Lee Hite K8CLI** - Voice of America
- **Scott Barker KQ4NTX** - W4UVA 1938 to Present Day

AARC YouTube Channel Favorites - KK4JP

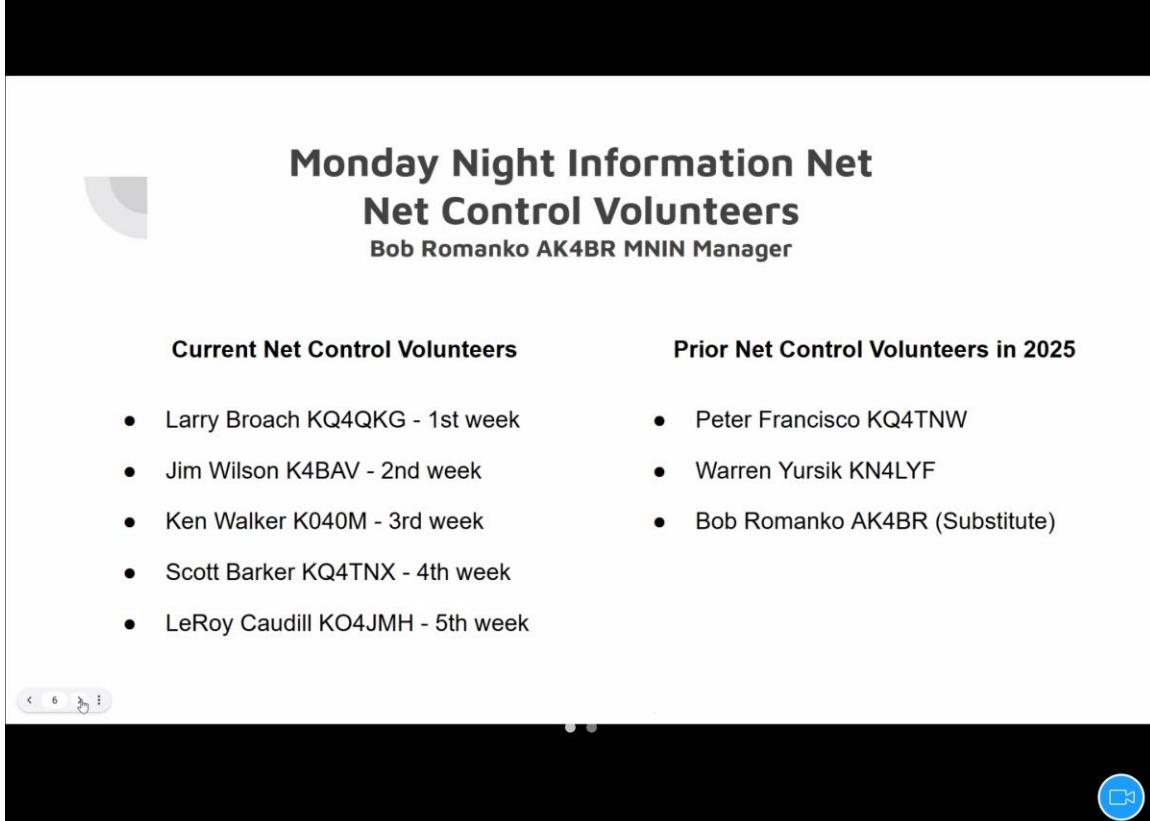
- **Jim Owen 2019** – Air Launcher Construction – **3,300** Views
- **Bill Olesky & Paul English 2020** - Army Military Auxiliary Radio Service (MARS) – **2,900** Views
- **Joe Devincentis 2020** – FT8 for Field Day – **2,200** Views
- **Mike Washvill 2024** - The Elephant Cage AN/FLR-9 Antenna - **1,400** Views
- **Ed Berkowitz 2020** – RF Exposure - Evaluating Your Station - **838** Views

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Recent (last 3 years) YouTube Favorites

- Mike Washvill 2024** - The Elephant Cage AN/FLR-9 Antenna - **1,400 Views**
- John Porter 2022 & 2024** - AARC Field Day in 2 minutes - **170 & 112 Views**
- Mike McPherson 2022** - Albemarle AUXCOMM - **169 Views**
- VA TARPN Team 2025** - VA TARPN - **156 Views**
- Bruce Brown 2024** - Remote HF Ham Radio Ops - **149 Views**
- Mike McPherson 2023** - 3D Printing for Amateur Radio - **130 Views**
- Dennis Terrible 2022** - Antennas vs QTH - **103 Views**
- Joe Devincenzo 2022** - UHF/VHF Setups for Public Service Events - **95 Views**
- Bob Pattison 2024** - Amateur Radio Code & Ethics - **94 Views**
- Mike McPherson 2022** - Transmitter Hunt - **93 Views**



Monday Night Information Net

Net Control Volunteers
Bob Romanko AK4BR MNIN Manager

Current Net Control Volunteers

- Larry Broach KQ4QKG - 1st week
- Jim Wilson K4BAV - 2nd week
- Ken Walker K040M - 3rd week
- Scott Barker KQ4TNX - 4th week
- LeRoy Caudill KO4JMH - 5th week

Prior Net Control Volunteers in 2025

- Peter Francisco KQ4TNW
- Warren Yursik KN4LYF
- Bob Romanko AK4BR (Substitute)

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Monday Night Information Net Participation - AK4BR

Gold Award over 80%

- Scott Barker KQ4TNX
- Dave Damon K4DND
- Jim Wilson K4BAV

Silver Award over 70%

- Bill Pond N0WP
- John Porter KK4JP
- Bob Romanko AK4BR

Bronze Award over 60%

- Joe Giovanelli W2PVY

Typical Net Participant's Antenna



Annual Picnic Awards to
Those Volunteers Who Assisted
Ed Berkowitz, 2025 Picnic Organizer



John and Patrice Porter

Pat and Ed Berkowitz

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Kathy Jung AA4A

Larry and Vicky Eicher



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Volunteer Examiners	
Hank Perritt K9KDF	
Sessions Administered 2025 (including 14 December)	
Hank Perritt K9KDF VE liaison, 4 sessions	Ed Berkowitz N3US 1 session
Dave Krovetz KY4IE 3 sessions	Bob Pattison K4DU 2 sessions
Jim Owen K4CGY 1 session	Brian O'Rourke K4UL 3 sessions
Bill Pond N0WP 4 sessions	Peter Francisco KQ4TNW 1 session
Dave Damon K4DND 3 sessions	

Field Day 2025

Cookie Award

Brenda Romanko and Ed Berkowitz (Food and Drink)

Power to the People Award

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Teach the Children Well Award

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A photograph of a man wearing a green t-shirt with "ARRL FIELD DAY 2024" and "FD" printed on it. He is wearing headphones and operating a computer with a monitor and keyboard. He is also connected to a radio transceiver and other electronic equipment on the table in front of him. The setting is a tent with a white tablecloth.

A photograph of a man wearing a green t-shirt with "ARRL FIELD DAY 2024" and "FD" printed on it. He is wearing glasses and is focused on working on a small electronic component or radio part on a table. There is a large fan and other equipment visible in the background.

A photograph of a man wearing a grey t-shirt and headphones. He is working on a radio transceiver or similar electronic equipment on a table. A computer monitor is visible in the background.

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Who GOTA Thoughta Award

Bill Pond and Tonya Pederson (GOTA)

Safety is Job 1.0 Award

Ed Berkowitz (Safety)

This Little Riggie Went to Market Award

Jim Owen (Transceivers)



Is This One the Magic Fan? Award

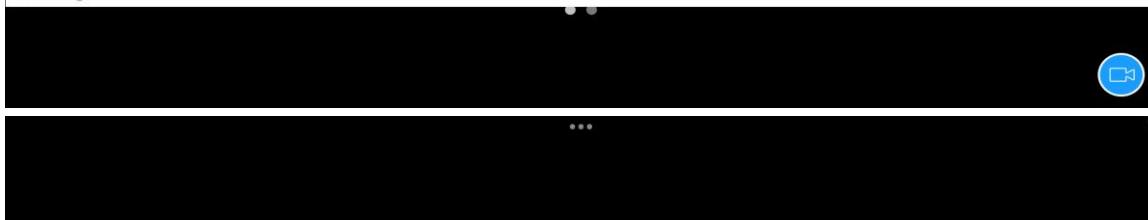
Dennis Terribile and John Porter (Antennas)

The Cats are Herded Award

John Porter (Operator Scheduling)

Do you Hear Me Now Award

Dennis Terribile, Jim Owen, and Scott Barker (Operating)



Mint Springs Mountain Run

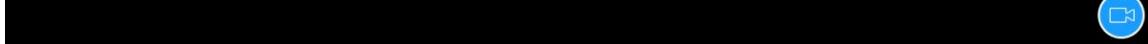
- Ben Kidd, KG4EIF
- Nate Pedersen, N4PED
- Tonya Pedersen, KQ4EUR
- Len Soika KQ4BBR
- Deanna Soika KQ4BCP
- Zepherin Soika KQ4BIM



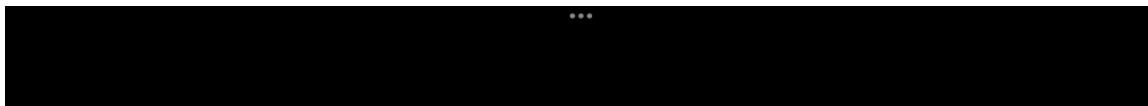
2025 Public Service - K4DND

Fall Rockbridge Gravel Grinder

- John Porter KK4JP
- Warren Yursik KN4LYF
- Bob Romanko AK4BR
- Ian Callahan KN4TBG
- Bill Pond N0WP
- Tad Davis WA7TAD
- Michael Brimacombe KA4QDS
- Bob Mitchell KE4VJW
- CJ Fitzhenry W4FTZ
- Bill Bearden KC4TQF
- Patrick Morrissey KO4VLM
- Dave Beebe K4UEK

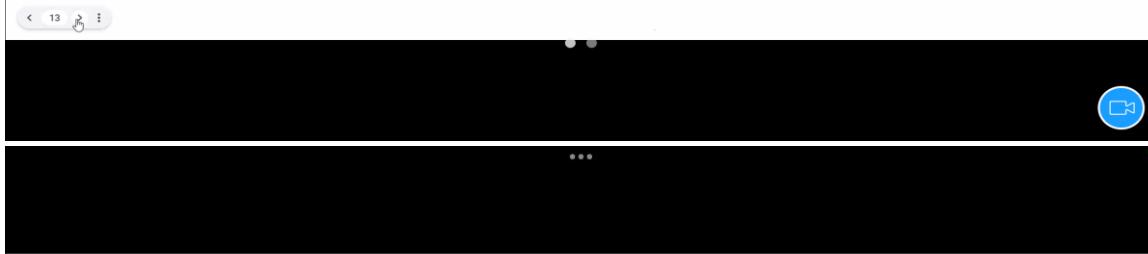


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Blue Ridge Extreme Gravel

- Dave Beebe K4UEK
- Ed Berkowitz N3US
- Ian Callahan KN4TBG
- Warren Yursik KN4LYF
- John Porter KK4JP
- Bill Pond N0WP
- Brian Williams K4BQF
- Bobby Shifflett KZ4RTS
- Scott Barker KQ4TNX
- Nate Pedersen N4PED
- Tony Pedersen KQ4EUR
- Chris Kiewra KQ4KEO
- Dayton Haugh AA4DH
- Elmer Scott KF4UCI
- Michael Brimacombe KQ4QDS
- Kim Moyers KF4VBG
- Tony Moyers KF4RKT
- Pete Francisco K4PE



Multiple Event Participants



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|-----------------------------|---|
| • Ed Berkowitz N3US | 2 |
| • Elmer Scott KF4UCI | 2 |
| • Ian Callahan KN4TBG | 2 |
| • Kim Moyer KF4VBG | 2 |
| • Michael Brimacombe KQ4QDS | 2 |
| • Scott Barker KQ4TNX | 2 |
| • Tony Moyer | 2 |
| • Warren Yursik | 3 |
| • Bill Pond N0WP | 3 |
| • Dave Beebe K4UEK | 3 |
| • John Porter KK4JP | 3 |



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2025 N4FWA Public Service Award

Michael Brimacombe KQ4QDS

Jake McLaughlin KQ4OAD

Deanna Soika KQ4BCP

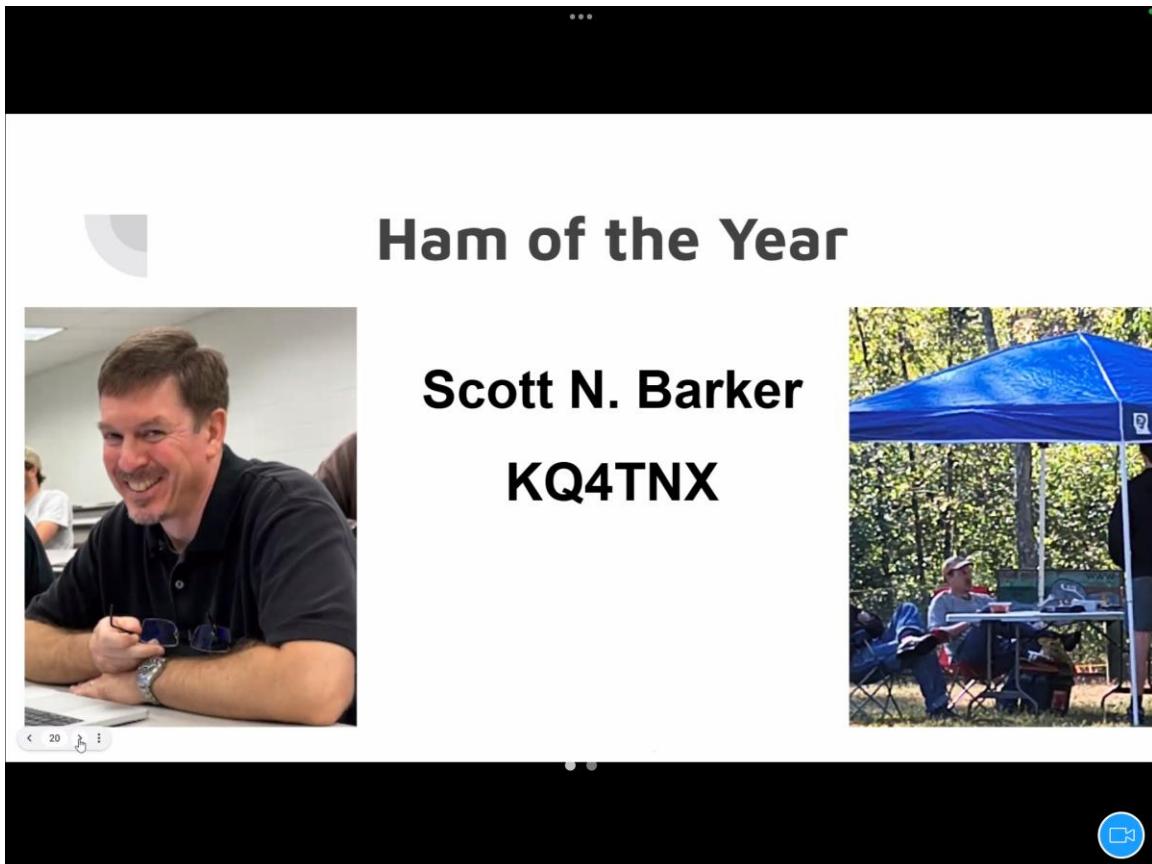
Zepherin Soika KQ4BIM

Antenna Team 2025 - N3US

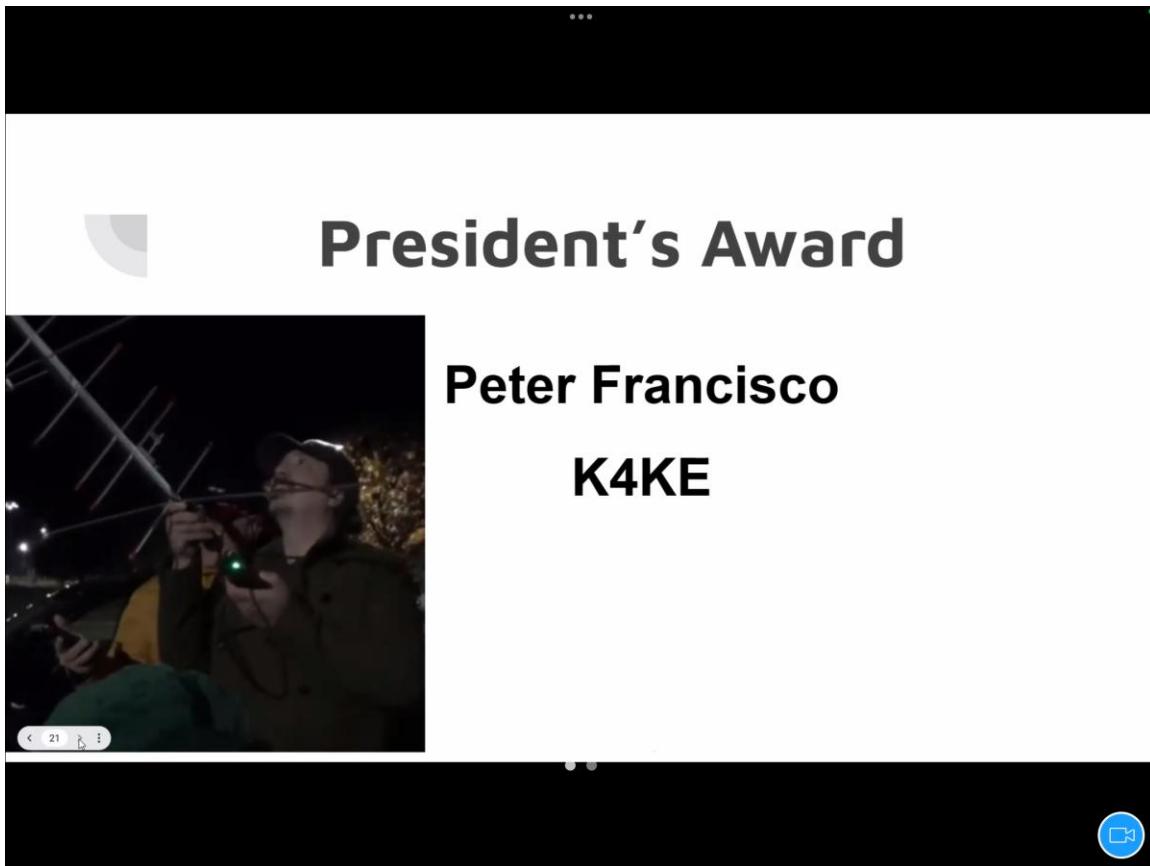
- Ed Berkowitz, N3US - Team Leader
- Jim Owen, K4CGY
- Patrice Porter, KM4RSL
- John Porter, KK4JP
- Larry Eicher, K4JZQ
- Dave Damon, K4DND
- Bob Pattison, K4DU
- Warren Yursik, KN4LYF
- Bob Romanko, AK4BR



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8. Old Business

Bob Romanko, AK4BR, reported the club did buy a little over \$200 in books and the Jefferson Madison Regional Library is accepting those books as a donation.

Server has been purchased for field day.

The club will have 2 field day stations set up for CW, Digital and Voice.

9. New Business

Bob Romanko, AK4BR, if anyone wants to do Winter Field Day, send out an email to the club and make it happen.

Bob Romanko, AK4BR, thinks we should go to the ARRL for their recommendation on how to proceed with the POTA Management areas

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plus state fishing lake shut down. A discussion commenced on what to do. Form a ad hoc committee to discuss and decide what to do- Pete Francisco, K4KE is the committee's head.

Dave Damon, K4DND announced on Saturday morning is Panera meet up and also there is a VE session at 0930 and there is a playdate at 1300 on 40 meters with VARA AC.

ED Berkowitz, N3US, nomination committee consists of Ed Berkowitz, N3US, Dave Damon, K4DND and John Porter, KK4JP.

Per club bylaws the President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary are all up for election, they all are 1-year terms.

Since Pete Francisco, K4KE moved out of the area, Ian Callahan, KN4TBG has been filling the role and has agreed to run for a full 2026 term.

Treasurer Larry Eicher, K4JZQ, has agreed to run another year.

Vice President Dennis Terrible, WR4I has agreed to run but would not mind a replacement.

Fund Raising Director AJ Miller, KE4AJM is the only director up for reelection.

If anyone is up to run or wants to nominate someone please contact ED Berkowitz, N3US well before the January meeting.

10. Comments / Announcements

Unfortunately,

Pete Francisco, K4KE did not appear on the monthly program awards for Satellite Radio Contacts for November 2025.

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Dave Damon, K4DND did not appear on the Public Service Award section.

11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2045.

Respectfully submitted,

Ian Callahan, KN4TBG

AARC Secretary