

Albemarle Amateur Radio Club

Monthly Meeting Minutes

Date: April 14, 2026

Location: PVCC / Zoom hybrid

Call to Order: 1900 Ed Berkowitz, N3US, President AARC

1. Attendees			
In Person		Online	
Name	Call Sign	Name	Call Sign
Dennis Terribile	WR4I	Micheal Smith	KQ4SRP
Ed Berkowitz	N3US	Warren Yursik	KN4LYF
John Porter	KK4JP	Allan Nathanson	WA3WCO
Bob Romanko	AK4BR	Bill Pond	N0WP
Russ Sawyer	KN4LAU	Dave Damon	K4DND
David Thomas	WD30	CJ FitzHenry	W4FTZ
Ian Callahan	KN4TBG		
Joe Giovanelli	W2PVY		
Larry Eicher	K4JZQ		
Jim Owens	K4CGY		
Jim Wilson	K4BAV		
Tom Brownlee	AF2D		
Ken Walker	KO4OM		
Larry Broach	KQ4QKG		
Nathan Dyuran	KF0FCC		
Total Attendance: [15] in person, [6] via Zoom			

2. Welcoming Statement & Announcements

Welcome to the AARC monthly meeting.

Joe Giovanelli, W2PVY is 97 and has celebrated his 80th year as a ham.

3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the February and March meeting minutes, plus the March board meeting minutes was made by Larry Eicher, K4JZQ and 2nd by Bill Pond, N0WP motion was passed by unanimous vote.

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4. Membership Applications

Andy Emert, K4RKQ Earlysville, Virginia.

Motion to approve membership was approved by all present.

5. Treasurer's Report

Presented by Larry Eicher, K4JZQ

Total Deposited Assets: \$41,299.28 as of 14 April 2026.

Full report attached at the end of these minutes.

6. Committee Reports

- A. Public Service – Dave Damon, K4DND Director: The first PS event for 2026 is coming soon. The Blue Ridge Extreme Gravel Ride takes place on Sunday, April 26. Currently 20 hams are signed up to assist with this event, including 4 of our 5 youth members. Further details will start going out to the volunteer group soon. The second PS event on the calendar is the Mint Springs Trail Run on Saturday, May 9. Most of the usual crew will be back to work this event, featuring one of our regular ham volunteers, Nate N4PED making his first appearance as “Runner Mobile”. The Blue Ridge Ride to Defeat ALS returns to the Southwest Mountains Vineyard in Keswick on Saturday, June 7. Recruiting volunteers for this bike event will start in May after the Mint Springs Trail Run is concluded. The last regular event for 2026, with the exact date TBD, is the Tour de Greene, always a fun bike event scheduled usually early fall. Details will be forwarded as they become available.
- B. Estate Committee – Jim Owens, K4CGY Director: Only sold 1 item for \$33.
- C. Technical Committee – No report
- D. Public Relations – Russ Sawyer, KN4LAU Director: I have a list of people to contact for field day.
- E. Education Committee – John Porter, KK4JP Director: No Report
- F. Fundraising – No report

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- G. Volunteer Exam Liaison –Hank Perritt, K9KDF Director: A VE session has been scheduled for Saturday, 18 April. As of Tuesday, 14 April, no test takers have signed up, but the requisite number of VE's have. If no one signs up to take a test by Thursday of this week, I will cancel the session. We gave the usual notice on the club website and Facebook page a month beforehand. The club calendar, however, does not show the test session. Since we no longer use the ARRL as our VEC, notice did not appear on the ARRL website. Our new VEC, W4VEC, published a notice, showing the time, but not the date. A google search, "Charlottesville amateur radio exams" has a number of hits pointing to the notices on the club website and Facebook page. I will investigate why W4VEC did not publish a complete notice. I will investigate whether non ARRL tests can be shown on the ARRL website. The club calendar should routinely show test sessions posted on the club website
- H. Youth Committee- Dave Damon K4DND Director:
AARC currently has 5 youth members. They are Gabe Divito K2ULM, Zeph Soika KQ4BIM, Deanna Soika KQ4BCP, Mike Brimacombe KQ4QDS, and Jake McLaughlin KQ4OAD. The purpose of the Youth Member Committee is to expand the opportunities for our youth members by presenting as wide a range of experiences as possible of the many facets of our ham radio hobby. The members of the Committee, N0WP, KG4EIF, AK4BR, WR4I, N3US, KN4TBG, KQ4BBR, KQ9P and KW4TNX collectively bring an abundance of knowledge, skills and experience to the committee. My intention is that as the academic year winds down for our youth members, we will schedule regular activities during the summer months for our youth members. Obviously, our youth members' participation in PS events is already well established. As this committee moves forward, I anticipate including student members of W4UVA, having sessions on POTA/SOTA operations, repeater construction and operation, CW and digital operation, contesting, kit building, soldering and use of

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simple test equipment as well as other activities suggested and organized by committee members. All interested AARC members are encouraged to join this committee by contacting Dave K4DND.

7. Program

Bob Romanko, AK4BR “How to renew your license”

8. Old Business

None presented

9. New Business

None Presented

10. Comments / Announcements

Field day will be last full week end of June, at the Earlysville Fire company.

\$40 dollars raised with the raffle.

11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2040.

Respectfully submitted,

Ian Callahan, KN4TBG

AARC Secretary

Appendix A – Treasurer’s Report

Per Larry Eicher K4JZQ

Our 13 month CD became due on April 9, 2026. On April 10th I adjusted the balances in our AARC business accounts based on the following:

Money Market account was reduced to to its current balance of \$15,000.01 with the surplus being added to the new CD account.

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We signed up for another CD account which will expire on May 10, 2027 with a new total of \$21,464 with a rate of 3.6%.

paid expenses in 1st Quarter: Albemarle Parks and Recreation for the September picnic, Payment for the club zoom account, IRS form 990N submitted and the PVCC room rental paid for 2026.

anticipated expenses for the next quarter are: Liability insurance, State Corp. Commission payment.

Account Balances:

- Business Economy Checking: \$4734.97
 - Business Money Market Fund: \$15,000.31
 - Business Savings Account: \$100.00
 - Certificate of Deposit: \$21,464
- Grand Total: \$41,299.28