

Albemarle Amateur Radio Club

Monthly Meeting Minutes

Date: May 12, 2026

Location: PVCC / Zoom hybrid

Call to Order: 1900 by Ed Berkowitz, N3US President

1. Attendees			
In Person		Online	
Name	Call Sign	Name	Call Sign
Ed Berkowitz	N3US	Dave Damon	K4DND
Ian Callahan	KN4TBG	Allan Nathanson	WA3WCO
Larry Eicher	K4JZQ	Bill Oleksy	KF4IE
Joe Giovanelli	W2PVY	Micheal Brimacombe	KQ4QDS
Tom Brownlee	AF2D	Jake McLaughlin	KM4JM
Bob Romanko	AK4BR	Warren Yursik	KN4LYF
Rich Bradley	W4DZC	Chris Kiewra	KQ4KEO
Dennis Terribile	WR4I	Scott Houppermans	KQ4EOL
Jim Owen	K4CGY	Mary Loose DeViney	KM4CWP
Jim Wilson	K4BAV		
Russ Sawyer	KN4LAU		
Scott Barker	KQ4TNX		
John Porter	KK4JP		
Mike Aimone	WA8AHZ		
Total Attendance: [14] in person, [9] via Zoom			

2. Welcoming Statement & Announcements

Welcome to the AARC monthly meeting.

3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the April meeting minutes was approved by all present.

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4. Membership Applications

Robert Ross, W2BR-Charlottesville, Virginia

Steven Sasson, KB2BZ-Charlottesville, Virginia

Tom Brownlee, AF2D- Charlottesville, Virginia

Vote to approve membership was unanimous.

5. Treasurer's Report

Presented by Larry Eicher, K4JZQ

Total Deposited Assets: \$41,559.83 as of 12 May 2026

Full report attached at the end of these minutes.

6. Committee Reports

- A. Public Service – Dave Damon, K4DND Director per John Porter, KK4JP Mint Springs Trail run was very successful, A lot of younger club members participated in the event which was a big plus. Next event will be the ALS ride in June with 25 volunteers needed at a minimum.
- B. Estate Committee – Rich Bradley, W4DZC Director- Slowly selling off equipment received in the last 6-9 months.
- C. Technical Committee – Bill Pond, N0WP Director Not present.
- D. Public Relations – Russ Sawyer, KN4LAU Director- Contacting people for field day, Albemarle County supervisors and TV reporters.
- E. Education Committee – John Porter, KK4JP Director Nothing to report.
- F. Fundraising – AJ Miller, KE4AJM Director Not present.
- G. Volunteer Exam Liaison – Henry Perritt, K9KDF Director Not present.
- H. Youth Committee- Dave Damon, K4DND Director per John Porter, KK4JP Since the Gravel ride was canceled, a youth POTA at the Darden Towe park was set up. There were 3 stations set up, CW, digital, SSB and Mike McPherson set up his station using blue tooth

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and WIFI. 63 contacts were made using digital and SSB under the W4DO call sign with 14 CW contacts under Dennis Terribile's WR4I call sign.

7. Program

Mike Aimone, WA8AHZ- ARRL Virginia Section Manager Listening Tour.

8. Old Business

None Presented

9. New Business

John Porter, KK4JP proposed the club consider purchasing an OWL type camera. New price is \$1,100, refurbished is \$850 refurbished previously model is \$500.

Bob Romanko, AK4BR motioned to purchase an OWL 3 equivalent camera up to \$1,200 and Joe Giovanelli, W2PVY was the 2nd, motion passed by unanimous vote.

10. Comments / Announcements

\$13 raised with monthly raffle and turned over to Larry Eicher, K4JZQ Club Treasurer.

Scott Barker, KQ4TNX The W4UVA radio club has been fairly active, completed another fox hunt, purchased a rooftop tower system for Thorton Hall, to equip with a small satellite dish and want to put a vhf/uhf yagi for satellite communication. The club did hold their elections so they do have a slate of officers for next year.

Bob Romanko, AK4BR announced ARRL field day will work on a web presence on our website. There will not be a presentation next month for field day.

11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2035

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Respectfully submitted,

Ian Callahan, KN4TBG
AARC Secretary

Appendix A – Treasurer’s Report

Account Balances:

- Business Economy Checking: \$4919.59
 - Business Money Market Fund: \$15,032.50
 - Business Savings Account: \$100.00
 - Certificate of Deposit: \$21,507.74
- Grand Total: \$41,559.83

Membership dues for 2026 have been finalized for this year. We just paid \$200 to renew our ARRL Liability Insurance, We anticipate paying our upcoming state corporation payment as well as any fees associated with the upcoming field day expenses with the amount to be determined. If any member has a need for reimbursement of a legitimate club expense, please let me know.

Larry Eicher, K4JZQ, Treasurer.