Albemarle Amateur Radio Club

Monthly Meeting Minutes

Date: October 13, 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
Ian Callahan	KN4TBG	Dave Damon	K4DND
John Porter	KK4JP	Bill Pond	N0WP
Scott Smith	KO4SQK	Allan Nathanson	WA3WCO
Ed Berkowitz	N3US	Ken Kellerman	K2AOE
Bob Romanko	AK4BR	Warren Yursik	KN4LYF
Jim Wilson	K4BAV	Scott Barker	KQ4TNX
Larry Eicher	K4JZQ	Kip Chatterson	K5KIP
Joe Giovanelli	W2PVY	Dennis Terribile	WR4I
Russ Sawyer	KN4LAU		
Deanna Soika	KQ4BCP		
Len Soika	KQ4BBR		
Tom Brownlee	AF2D		
Glenn Hartman	WA3Z		
Jim Owen	K4CGY		
Kyle Hussey	KR4IXD		
Mike Yoensky	No Callsign		
Total Attendance: [16] in person, [8] via Zoom			

2. Welcoming Statement & Announcements

Welcome to the AARC monthly meeting.

Minutes from the short September minutes are combined with this month's minutes.

August meeting was canceled due to weather.

3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

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

4. Membership Applications

Yuhuat Liu, KR4MTH, Charlottesville

Dmytro Obraz, KE8EYU, Charlottesville

Don Bush, KE4DDR, Palmyra

Micheal Yoensky, not Licensed, Charlottesville
Motion to approve membership was made on September 19, 2026 by Ed Berowitz, N3US and seconded by Joe Giovanelli, W2PVY. Approved by all present.

Kyle Hussey, KR4IXD, Charlottesville

Motion to approve membership was made on October 13, 2026 by Joe Giovanelli, W2PVY and seconded by Larry Eicher, K4JZQ. Approved by all present.

5. Treasurer's Report

Presented by Larry Eicher, K4JZQ
Total Deposited Assets: $41,109.85 as of October 13, 2026.

We renewed our mailbox from the USPS, last year it was $210 and this year it was $222.

Full report attached at the end of these minutes.

6. Committee Reports

- A. Public Service – Dave Damon, K4DND Director:
  Saturday, October 10 was the 20th annual Tour de Greene bike ride, it is organized by Feeding Greene as a fund-raising activity to support the food pantry of Greene County. Approximately 100 riders

participated by cycling 21, 45 or 63 miles through rural Greene County. In addition to communications with Start/Finish, amateur radio operators were assigned to each of the three Rest Stops, as well as providing SAG service out on the bike routes. Of the twelve hams who participated, five are AARC members, including Tom AF2D who was assigned to the Teel Road Rest Stop, Tony KR4EYH, John KK4JP, and Warren KN4LYF who all operated mobile as SAG vehicles, and Dave K4DND who was assigned as the Sweep vehicle. The weather was very cooperative in terms of temperature and cloud cover, and by holding off any rain from the remnants of Hurricane Isaias. Everyone had a fun day and there were no untoward incidents reported. The next event will be on November 1st, The Rockfish Gravel Grinder with 3 new routes, organized by VARA, details are forthcoming.

- B. Estate Committee – Rich Bradley, W4DZC Director: No updates.
- C. Technical Committee – Bill Pond, N0WP Director: Minor issues going on, squelch crashes when the repeaters are in net mode, we changed repeater controllers to S-COM 7330's 10-12 years ago and S-COM completely discontinued making repair parts. We are in a risky situation, we do have 1 spare and I am still looking for help.
- D. Public Relations – Russ Sawyer, KN4LAU Director: If any participants took photos at the picnic or the Tour de Greene please forward the photos to me, I will make sure they get posted on the club Facebook site.
- E. Education Committee – John Porter, KK4JP Director: Bob Romanko, AK4BR reported on Apple Harvest scout event. We were on the activity roster, our theme was gladiators. Scouts took turns sending and receiving CW, close to 170 scouts in 17 waves went through. Jim Wilson, K4BAV assisted in the event.
- F. Fundraising – Jim Wilson, K4BAV Director: 8 items for raffle with $20 raised.
- G. Volunteer Exam Liaison – Hank Perritt, K9KDF Director: Next VE session will be on 5 December 2026 at 10 am at PVCC. As I did the

last time I will publish the session in local print and electronic media, we had a bigger turnout than usual last time so lets try it again.

- H. Youth Committee- Dave Damon, K4DND Director: No report.

7. Program

Scott Smith, Florida Public Service.

8. Old Business

Bob Romanko, AK4BR discussed the logo, we need to assemble a brand, letterhead, patch, etc. We have completed the designs for different applications, letterhead, banner, wrap or decal for the trailer or patch for a hat. Last is the logo which with everything together makes up the club brand.

9. New Business

No new business presented.

10. Comments / Announcements

Scott Barker, KQ4TNX reported on the W4UVA club, a couple of students received their licenses, W4UVA purchased radios from the money received from the student council for those that were licensed. W4UVA is planning a fox hunt later in October, Brian (no call sign) put up a meshtastic node on Rice hall and it is operating.

Larry Eicher, K4JZQ and Ed Berkowitz, N3US reminded everyone the club has subscriptions at the Northside Library of QST magazine and the On The Air magazine.

Jim Owen, K4CGY announced that N1NSP in Hampton has put up a beacon on 160 meters and would like reports on it, it should be up by November 1st. The frequency should be 1999.25 just 750 cycles below the top of the band, it will alternate power between 1,5 and 10 watts. The antenna will probably be a horizontal shortened dipole.

Bob Romanko, AK4BR this coming weekend is JOTA, John Ball is putting on a massive event for it at a farm in Louisa. John also asked to link Dave Damon's repeater to our club repeaters if possible. The JOTA callsign will be K2BSA.

11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2027.

Respectfully submitted,

Ian Callahan, KN4TBG
AARC Secretary

Appendix A – Treasurer's Report

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Account Balances:

- Business Economy Checking: $3,999.76
- Business Money Market Fund: $15,176.13
- Business Savings Account: $105.00
- Certificate of Deposit: $21,828.96

Grand Total: $41,109.85