

Minutes of the May 2023 meeting of The Alliance Amateur Radio club (AARC)

The AARC met on Wednesday, May 10th, 2023, at Christ United Methodist Church (470 E. Broadway St, Alliance, OH).

The meeting was called to order at 7:30PM, by President Ron Rittenhouse, KE8HCY.

After a devotion by President Ron, KE8HCY, the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Andy Magda, AC8JR.

A roll call was taken of members & guests. According to the sign-in sheet, there were 28 people in attendance. This included 3 guests.

Birthdays

The following birthdays were acknowledged:

Mark, KA8TNT

Doug, KE8OWD

Tom, WA8VHH

Dave, KE8IYN

Secretary & Treasurer Reports:

The Secretary & Treasurers reports were given. Following were the high points:

Treasurers report

- Filed Ohio Charitable Registration Annual report.
- Filed IRS paperwork Form 990 since our gross receipts are less than 50K.
- Fundraiser Status report - Profit \$3513.51
- Paid the club Liability insurance. \$205

Secretary report

- Last month's minutes are on the website.
- New table markers
 - Please feel free to mark up your marker and make requests for logos.
 - Bring QSL card for it if you'd like.
- Shirts – Waiting on A-Shirtery; they will create a website and forward it to me.
- Name tags: MK Engraving (Waiting on response)

The combined secretary/Treasurers report was given, and approved on a motion by Doug, KE8OWD; seconded by Jim, KE8VZE. The motion passed.

(NOTE: copies of the treasurers' report can be obtained by any AARC member. Just e-mail a request to the treasurer. treasurer@w8lky.org)

Officers Reports:

President (KE8HCY)

- Ron spoke about the University of Mount Union Amateur Club which we are assisting with.
- Ron & Shawn will be a veteran's event at the Veteran service center in June. Purpose being to speak to the attendees about Amateur Radio.

Vice-President Report

No Report

Secretary-treasurer Report

No Report

Trustees Report

No report

Committee Reports

- **Two Meter Net** Tomas, KC8ZEH
 - There were 5 net sessions in the previous month, with an average check-in of about 12.
- **10 Meter CW Net**
 - (Currently Inactive – Need Net Manager)
- **10 Meter SSB Net** John (wg8x)
 - Usually between 5-10 check-ins per session
 - Steve, KB8RFE will be running the net on May 18th
- **Homeland Security Net** James(kd8vt)
 - There was no report.
 - John, WG8X would be running the net on May 16th.
- **Digital net**
 - Steve, KB8RFE has re-started the AARC Digital net. It will begin using the Olivia 8/500 mode. The net will be on 28.122MHz, and begin at 7:30 PM
 - Steve is available for setup help using FLDigi
- **Repeaters (2M/440)**
 - All working OK. Kenwood repeater was put back into service.
 - Echolink is functioning.
 - We are still planning to do the 440-antenna replacement this summer. It will NOT impact the Carnation parade on August 12th.

- **Fundraiser**
 - Tickets are sold out. We had a presence at several Ohio Hamfests from Athens to Toledo
 - The winning ticket was drawn at this time. The winning ticket belonged to Tonty, KD8BBK!

- **Programs**
 - Ron was asking for volunteers to do programs in May and June

- **ARRL Field Day**

Field Day

- Antenna day (May 6th) went well. Made some notes of things to get for Field Day in particular, and for the trailer in general.
- We will be setting up at Arrowhead Orchard South of Alliance.
- WG8X will be checking on catering for the evening meal.
- Camping will be allowed.
- **Old Business**
 - No old business this month

- **New Business**
 - **Carnation Festival special event** – Here's how you can participate
 - July 29th – Come to the kickoff at a yet to be named pavilion. You can have fun setting up your gear or operate club stuff.
 - July 29th – August 13th – Use the club callsign from home, or the field. (Make sure to share the W8LKY logs so that certificates can be confirmed.
 - We'll accept paper logs for this!
 - Maybe we can do some impromptu public operation opportunities as well.
 - **Echolink**
 - It was announced that Echolink has returned to the Alliance area due to the diligence of Bob, WB8OVQ, and Gabe, BV5DJ
 - After a short break, Alex KE8VXE gave a short talk on propagation.

- **Announcements**

- The next club breakfast will be on June 3rd @ 8:30 AM at Don Pancho's (2105 W. State St)
- The next AARC meeting will be on June 14th at the Christ United Methodist Church. 7:30 PM.
- **50/50 Drawing** – The 50/50 drawing raised \$75 total (\$35.00 to the winner). It was won by Pam Kleinhans.

The meeting was adjourned approximately 9:00 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by John, WG8X, secretary / treasurer, AARC