

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

The AARC met on Wednesday, August 9th, 2023, at Alliance Community Hospital (200 E. State St, Alliance).

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, by going around the room with everyone giving their names, call signs, and town. We had 24 members, and two guests in attendance.

Birthdays

The following birthdays were acknowledged:

Charly, K8EQI

Peter Lucke, N8IGY

Tomas, KC8ZEH

Paul, K2ASA

Howard, K8DXR

Dwight, KD8YFV

Andy, KE8ELR

Secretary & Treasurer Reports:

The Treasurers report was sent out to the all members who are signed dup on the mailing list

We posted a net loss since June of \$1800, mostly due to Field Day & equipment expenses. Our net total in all accounts is \$5500 at this time.

Field Day cost was \$1257.40

We purchased items for the equipment trailer; namely, new extension cords, and computer equipment for the computer logging network.

All bills have been paid

Registration of the club trailer has been renewed for two more years.

Income for the month was \$45.00

Motion to approve was given by Chris McDaniel, AC8VN, and [was not on the recording].
Approved on a voice vote

Secretary report

The Secretary report was given by Ron, KE8HCY. The minutes have been posted online.

Ron asked for approval, and they were approved on a voice vote.

Officers Reports:

President (KE8HCY)

- Gave a report on the July picnic
- Ron spoke about the upcoming Comquest 5K on Labor Day. He was working on getting us in as communicators.
- Ron posted that he presented Mayor Andreani a plaque on his retirement.
- Ron talked about pursuing a possible third “project”; i.e. working communications for the Martin Luther King Day parade.
- Ron talked about how he got us back into the hospital for meetings
- December 9th Christmas Party @ Christ United Methodist Church
- Ron acknowledged the Christ United Methodist Church, and his Church; the First Christian Church. He announce that we will be making future donations to Christ United Methodist Church.
- Ron also spoke about the upcoming Carnation parade.

Vice-President Report

No Report

Secretary-treasurer Report

Shirts – No progress yet

The info given to the paper was forwarded to the ARRL, who will publish it in an upcoming issue of QST under “Strays”

Trustees Report

By Dwight, KD8YFV: Elections are coming up on October 11, and the trustees have been uber busy lining up a slate of officers. As of this date, they had volunteers for all offices but secretary.

John, WG8X thanked the trustees for their hard work.

Committee Reports

- **Two Meter Net** Tomas, KC8ZEH
 - Tomas gave a detailed accounting of the net sessions for the previous month.

- It was asked why the club had no 440 net. The answer was that no one ever did it.
- Ron explained to all what Echolink is.
- A report was given on Rick, WD8AYC

- **10 Meter CW Net**
 - (Currently Inactive – it should be restarting soon)
- **10 Meter SSB Net John (wg8x)**
 - John gave a general report on the net.
- **Homeland Security Net James(kd8vt)**
 - Karen, WD8BIW was thanked for running the HS Net

- **Digital net is**
 - Steve, KB8RFE talked about the weekly AARC Digital Net. It uses 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
 - A 6M digital net will be starting on Tuesday, September 5th @ 50.29225 Using Olivia 8/500 (1500hz)

- **Repeaters (2M/440)**
 - All working OK. PM will occur this fall
 - We are still planning to do the 440-antenna replacement this fall.

- **UMU Radio Club**
 - Ron gave a report on the Radio club that is forming at University of Mt. Union.

- **Fundraiser**
 - There are three groups in the area who benefit from our Fall Fundraiser. They are”
 - The Salvation Army
 - The Alliance Fire Department (Local 480)
 - The Alliance Police Department (FOP #73)
 - It was asked if anyone had ideas for any changes to this list. No-one spoke up.

- **Carnation Parade**
 - Ron gave a report on the upcoming carnation parade communications

- **Field Day**
 - 701 contacts

- 575 points for bonus
the top scorers
 - KD8BBK 138
 - KE8VXG 115
 - KE8YBZ 61
- **ARES**

- We will be adding FEMA class links to the website
- **VE Sessions**
 - Ron gave a general description of the VE Exams
- **Classes**
 - We are working to re-start classes at the hospital
- **Carnation festival SES**

WG8X gave a run down on the Special event program which is already in progress. We plan to run this again in 2024, and get the word out early.

During the Carnation Festival, there will be opportunities for people to contact W8LKY, and get a commemorative certificate via E-mail.
- **Castle 5K Run for Hope**
 - WG8X is looking for operators for this Labor Day event.
- **Programs**
 - Our program in September will be presented by Dwight, KD8YFV on kit-building.

Announcements

- Carnation Parade on Saturday, Aug 12th
- Club breakfast on Saturday, September 2nd. 8:30 AM at Don Panchos
- Castle Run September 4th
- September meeting September 13th 7:30 PM at the Hospital; dinner beforehand at Don Panchos at 6 PM
- Upcoming Hamfest info was given
- Lastly, Ron went around the room asking for comments from everyone.

After adjourning the meeting, the winner of the 50/50 was drawn. The winner donated their half of \$44 to the club.

Minutes submitted August 22nd by John, WG8X, secretary / treasurer, AARC