

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

The AARC met on Wednesday, November 8th, 2023, at Alliance Community Hospital (200 E. State St, Alliance).

The meeting was called to order at 7:31PM, by President John Myers, WG8X.

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

Now former president, Ron Rittenhouse, KE8HCY, was presented a plaque for his 5 years of service to the club as president.

A roll call was taken of members & guests, by going around the room with everyone giving their names, callsigns, and town. We had 24 members in attendance.

President John announced there will be some upcoming programs for the club – more info to come. Programs and meetings in the future may possibly be available to attend online.

Birthdays

The following birthdays were acknowledged:

In November:

- Dave Beltz – WD8AYE
- Lorin Kleinhands – KD8WVE
- Dallas Underwood – N8XTJ
- Heath Urban – KE8KAV
- Joe Williamson – N8JEW

In December:

- Mike Collins – N8ND

Secretary & Treasurer's report

Secretary's report and minutes from the former secretary and treasurer, John WG8X are available on the club website.

Treasurer's report was sent to club members via email.

Committee reports

- **440 Net** Lorin, KD8WVE
 - Lorin gave a general report on the net's attendance.

- **Homeland Security Net** James, KD8VT
 - John was given a general report by James earlier that day, and that report was shared with the club.

- **Two Meter Net** Tomas, KC8ZEH
 - Report was skipped, as Tomas was not in attendance.

- **6 Meter Digital Net** Steve, KB8RFE
 - Steve provided a general report regarding check-ins for the past month.

- **10 Meter Digital Net** Steve, KB8RFE
 - Steve provided a general report regarding check-ins for the past month.

- **10 Meter SSB Net** John, WG8X
 - John gave a general report on the net.

- **Repeaters**
 - Echolink for the 2M repeater has been restarted and seems to be operating properly now.

- **UMU Radio Club**
 - More information will be given regarding this at the January meeting.

- **Club Apparel**
 - Karen, WD8BIW, and Pam have been designated as in charge of finding a vendor for new club shirts and hats.

Club Activities

- **VE Sessions**
 - Last VE session was October 28th.
 - John gave a report on the status of the submission forms.
 - Future VE sessions will be advertised more.
- **Salvation Army Kettle**
 - Ron, KE8HCY, gave a general explanation of the event, and passed around a sign-up sheet for volunteers.
- **Annual Christmas Party**
 - Ron provided details of the annual club Christmas Party.
 - It will take place December 9th at 6PM at Christ United Methodist Church.
 - Catering will be provided by Jeff Walker Catering.
 - More information will be on the club website.
- **JOTA**
 - John gave an explanation of the JOTA event that took place earlier this month, and volunteers that assisted with the event were acknowledged.

Old Business

- **Ham of the Year**
 - Ron, KE8HCY, explained the Ham of the Year award and collected nominations for the award.

New Business

- **Club Meeting Time**
 - John, WG8X, made a motion to move the club meeting time to 7PM, and the pre-meeting dinner to 5:30PM, beginning December 2023.
 - Motion was seconded by Doug, KE8OWD

- **Winter Field Day**
 - John announced Winter Field Day and confirmed it will be at the Louisville Sportsman's Club
 - It will take place on January 27th and 28th, 2024.
 - We are looking for someone to be the organizer for the event.

Announcements

There are no more upcoming ham fests for this year.

Ron announced that the Salvation Army Kettle Drive sign-up sheet was already completely filled with volunteers.

John, WG8X, made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Butch, KE8IYN.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11PM followed by a 10-minute break before having our Fall Fundraiser drawings.

There was no 50/50 drawing due to the fundraiser event.

Minutes submitted on November 18th, 2023, by Alex, KE8VXG, Club Secretary.