

Minutes of the March 13th, 2024, meeting of The Alliance Amateur Radio club (AARC).

The AARC met on Wednesday, March 13th, 2024, at Alliance Community Hospital (200 E. State St, Alliance).

The meeting was called to order at 7:03PM, by President John Myers, WG8X.

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

A roll call was taken of members & guests. We had 20 members in attendance.

Birthdays

The following birthdays were acknowledged:

- Jim Bargdill – KE8VZE
- Paul Dluhosh – N4PD
- Richard Graber Jr – WD8AYC
- Ron Rittenhouse – KE8HCY
- Tim Smith – KE8ZLT
- Jennifer Williams – KB3GXB

Officer reports

- **Secretary report**
 - Minutes for February are posted online
 - See me to double check dues
 - Motion to approve by Jim, KE8VZE, seconded by Tony KD8BBK
- **Treasurer's report**
 - Paul gave a rundown of the finances over the past month
 - Motion to approve by Ron, KE8HCY, seconded by Andy, AC8JR

Upcoming Events

- June 12th meeting will be at the Jaycee Pavilion in Silver Park
 - We'll have some get on the air time before, time TBD
 - We'll have a cookout, time TBD
 - Short meeting afterwards
- FEMA Classes are going the test of the month
 - Email Dave Beltz if you're going to attend
 - Bring a laptop if you can

- Skywarn training is Wednesday March 20th at 6:00PM
 - Jackson High School
 - Register at https://www.weather.gov/cle/SKYWARN_schedule
- Group Activities
 - Two-Meter Group Build & Get on the air Day
 - Scheduled for March 23rd from 1-5PM
 - First Christian Church Pavilion
 - CW Classes
 - Continuing on Tuesday nights at the same conference room in the Alliance Community Hospital
 - Likely will finish up in April
 - Club POTA activations
 - Nothing scheduled yet, but in the works.
 - Berlin Lake is on the list to become a POTA entity
 - Aluminum J-Pole Build
 - Sometime this summer, nothing scheduled yet

Committee Reports

- **Repeaters**
 - We paid our dues to OARC to make sure our information is correct
 - 2 Meter
 - Need to schedule a visit to check it and make sure everything is working properly.
 - Working on some ideas to increase the range, nothing to share yet.
 - We've been excluded from the ARRL Repeater Directory. Working to find out how to remedy.
 - 440 Repeater
 - New antenna has been ordered.
 - Waiting for delivery still
 - Once it arrives, we'll schedule a work party to replace it
- **Shirts and Hats**
 - We had trouble with communication with the company we were trying to work with. Trying to find a new place
 - Going to check with the Canton Club to see who they use

- **UMU Radio Club**
 - Not much new at the moment.
 - Waiting to hear back from Dr. Wilson to get the mounting parts together for their J-Pole setup
- **Club Raffle**
 - About 250 tickets sold so far
 - Went to the hamfest in Elyria and sold some
 - Tickets are on-sale online and in-person, while available
- **VE Sessions**
 - Next session is March 16th at Christ United Methodist Church
 - Registration starts at 8am
 - Testing starts at 9am
 - 470 E Broadway
- **440 Net** Lorin, KD8WVE
 - 18 check-ins over the past month, 4 sessions
 - 3 hours and 45 minutes on air
- **Homeland Security Net** James, KD8VT
 - 4 sessions over the past month
 - 21 check-ins and 38 minutes on air
- **10 Meter Digital Net** Steve, KB8RFE
 - 4 sessions over the past month
 - 18 check-ins, 160 minutes on air
- **6 Meter Digital Net** Steve, KB8RFE
 - 4 sessions over the past month
 - 12 check-ins and 74 minutes on air
- **10 Meter SSB Net** John, WG8X
 - 4 sessions
 - 33 check-ins and 64 minutes on-air
- **Two Meter Net** Tomas, KC8ZEH
 - 4 sessions over the past month
 - 68 check-ins, 24 were over Echolink. 129 minutes on air

Old Business

- New equipment has been received.
 - We received about \$220 in donations towards it
- Need a new PSU for the IC-7300, as one of the old units had a built-in power supply.

New Business

- ARRL Equipment insurance due
 - Handout on the details was passed around.
 - Less than \$100
 - Club approved the renewal.
- We will be hosting the Stark County Radio Club Picnic this year.
 - Determined we will hold it on September 21st, 2024.

We went around the table for any additional comments or announcements before adjourning.

- Karen, WD8BIW – Bob is in Honduras and says hi to everyone
- Pre-meeting dinner is going to be held at the hospital now instead of Don Ponchos
 - Will be meeting at 6pm for the pre-meeting dinner
 - Breakfast will still be at Don Ponchos
- Lorin, KD8WVE – Fox hunts will be beginning in April. Will talk about it more at the group tape measure antenna build.

Our 50/50 winner was drawn for this meeting.

Jim, KE8VZE, made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:14PM, seconded by Dallas, N8XTJ.