

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

The AARC met on Wednesday, February 8th, 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, the Pledge of Allegiance was given by Andy Magda, AC8JR.

A roll call was taken of members & guests. According to the sign-in sheet, there were 17 people in attendance.

The following Birthday was acknowledged:

- George, AC8KJ
- Patty, KB8QWH
- Carol, KD8ZOR

Secretary & Treasurer Reports:

Given by John, WG8X (Copies of the current treasurer's report were available) Also was sent to the AARC-Members list on Groups.io.

The previous months minutes were posted to w8lky.org.

No correspondence was received since the November meeting:

Motion to approve the Treasurer report made by KC8ZEH, Seconded by KB8RFE.
Approved via voice vote.

Motion to approve the Secretary report made by WD8BIW, Seconded by KB8RFE.
Approved via voice vote.

It was mentioned that dues were due. The club's fiscal year runs from April 1 to march 31st. Dues can be paid in one of 3 ways.

1. In person at the club meeting
2. Via Paypal at W8LKY.org, and e-mail the renewal form to us
3. Or fill out the form, and send it along with your payment to the club P.O. Box (P. O. box 3344, alliance, OH 44601)

Officers Reports:

President (KE8HCY)

- Ron was unable to participate in Winter Field Day (WFD), but had visited the site, and was impressed with the location.

Vice-President (N/A) – No report

- No report at this time. He would cover Winter Field Day under reports

UMU Radio Club:

WG8X was asked to bring everyone up to speed on developments to get a radio club active at the University Of Mount Union.

In mid-January, we received an e-mail from one of the professors at Mount Union. Someone had donated an Icom IC-7000, and wanted some assistance in getting licensed. The donor of the radio is the Secretary at PCARS. He is reaching out to us, and also to the Canton ARC in hopes that we are able to mentor/Elmer the students.

Doug, KE8OWD will be doing a talk to the professor's class on February 15th. He will be assisted by Ron, KE8HCY

Ron added his thoughts on the situation, mentioning that we are the possibly the 4th largest service club in the Alliance area, and are well thought of in the community.

K8DXR noted that at one time, the college had an Amateur Radio club (W8BAO 1947-1952).

Trustees Report

No report at this time

Committee Reports

- **Repeaters (2M/440)**
 - No report at this time

- **10 Meter CW Net**
 - (currently Inactive – Need Net Manager)

- **10 Meter SSB net john(wg8x)**
 - Usually between 8-10 check-ins
 - Kudos to Steve, KB8RFE for alternate net control, and relay

- **Homeland Security Net James(kd8vt)**
 - KD8VT not present – He e-mailed his report:
 - for the last 4 weeks.
Total check-ins 46
Total time 2 hours 3 min.

- **Digital net**
 - (currently Inactive – Need Net Manager)

- **Winter Field Day (WFD) – Ron, & Doug, KE8OWD** have gone out to the WFD site (Louisville Sportsman Club, 5300 Maplegrove St, Louisville, OH).
 - We had 193 contacts on 5 bands, both digital & ssb on all 5 bands
 - We had 48 of the 87 ARRL sections; 41 states & provinces
 - We had communications from Washington to Vermont, and California to Florida over 4700 miles, with an average reach of 799 miles per contact, using End fed antennas
 - We ran 23:15 minutes of the 24 hr exercise.
 - The longest gap we had in operations was 50 Minutes.
 - The cost to the club was a voluntary \$50 donation to the Louisville Sportsmans Club, and 5 gallons of gas for the generator
 - Our total points submitted to Winter Field Day was 3700.

- **Old Business –**
 - VE Session is coming up on the 18th, at the Christ United Methodist church
 - Dwight, KD8YFV will be doing a program at the March meeting on the use of Solar Panels in amateur Radio

- **New Business**
 - 2023 Fundraiser
 - HF Rig Raffle - the choice of rig was narrowed to the Yaesu FT-DX10, and the Yaesu FT-710. After some discussion, it was decided to go with the FT-DX10 for our 2023 HF Rig Raffle
 - Our past fundraisers have been successful. A recap was given of the last few fundraisers:
 - 2020 (Yaesu FT-450D): \$1644 profit
 - 2021 (Yaesu FT-891): \$1720 Profit
 - 2022 (Icom IC-7300): \$4061 Profit
 - It had been suggested previously that we may want to raffle off two radios this year (1st prize/2nd prize). After looking at the numbers, WG8X suggested that this would be more risk than we might want to incur.
 - Ticket prices to be \$5 ea, or 5 tickets for \$20
 - Website will be up by March 1st
 - We will be selling tickets at the following Hamfests:
 - March 12th - Elyria (Maybe)
 - April 15th - Cuyahoga Falls
 - April 22nd – Tusco Hamfest
 - April 30th - April Athens
 - July 8th - Mansfield
 - The winning ticket will be drawn on July 12th, at our club meeting. More information on that will be available soon.
 - It was moved (by KE8IYN), and seconded (by KB8RFE) to approve a \$1700 budget for this year's fundraiser.
 - It was mentioned that the signature card for the club checking account at Huntington needs to be updated with the current slate of officers
 - It was asked if we could put a reservation in for the rest of the year at Christ United Methodist Church for our club meetings. Andy will take care of that for the March, April, May, August, September, October, November meetings. Also, some VE Session dates are to be reserved. The subject of a donation to the church was made. We will discuss this further next month.
 - We are still waiting on the Aultman Alliance Community Hospital to contact us about getting into the community room for our meetings.

- **Announcements**
 - The club breakfast will be on March 4th @ 8:30 AM at Don Pancho's (2105 W. State St)
 - The next AARC meeting will be on March 8th at the Christ United Methodist Church. 7:30 PM.
 - As of our meeting night, there would be no in-person Skywarn® training for 2023
(Secretary's note: This has since changed)
 - Fema training was discussed. Doug, KE8OWD has some links to training. Contact him for more info.
 - The club equipment trailer was discussed, and it was mentioned that we will be organizing and labeling the contents in the trailer.
- **Two meter net** Tomas, kc8zeh
 - Tomas began with a brief update on the situation with Rick, WD8AYC, who is in a care facility in Carrollton (Carroll Health, 648 Longhorn, room 305).
 - Following with the 2 Meter Net reports, he presented the following numbers:
 - Jan 19th – 13 Check-Ins
 - Jan 26th – 14 check-Ins
 - Feb 2nd – 16 Check-Ins
 - Feb 8th – 17 Check-ins
- **50/50 Drawing** – The 50/50 drawing raised \$32 total (\$16.00 to the winner). It was won by Howard, K8DXR, donated his share back to the club.

Meeting was adjourned approximately 9:12 PM.

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