

Alliance Amateur Radio Club

July 10, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Reminders

The club is accepting donations to help offset the cost of the 2 meter relocation. You can make checks payable to the Alliance Amateur Radio Club: Donation to the Repeater Fund. We are now officially a 501C-3 Non-profit organization, which would make your donations possible for a tax write-off. We are currently working on the donation tax forms and will have them soon.

Meeting called to order by: President Ron Rittenhouse (KE8HCY)

Pledge of Allegiance led by: Andy Magda (AC8JR)

Devotion led by: Frank Sanor (WA8WHP)

1) Roll call was taken: 14 members present - 3 guests present

Members

Dave Moreno (KE8JLP)

Bob Warner (WB8OVQ)

Karen Warner (WD8BIW)

John Myers (KD8MQ)

Jared Shuman (KC3AKS)

Dakota Markland (KC3FHZ)

Andy Magda (AC8JR)

Tomas St. George (KC8ZEH)

Heath Urban (KE8KAV)

Rick Graber (WD8AYC)

Joe Williamson (KE8KZJ)

Frank Sanor (WA8WHP)

Howard Miller (K8DXR)

Ron Rittenhouse (KE8HCY)

Guests

Fran Lones

Becky Johnson

Miriam Sanor

2) Introduction of guests was done.

3) Members birthday recognition: Christopher McDaniel (AC8VN) 7 / 17, Dave Moreno (KE8JLP) 7 / 24

4) Approval of Agenda: Agenda was approved.

5) Treasurer's Report: Checking \$XXXX, Savings NA

6) Review / Approval of 12 June Meeting Minutes: Reading was waived.

7) Officers Reports:

a) President Ron Rittenhouse (KE8HCY) stated that Shawn Gentile who worked the Field Day and he have had a discussion about giving information to Joe Mazzola. Joe handles the development in the city of Alliance. We

have to have a 501C-3 to proceed forward with any activity with his office. His office would be helpful in finding rentals and the like for the club.

Ron asked about members who have not renewed and the secretary stated that there was only 1 active member at that point who has not renewed at this time.

b) Vice President Doug Matthew (KB8DNQ) was not in attendance.

c) Secretary Dave Moreno (KE8JLP) reminded the club about the need for some smaller Ways & Means Projects before the larger one that keeps being pushed farther into the future.

d) Trustees: Howard Miller (K8DXR) stated that there is nothing of note at this time.

8) Committee Reports:

a) 2 Meter Net (Tomas / KC8ZEH): 6/13 we had 8 check-ins, 6/20 we had 11 check-ins, 6/27 ? No information was given, 7/4 we had 6 check-ins.

b) 10 Meter CW Net (Frank Sanor / WA8WHP): Frank stated that he doesn't have very many contacts on the net. He then stated that anyone that's willing to work CW is welcome to join in. He then stated that he's more than happy to slow down to what ever speed needed to correspond to anyone's ability. You just have to have a willingness to work CW.

c) 10 Meter Sideband Net (John / KD8MQ): John stated that it's been pretty decent. He stated that they'd had to move it a few times because of DX coming in. John stated that he was on vacation the week of the 4th, so Tomas took over for that net night. On 7/4 we had 5 check-ins.

d) Homeland Security Net (Lorin / KD8WVE): We've been averaging about 8 check-ins per week.

e) 2 Meter Repeater (John / KD8MQ): John stated that everyone's on vacation. It's beginning to look like the repeater relocation onto the tower won't take place until late August or even the beginning of September.

f) 440 Repeater (John / KD8MQ): John stated that the maintenance on the 440 machine will probably be put off until fall because of the searing hot weather.

g) Summer Field Day, 2019: (John / KD8MQ): John stated that he was submitting expenditure bills. He then stated that we had a record low of contacts made. We only made 139 contacts for the whole weekend. The top contacts were Shawn Gentile (KD8ZEZ) with 53 contacts, Doug Matthew (KB8DNQ) with 44 contacts, Howard Miller (K8DXR) with 15 contacts, John Myers (KD8MQ) with 14 contacts, Dwight Turner (KD8YFV) with 8 contacts, and Frank Sanor (WA8WHP) with 2. We didn't set any records but 1 thing that did work out well for us was the bonus points. We got 1150 bonus points which is pretty good compared to years past. John then stated that everything had been turned in to the League. The contacts were 100% phone this year. The food was great! The expenditures were approved.

Summer Field Day, 2019 Attendees

33 people attended at least part of the Field Day events.

John Myers (KD8MQ)

Shawn Gentile + Ian (KD8ZEZ)

Doug Matthew (KB8DNQ)

Mike Urban (KE8CKL)

Todd + Riley Morris

Heath Urban (KE8KAV)
Frank Sanor + Miriam (WA8WHP)
Charlie Theiss (KE8EQI)
Lorin Kleinhans (KD8WVE)
Rick Smith (KC8SUI)
Tomas St. George (KC8ZEH)
Ron Rittenhouse (KE8HCY)
Howard Miller (K8DXR)
Jerry Shore (N8SH)
Dwight Turner (KD8YFV)
Ben Davis (KD8KMQ)
Kevin Settle (N8KEV)
Jim Yeagley (W8JMY)
Peter Lucke (N8IGZ)
Paul Richardson (K2ASA)
Oliver Smith aka: Smitty + Esther Smitty (KC8TJQ)
Michele Bales (KC8ZEJ)
Tim McLeod (W8HFZ)
Jason Stroll (KC8LIN)
Bob Warner (WB8OVQ)
Jim Korenz (N8PXW)
Jerry ? (KG8RN)
Dave Moreno (KE8JLP)
Aaron Perkins (K8AHP)

h) Ways & Means: (Andy / AC8JR - Doug / KB8DNQ): Need to decide when and how much for the HF rig that's going to be raffled off. Also, the spaghetti dinner idea was discussed. We would need to get volunteers to cook. If anyone is interested in taking on the project, we're looking for a few people to co-chair it. With all of the expenditures for relocating the 2 meter machine and 440 maintenance, we need to make some money for the club. The secretary offered to donate an Alinco DJ-MD5 HT for a raffle. It's new, never been used. The warrantee has expired though. It was decided that the larger drawing will be kicked off at the beginning of the New Year. Tickets need to be made up, and we will need volunteers to attend various Ham-fests to man a table to sell the tickets in the New Year. We're shooting for the drawing of the HF rig to be held in June. We're shooting for the HT to be raffled off in December. We need to advertise it in our Minutes, at our meetings, and on our nets. There was also discussion about making up tickets for the HT raffle and manning a table at the upcoming Ham-fests for it. We need volunteers to help Chair both of the raffles. There was also discussion about having a 50/50 raffle attached to the spaghetti dinner, as well as discussions about raffling of baskets at the dinner.

i) Training Classes (Frank / WA8WHP): Frank stated that the first training class was held last Saturday at the Hospital Café Conference Room at 5:00 P.M. He currently has 5 students. If anyone knows of anyone that would like to get their license, have them immediately contact Frank. They will need to provide a flash drive or an SD card with at least 1 GB of unused space on it, to put the class material onto. Otherwise, the classes are free of charge. It's a 12 week course, but as of the time of this e-mail there will be 10 classes left. The students simply must be dedicated to actually get their license.

10) New Business:

a) The 2019 Carnation Festival Grand Parade: August 10, 2019 at 11 A.M. Participants to man the route need to meet at the Rockhill Elementary School in the parking lot at 9 A.M for last minute information and to receive their packets. The primary frequency will be our 440 repeater frequency since we will not have good coverage with the current 2 meter location. The secondary frequency will be our 2 meter simplex.

b) The 2019 Castle Run: The Castle Run is on Labor Day. John will be Chairing it. John stated that he's initially trying to go with the people that helped out last year. If there are any openings left as of the 15th, he'll be looking for volunteers.

11) Announcements:

a) Breakfast: August 3rd at 8:30 A.M. at Don Poncho's Restaurant, 2105 W. State St. Alliance

b) Pre-meeting Dinner: August 14th at 5:30 P.M. at the Blue Fig Restaurant 2340 W. State St. Alliance

c) Pro Football HOF Grand Parade: Operators Needed (Contact Wade / WD8MIU). It's listed on our club website. Contact Ron for Wades e-mail address and phone number if interested.

12) Next Meeting Date: August 14th at 7:30 P.M. at the Alliance (Aultman) Community Hospital, Café Conference Room

13) Roundtable: Discussed adding Ray's 62 Bar & Grill to our choices for the pre-meeting dinners. Jared Shuman (KC3AKS) and his son Dakota Markland (KC3FHZ) introduced themselves as new members of the club.

14) Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned.

15) 50/50 Drawing: \$23 went to the winner.

16) Program: AARC History: John Myers (KD8MQ): John showed some Power Point photos of the history of the club. The presentation may be listed on the website. Some of the presentation is the same as the prior History Program. It had some very interesting photos in it.