

Minutes of the May 8th, 2024, meeting of The Alliance Amateur Radio club (AARC).

The AARC met on Wednesday, May 8th, 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:

- David Kleinhans - KE8IYN
- Allen Smith - KE8ZLS
- Sandy Kleinhans - KE8ZLY
- Robert Warner - WB8OVQ

### **Officers Report**

- **Secretary report**
  - Minutes are posted online.
  - Roster is up to date as of this past weekend.
  - Looking into the necessary items to renew our Special Service Club status.
  - Motion to approve by Jim, KE8VZE, seconded by Steve, KB8RFE
- **Treasurer's report**
  - Paul gave a rundown on the finances over the past month.
  - Motion to approve by Jim, KE8VZE, seconded by Karen, WD8BIW

### **Committee reports**

- **Repeaters**
  - 2 Meter
    - Repeater is working well.
  - 440 Repeater
    - We've replaced the feedline and antenna, but the repeater has died.
    - We're on the backup machine at the moment while Bob tests it.
- **Shirts and Hats**
  - We have a link up now to be able to order through Mathes Marketing Co.
  - Everything goes directly between you and the company.
  - <https://shopmmco.myshopify.com/collections/aarcradioclubapparel>

- **UMU Radio Club**
  - Nothing new to report at the moment.
  - Ron is going to reach out to them.
- **Misc Equipment**
  - **Icom IC-7300**
    - Rig has been checked out and is functional.
    - Purchased an Apache Case for the rig.
    - Purchased a SD card so that the rig can be programmed more easily.
  - **Heil Headsets & foot switches.**
    - These will be purchased at Hamvention next week.
    - Thank you to all who donated to this purchase!
  - **Headset splitters**
    - These have arrived and will be set up at our event on June 12th at the park.
  - **Power Supply for the new rig**
    - The power supply is a MFJ M#MFJ-4035MV.
    - It needs a power switch, and I had to clean one of the controls.
    - Still need to load test it, but it looks promising.
- **Stark County Radio Club Picnic**
  - Picnic will be Saturday, August 31<sup>st</sup>, 10AM-3PM
  - Jaycee Pavilion at Butler-Rodman Park
  - Charlene is putting a flyer together to post online.
- **Carnation Grand Parade**
  - We will be helping with the event again this year.
  - We will have stations along the route to report the parade status and any emergencies.
  - Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup>
- **W8LKY Special Event**
  - Will take place again this year from August 1<sup>st</sup> - August 11<sup>th</sup>.
  - We have registered it with QST to be in the August issue.
  - Individuals are invited to put the club call on the air during this period.
  - People who you contact can then request a certificate via E-Mail, or a certificate & QSL card via Mail (With a SASE & \$1)
  - Going to see if we can get the Jaycee Pavilion the day of the parade to do a club event for it.
- **Rig Raffle**
  - A bit over 900 tickets sold so far. About 500 or 600 left.
- **VE Exams**
  - Next session is scheduled for June 15<sup>th</sup> at 9AM; registration at 8am
  - Christ United Methodist Church
    - Enter through the north door designated 1A.
    - More info on our site.

- **Club Picnic**
  - June 12th meeting will be at the Jaycee pavilion at Silver Park
    - Get on the air (Afternoon)
      - Two-Meter Group Build & Get on the air day.
      - We have a less expensive design to try out in the coming days. We should be below \$10 per antenna.
    - Cookout (6 PM)
    - Short club meeting afterwards
- **440 Net** Lorin, KD8WVE
  - 4 Sessions
  - 28 check-ins, 70 minutes on air
- **Homeland Security Net** James, KD8VT
  - 3 sessions
  - 19 check-ins, about 30 minutes on air
- **10 Meter Digital Net** Steve, KB8RFE
  - 4 sessions
  - 10 check-ins, 72 minutes on the air
- **6 Meter Digital Net** Steve, KB8RFE
  - 4 sessions
  - 9 check-ins, 69 minutes on air
- **10 Meter SSB Net** John, WG8X
  - 4 sessions
  - 19 check-ins, 40 minutes on air
- **Two Meter Net** Tomas, KC8ZEH
  - 4 sessions
  - 61 check-ins, 25 echo-link, 103 minutes on air

### Upcoming Events

- **Field Day**
  - Being held at Arrowhead Apple Orchard
  - We will do a setup the day before, Friday, meeting at about 6PM
  - Patty and Pam are in charge of concessions.
    - Open for suggestions for food
    - If you have a large cooler to bring, please bring it.
  - Tech coordinator: KE8VXG
  - Looking at getting a 2-sided canopy reserved

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

Our 50/50 winner was drawn for this meeting.

Butch, KE8IYN, made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:11PM, seconded by Karen, WD8BIW.