

Minutes of the August 14th, 2023, meeting of The Alliance Amateur Radio club (AARC).

The AARC met on Wednesday, August 14th, 2024, at Alliance Community Hospital (200 E. State St, Alliance).

The meeting was called to order at 7:00, by President John Myers, WG8X.

After a devotion by Chaplain Ron Rittenhouse, KE8HCY, the Pledge of Allegiance was led by John Myers, WG8X.

A roll call was taken of members & guests. We had 21 members in attendance, and 2 guests

### **Birthdays**

The following birthdays were acknowledged:

- Paul Richardson - K2ASA
- Howard Miller Jr - K8DXR
- Dwight Turner - KD8YFV
- Andrew Williams - KE8ELR
- James Morehead - K8WUP
- Barry Heiks - AB8YE
- Shawn Gentile - KD8ZEZ
- Karen Warner - WD8BIW

### **Committee reports**

- **Vice President's report**
  - Nothing to report at this time
- **Secretary report**
  - Minutes posted online. Nothing much else to add this month
  - Motion to approve by Jim, KE8VZE, seconded by Bob WB8OVQ
- **Treasurer's report**
  - Paul gave a rundown on the current finances.
  - We have raised almost \$3000 for charity donations this year
  - Motion to approve by Ron, KE8HCY, seconded by Karen, WD8BIW

- **Carnation Parade**
  - Ron gave a breakdown on how the parade went
  - All 13 locations were manned successfully
  - Parade lasted 2 hours and 32 minutes
  - Parade chairperson extended her thanks to the club for our service
  - Pam gave a report on the trailer decorations
  
- **Castle Run 5K**
  - More details to come as we hear back from the race chairperson
  
- **W8LKY Special Event**
  - Event ran from August 1<sup>st</sup> through August 11<sup>th</sup>
  - 470 contacts were made in total
    - 43 states
    - 29 countries
  
- **All Club County Picnic**
  - We will be hosting the All Club County Picnic on Saturday August 31<sup>st</sup> from 10am to 3pm at Butler-Rodman Park
  
- **Tech Classes**
  - Tech classes are starting September 9<sup>th</sup>, running through October 21<sup>st</sup>
  - More information and sign-ups can be found on our website
    - <https://www.w8lky.org/licensing/licensing-classes/>
  - A few books will be available at cost
  
- **VE Exams**
  - Next VE Session is October 19<sup>th</sup> at 9AM; 8AM Registration
  - Testing will be held at Christ United Methodist Church, enter at north door designated 1A
  - More info on our website

- **Field Day**
  - A breakdown of our total contacts was given
  - 776 QSOs in total
    - CW: 125
    - Phone: 447
    - Digital: 204
  - We had QSOs with 76 of the ARRL sections, and 10 countries
  - Our top 5 operators were as follows
    - KE8ZLT – 165 QSOs
    - KF8AHK – 126 QSOs
    - KD8BBK – 123 QSOs
    - KE8YBZ – 100 QSOs
    - KE8VXG – 87 QSOs
- **Repeaters**
  - **2 Meter**
    - In the next couple months, we'll be swapping in the Backup repeater for a few weeks to give it some run time.
    - We will also be checking the battery backup system, as there is suspicion it may have failed
  - **440 MHz**
    - We are still on the backup machine, but will have the main one re-installed by next meeting

## **New Business**

- **Pricing and Sale of Club Equipment**
  - A rundown on what equipment we will be selling was given
    - Yaesu FT-1000MP
    - Yaesu FT-920
    - Drake MN-2000
    - Vibroplex Bug
  - Suggested prices will be brought to the next meeting
- **Annual Donation**
  - We discussed some new potential organizations to donate to
    - Military and First Responders Center in Louisville
    - Domestic Violence Center
    - Aultman Alliance Community Hospital

- **Purchasing new generators**

- We received a grant from the QCWA for \$2500
- We suggest using some of this to purchase additional generators
- Motion to purchase by Pam, seconded by Paul, K2ASA

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

Our 50/50 winner was drawn for this meeting.

John, WG8X, made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:10PM, seconded by Steve, KB8RFE.

Minutes submitted on September 9th, 2024, by Alex, KE8VXG, Club Secretary.