

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

The AARC met on Wednesday, April 10th, 2023, at Christ United Methodist Church (470 E. Broadway St, Alliance, OH).

The meeting was called to order at 7:33PM, by President Ron Rittenhouse, KE8HCY.

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

A roll call was taken of members & guests. According to the sign-in sheet, there were 29 people in attendance. This included 4 guests, including Tom Sly, WB8LCD; our ARRL Section Manager.

Secretary & Treasurer Reports:

The treasurers report was given, and approved on a motion by Butch, KE8IYN, seconded by Steve, KB8RFE

(NOTE: copies of the treasurers report can be obtained by any AARC member. Just e-mail a request to the treasurer.)

A report on the status of the current fundraiser was given.

Last months minutes have been posted to w8lky.org. , and approved on a motion by Doug, KE8OWD, seconded by Mike, KE8CKL

We had new table markers for everyone. If anyone would like corrections to their marker, please contact WG8X.

There has been no progress yet on club shirts.

The following Birthdays were acknowledged:

- Mike Stambolia (AD0EA) 4/3,
- Paul Dluhosh (n4pd) 4/12,
- Richard Graber jr.(wd8ayc) 4/13
- Ronald Rittenhouse(ke8hcy) 4/25

Officers Reports:

President (KE8HCY)

- Ron mentioned that he was in contact with Connie Jones at the Aultman alliance Community Hospital. And still trying to get us back in to the hospital for our meetings. He did also sing the praises of the hospitality we've received from the Christ United Methodist Church.
- Ron Also spoke about the University of Mount Union Amateur Club which we are assisting with.
- According to Ron, our Digital Net was well underway.
- Summer picnic will be on Wednesday, July 12th at the Jaycee pavilion at Silver Park.

Vice-President Report

No Report

Secretary-treasurer Report

No Report

Trustees Report

No report

Presentation from Tom, WB8LCD

Tom Sly, WB8LCD appeared to present a plaque to John, WG8X for activating all 75 State Parks in Ohio.

Committee Reports

- **Two Meter Net** Tomas, KC8ZEH
 - **March 2nd**
 - 16 Check-ins, and on the air 23 Minutes
 - **March 9th**
 - 15 Check-ins, and on the air 41 Minutes
 - **March 16th**
 - 16 Check-ins, and on the air 35 Minutes
 - **March 23rd**
 - 14 Check-ins, and on the air 33 Minutes
 - **March 30th**
 - 14 Check-ins, and on the air 28 Minutes
 - **April 6th**
 - 16 Check-ins, and on the air 38 Minutes
- **10 Meter CW Net**
 - (currently Inactive – Need Net Manager)

10 Meter SSB net John (wg8x)

- Usually between 10 check-ins per session
- Kudos to Steve, KB8RFE for alternate net control, and relay
- DX checkins from Brazil on the 23rd
- Nevada & California checked in on the 30th

- **Homeland Security Net James(kd8vt)**
 - For the last 4 weeks.
 - Total check-ins 46
 - Total time 1 hours 21 min.

- **Digital net**
 - Steve, KB8RFE will be re-starting the AARC Digital net on April 13th. It will begin using the Olivia 8/500 mode. The net will be on 28.122MHz, and begin at 7:30 PM
Steve is available for setup help using FLDigi

- **Repeaters (2M/440)**
 - 2 Meter is working Ok
 - 440 repeater will need Antenna repair/ replacement this summer.

- **Fundraiser**
 - At this time, 448 tickets remain for the drawing. We are NOT printing more tickets.
 - As of April 9th, 80% of our sales had been online, and sales have come in from all over the country.
 - Upcoming meetings and hamfests include
 - April 19th – Canton ARC
 - April 22nd – Tusco Hamfest
 - April 30th – Athens Hamfest
 - May 2nd – Warren ARA meeting

- **Programs**
 - Ron was asking for volunteers to do programs in May and June

- **ARRL Field Day**
 - At this time we are still looking for a site for Field Day. We had been looking at Edgewater Golf course, but it had fallen through.
 - We are looking for a site that checks off the following boxes:
 - Within a reasonable distance from Alliance
 - Overnight access
 - Room for antennas
 - Ability to do a bonfire
 - Able to camp would be great
 - Some kind of pavilion or structure would be a plus

- On May 6th, we will be setting up our equipment at the Louisville Sportsmans club at 10:30 AM. This will be to
 - Check out our equipment
 - Re-organize the trailer
 - Make lists of things we need to handle before Field Day.

- An Elmer award was presented to Jerry, KG8RN

- **Old Business**
 - No old business this month

- **New Business**
 - Ron brought up a \$50 memorial donation to the Christ United Methodist Church in memorial to [Paul Cope]. Motion made by Joe, N8JEW; seconded by Dwight, KD8YFV. Passed on a voice vote.

 - Club Pens – We had received a solicitation from Pens.com offering pens at a price of \$0.69 ea.
 - A motion was made by Jim; seconded by Alex to purchase 300 pens.

 - The yearly update to the liability insurance had arrived. The 2023 premium will be \$205.00. A motion was made by Doug, KE8OWD for payment; seconded by Tomas, KC8ZEH, and approved on a voice vote.

- **Announcements**
 - PCARS was holding a POTA Field Trip for the Support Your Parks weekend on April 16th. All Alliance ARC members were welcome to attend. It was being held at Wingfoot Lake SP from 11AM – 3 PM
 - The VE session was to be held on April 22nd at the Christ United Methodist Church
 - The next club breakfast will be on May 6th @ 8:30 AM at Don Pancho's (2105 W. State St)
 - The next AARC meeting will be on May 10th at the Christ United Methodist Church. 7:30 PM.

- **Program**
 - Lorin, KD8WVE presented a program on Satellites for Amateur radio.

- **50/50 Drawing** – The 50/50 drawing raised \$75 total (\$38.00 to the winner). It was won by Andy, AC8JR.

Meeting was adjourned approximately 9:00 PM.

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