

Minutes of the July 2024 meeting of The Alliance Amateur Radio club (AARC).

The AARC met on Wednesday July 10th, 2024, at Alliance Community Hospital (200 E. State St, Alliance).

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

The meeting began with the drawing for our annual rig raffle fundraiser, with the winning ticket drawn by our city mayor, Andy Grove.

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

A roll call was taken of members & guests, by going around the room with everyone giving their names, callsigns, and town. We had 26 members in attendance, and 1 guest: Alliance Mayor Andy Grove.

Birthdays

The following birthdays were acknowledged:

- Roger Schmitt, W8TDE
- Karen Andrews, N8HUC
- Jen Jimison, KE8OWC
- Pam Kleinhans
- Christopher McDaniel, AC8VN
- David Moreno, KE8JLP
- Peter Lucke, N8IGZ

Secretary report

- No minutes for last month due to Club picnic.
- Renewal application for our Special Service Club designation was submitted to the ARRL
- Motion for approval by Steve, KB8RFE, seconded by Butch KE8IYN.

Treasurer's report

- Paul, K2ASA, gave a rundown on the finances over the past month
- Motion for approval by Pam, seconded by Jim KE8VZE.

Committee Reports

- **Club Equipment**
 - **Repeaters**
 - **2 Meter**
 - **No report**
 - **440 Repeater**
 - On the 16th, We replaced the feedline and the antenna; a week later, the repeater died. It is at Bob's, undergoing testing, while we are on the back-up machine
 - **HF Rigs**
 - All appears to have worked ok at Field Day.
 - One maintenance item was brought to our attention and will be repaired shortly.
 - Will be buying another Apache case. We'll have two per station
 - **Trailer**
 - All is working ok
 - Will be washed and waxed before the parade
 - Need a volunteer or two to assist in removing the tower sections from the top and putting them back after the parade.
 - **UMU Radio Club**
 - Looking to do a directional antenna build with the club and then do a mini fox hunt
 - Waiting for approval from the school board

Club Activities

- **Field Day**
 - A motion was made by Charlene, KE8YBZ, to make a \$200 donation to Arrowhead Orchard, the location of this year's Summer Field Day. The motion was seconded by Pam
 - Steve gave a rundown over this year's field day and gave his thanks to everyone that helped during the event
- **Stark County Radio Club Picnic**
 - We are hosting the picnic this year for all the clubs in Stark County
 - Saturday, August 31st, 10AM-3PM
 - Jaycee Pavilion at Butler Rodman Park

- **Carnation Parade**
 - There was a long discussion regarding the decoration of the club trailer for the parade
 - We will be getting together to decorate the trailer on August 8th and 9th at Jim's, KE8VZE, house.
 - A motion was made by Patty, KB8QWH, to purchase signs for people that will be walking with the trailer during the parade. The motion was seconded by Char, KE8YBZ
 - Ron gave a detailed overview of the plan for communications during the event
- **W8LKY Special Event**
 - We will be hosting a special event for the duration of the Carnation Festival
 - August 1st – August 11th
 - We will be in the August issue of QST
 - 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).
- **Castle Run 5K**
 - We are in contact with the woman who is in charge of this year's race. More info coming soon.
- **VE Exams**
 - There is no exam on August 10th due to Carnation Parade
 - Next VE Session is October 15th at 9 AM; 8 AM registration.
 - Location: Christ United Methodist Church.
 - Use the north door designated 1A
 - More info on our website

New Business

- John gave a heads up of items he'd like to discuss next month
 - Disposition of the generous \$2500 grant from the QCWA
 - Who we will be donating to for our fall fundraiser

A short break was taken before finishing the meeting.

We received a short State of the Union for Alliance from our Mayor, Andy Grove

Pam, made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Tomas, KC8ZEH.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33PM, and the 50/50 winner was drawn.

Minutes submitted on August 11th by Alex, KE8VXG, Club Secretary.