

Minutes of the October 9th, 2024, meeting of The Alliance Amateur Radio club (AARC).

The AARC met on Wednesday, October 9th, 2024, at Alliance Community Hospital (200 E. State St, Alliance).

The meeting was called to order at 7:02, by President John Myers, WG8X.

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. We had 21 members in attendance, and 2 guests.

Birthdays

The following birthdays were acknowledged:

- Bruce Brockett - KE8FNS
- Susan Heiks - K8STH
- Dale Schillig - KF8AHK
- Steve Collins - KB8RFE
- John Myers - WG8X
- Heath Urban - KE8KAV
- Dave Beltz - WD8AYE
- Dallas Underwood - N8XTJ
- Joe Williamson - N8JEW
- Lorin Kleinhans - KD8WVE
- Kristen Andrews - KB3OQV

Officer reports

- **Vice-President's Report**
 - Christmas Party is December 14th
 - Christ United Methodist Church
 - Winter Field Day
 - More info to come
 - Newly purchased generators
 - Need to plan on getting them into the club trailer
 - Digital Nets are up for grabs for a new coordinator/net control

- **Secretary report**
 - Minutes for last month are posted online
 - Motion for approval by Jim KE8VZE, seconded by Steve KB8RFE
- **Treasurer's report**
 - Paul gave a rundown on the current finances of the club
 - Members of the club approved the report

Club Activities

- **Fall Fundraiser**
 - AT THE CHRIST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH (November 13th)
 - SHORT Club Meeting at 7PM, followed by the Fundraiser
 - We have about \$2820 raised so far
 - 100% of the funds raised that night will be added to the \$2820, and donated to
 - Military and First Responders Center in Louisville
 - Clothed in Righteousness
 - Salvation Army – Alliance
 - We are accepting donations of new, or gently used items for this night.
 - Currently, we have a variety of antennas, and other misc. items.
 - Items will be put up in a Chinese auction format
 - ALL ARE WELCOME
- **Tech Classes**
 - Still going
 - Next few classes will be at the church
- **VE Exams**
 - Next VE Session is October 19th at 9 AM; 8 AM registration.
 - Location: Christ United Methodist Church.
 - Use the north door designated 1A
 - More info on our website

- **Salvation Army – Ron**
 - Communications are underway to begin planning for the drive
 - More info will be coming
- **Ham of the Year ballots**
 - Steve, KB8RFE will be collecting ballots for Ham of the Year

Club Equipment

- **2 Meter**
 - Nothing new at this time
 - Upcoming plans are to swap in the backup repeater for a month or two in order to get some run time
- **440 MHz**
 - On the backup (supplied by WB8OVQ)
 - Our repeater is waiting for bench time.
We'll assess the issue and move forward.
 - More info available next month.

Old Business

- **Pricing & Sale of the following Club equipment:**
 - **Need a committee to help price them**
 - Yaesu FT-1000MP
 - Yaesu FT-920
 - Drake MN-2000 (We have a \$200 offer)
 - Vibroplex Bug that was part of the WA8WHP estate

New Business

- **Microsoft 365 – Alex**
 - We can get a grant from Microsoft for their online services as a non-profit
 - We have options for members to have their own email
 - Mainly we'd like to consider hosting our meetings on Teams to open it up for more people to join

- Potential donation to help with disaster recovery
 - With the recent hurricanes, we may wish to look at donating to relief funds
 - ARRL has a Ham Aid Fund to purchase radios and equipment to loan during disaster relief

Announcements

- Hurricane Watch Net frequencies are 7.268MHz and 14.325 MHz for those interested in listening in
- Massillon Amateur Radio Club will be hosting their Ham Fest is on 10/27/24 from 8AM to 1PM
 - Located at the MAPS Museum in Green
 - Admission is \$10 and includes admission to the museum afterwards

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

Our 50/50 winner was drawn for this meeting.

Pam made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:03PM, seconded by Jim, W8JMY.

We took a short break before moving on to the Trustees meeting to elect new club officials for the upcoming year.