

**AMATEUR RADIO COUNCIL OF ARIZONA  
(ARCA)  
MEETING MINUTES  
October 17, 2009**

**Location: Old Pueblo Radio Club Hamfest, Tucson, AZ**

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 11:02AM by chairperson Rick Aldom, W7STS. All board members were present with the exception of Secretary Randy Malick (K7FOX), Past Chair Cliff Hauser (KD6XH) and Treasurer Chris Kesauer (N7PVL). An attendance sheet was circulated and signed by the delegates and visitors who were present.

**Reading of the Minutes:**

1. Minutes from the June 2009 meeting at Show Low were distributed and reviewed. Motion by Grant/WB6OTS seconded by Tom/K7DF to approve the minutes as presented.

Motion Carried.

2. Minutes from the ARCA General Membership Meeting in July 2009 meeting at Williams were distributed and reviewed. Motion by Grant/WB6OTS seconded by Lee/KD7OED to approve the minutes as presented. Motion Carried.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Treasurer Chris, N7PVL was not present, so no treasurer's report was given.

**Chair's Report:**

Rick/W7STS reported that amateur radio antenna bill (Arizona HB2514) was not passed this session, but ARCA will continue to lobby (with ARRL and others) in support of a similar bill next session. Section Manager Tom Fagan/K7DF added that indications from the State Legislature are that there is virtually no chance of passing a bill that will give ARCA proceeds from amateur radio license plate fees until the current Arizona state budget deficit crisis is resolved.

**Past Chair's Report:**

Past Chairperson Cliff, KD6XH was not present, so no report was given.

**1st Vice Chair's Report:**

Lee/KD7OED reported the 2009 Williams summer hamfest was an overall success. We sold only two fewer tailgate spaces than last year and overall attendance was about the same in spite of the fact that the ScQRPions did not have their summer event in conjunction with Williams this year. Some hams that made reservations for The Train ride to the Grand Canyon backed out at the last minute and caused us to take a loss on that activity, so ARCA will insist on payment in advance for that event next year. The sagging economy did take a toll on raffle ticket sales, and our grounds fees maxed out

this year, but in spite of these challenges the Williams event still showed an overall profit of \$549.25. Lee has a list of suggestions for improvements for next year's event, and requested that anyone who has further suggestions provide them to him as soon as possible.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair's Report:**

Grant/WB6OTS stated that all of his issues had been covered in previous discussion.

**Section Manager's Report:**

Tom/K7DF reported that he was unable to attend the 2009 ARRL Southwest Division Convention in Santa Barbara, but has heard reports that there was lots of amateur TV activity at the event. Plans for the 2010 Convention in San Diego are well under way, although status of the 2011 event in Los Angeles is in question because of recent turnover in the LA Section leadership. It is time for Arizona to start thinking about 2012 when it will be our turn to host the convention again, and Tom solicited ARCA's help in planning for the event. Feedback from the southwest division staff is that we can combine the 2012 convention with the 2012 Arizona State ARRL Convention or any other hamfest activity in the state. Discussion by the membership after Tom's report indicated that there is still significant interest in moving the ARRL State Convention to a location in the Phoenix metro area during the winter or spring if we can find a facility that has more classroom space available for presentations.

**Frequency Coordination Report:**

Repeater Coordinator Chair Lance, KW7LH was not present, so no report was given.

**Old Business:**

1. During the May meeting it was suggested that ARCA should have an award for the Most Improved Club and Most Growth in a club. The membership agreed that we need additional ideas on how this can be done equitably, but the action remains open.
2. During the May meeting the ARCA board took an action to conduct a review of the overall ARCA mission statement, focus and bylaws. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chair Lee/KD7OED will present some suggestions at the next ARCA meeting.

**New Business:**

1. Hamfest Schedule. The schedule of upcoming Arizona hamfests was reviewed. The Kingman (November 7<sup>th</sup>) and the Superstition (December 5<sup>th</sup>) events are ARRL sanctioned, but have not requested ARCA sponsorship. Motion by Grant/WB6OTS seconded by Tom/K7DF to approve ARCA sponsorship of the Thunderbird Westfest (January 9, 2010), the Yuma Hamfest and Emergency Preparedness Show (February 19-20, 2010), the Desert Fest in Tucson (March 27, 2010) and the Larry Warren Hamfest in Sierra Vista (May 1, 2010). *Motion Carried.* Status of the Scottsdale Springfest and AARC DeVry events is unknown at this time, and no request for ARCA sponsorship has been received for them or the Prescott (May 29) or White Mountain (June 5) events.

**Next ARCA Meeting:** The next ARCA meeting will be the Superstition Hamfest (Mesa Community College) at 1100 hours on December 5<sup>th</sup> 2009.

**Motion to Adjourn:**

Motion to adjourn was made by Lee/KD7OED and seconded by Grant/WB6OTS.  
Motion Carried. The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 12:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lee Ilse, KD7OED  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chair

**In Attendance:**

Rick Aldom, W7STS - Chair  
Lee Ilse, KD7OED – 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chair  
Grant Hays, WB6OTS – 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chair  
Tom Fagan, K7DF – Catalina Radio Club/ARL SM  
Gary Keck, KE7DX - Visitor  
Diana Aldom, K7ORD - Visitor