

**Amateur Radio Council of Arizona**  
**Minutes of meeting held March 9, 2013**  
**Scottsdale Spring Fest - Scottsdale Arizona**

**CTO:** *The meeting was called to order at 11:00 AM by ARCA Chairman Jeff Hanna, WB7RFY Jeff asked for roundtable introductions by those in attendance..*

**Minutes:** *Copies of the minutes of the meeting held January 12, 2013 were circulated for review and comments by ARCA Secretary Doug Collins, KE6JUK*

**Motion to Accept minutes as written by Lee Ilse, KD7OED**

**Second by Al Johnson, AE7GM**

**Motion Passed**

**Treasurers Report:** *ARCA Treasurer Chris Kesauer, N7PVL handed out copies of ARCA's latest financial report. Chris gave a detailed review of ARCA's assets ,finances and account balances.*

**Motion to accept the Financial report as presented by Al Johnson, AE7GM**

**Second by Dreux Jacques, W7EMU**

**Motion Passed**

**Chairman's Report:** *Jeff Hanna, WB7RFY thanked the ARCA Secretary and the webmaster for getting the minutes out in a timely manor. Jeff also reported that there were numerous new business items to discuss.*

**First Vice Chairman's Report:** *Mark Kesauer, N7KKQ shared a final draft copy of the letter he plans to share with Ham Fest organizers. Mark reported on the problems associated with the cancellation of two long established events last year. He said that with sufficient notice, ARCA can assist in the planning or help find a more suitable venue if it becomes necessary to relocate the event. Mark is asking for at least 90 days notice to cancel an event*

**Prepper Fest - April 26, 2013:** *Mark reported that the event organizers for the upcoming Prepper Fest are asking for volunteers from ARCA and the ARRL to set up and man a Ham Radio Information booth at the event. The event location is at the Scottsdale Road exit of the 101 Fwy. Mark said that the event organizers will provide a soundproof room in a former Circuit City building for a special event station. Volunteers are needed to man this station and demonstrate the use of HF, VHF, & UHF amateur radio equipment.*

**Williams Ham Fest;** *Mark reported that we have the signed contract with the City of Williams for the July Ham Fest. Mark clarified the need for commercial vendors to get the necessary state tax ID forms and the City of Williams permit when selling new equipment. This clause doesn't apply to tailgaters or people with a 501c designation asking for donations for items such as T Shirts, etc.*

**Rodeo Grounds:** *The rate for the Rodeo Grounds rental remains the same for this year. They will be going up next year.*

**Commemorative Pins:** *Mark had an example of the design of the 10 year commemorative pin that he shared with the group. The pins will be for sale at the Williams event for \$2 or \$3 . One will be given away free with each advanced reservation for an inside or outside space.*

**Chamber of Commerce:** *Mark reported that he has had difficulties getting hold of the Williams Chamber of Commerce. Mark wants to get the Ham Fest advertised in the magazine that the chamber puts out. He said that they have been good about it in the past, but so far he hasn't been able to make contact so they can follow through*

**Seminars:** *Mark is actively soliciting people to put on seminars or informative talks and programs at Williams. Contact Mark at the ARCA email address.*

**New Tents:** *Mark reported that ARCA has just purchased 2 new 16' by 32' blackout tents for presentations, seminars and meetings on site at the rodeo grounds. One will be equipped with an air conditioner, both are darkened to facilitate the use of Audio Visual equipment.*

**New Rates for Williams:** *Preregistration rates will be going up from \$15 to \$20. Advanced registrations will close on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Registrations received after that date will be at the onsite price of \$25.*

**Barbeque and Grand Canyon Train Trip:** *Same as last year.*

**DeVry Ham Fest:** *April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2013*

**2nd Vice Chair Report:** *ARCA 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairman Cliff Hauser, KD6XH reported that he has sent out an invitation letter to all past vendors at Williams and Fort Tuthill, 92 in all, inviting them to the Williams Hamfest and reminding them that we still exist. A general discussion followed by those in attendance.*

**Plaque Honoring Tom Fagan:** *Cliff presented a plaque to Tom Fagan, K7DF honoring him for his eight years of service as the Arizona Section Manager and for all that he has done in support of amateur radio. Tom, you will be missed.*

**Past Chairman's Report:** *ARCA Past Chair Lee Ilse, KD7OED reminded the group of the following:*

- *Nominations for Ham of the Year are due by May 1.*
- *Nominations for Young Ham of the Year are due May 1.*  
*A letter on club stationery, signed by a club officer (not related to the nominee) must be sent by an affiliated club stating the person nominated and the reason(s) the club feels the nominee is deserving of the honor.*

- *ARCA Scholarship*  
*Scholarship Guidelines and application are available on the ARCA website.*  
*There are no age limits to receive a scholarship.*

***Frequency Coordinators Report:***

- ***Frequency Coordinator Lance Halle, KW7LH*** reported that the Arizona Database is up to date and that information has been submitted to the ARRL for inclusion in their repeater directory.
- *Coordinators have been actively seeking updates*
- *Lance reported that there were some issues with the FCC recognizing coordinations and other coordinating groups. Hopefully there will be a resolution to the problem and more information will follow at Williams.*
- *The next repeater owners meeting will be held 11:00 AM, Saturday, July 20 at Williams.*
- *Packet Co ordination: Mark Kesauer, N7KKQ will be updating the packet database.*

***ARRL Report:***

- ***Tom FAGAN, K7DF*** presented last years ***South West Division Volunteer of the Year*** award to ***Lee Isle, KD7OED***. *Congratulations Lee. Better late than never. The other winner was Roger Hunt, K7MEX of Yuma Arizona.*
- *Tom introduced the incoming Arizona Section Manager, Rev. Bob Spencer, KE8DM of Yuma Az. Rev. Bob will take over as of April 1, 2013. Welcome aboard.*
- *Rev. Bob reported that the current antenna bill is modeled after the one in Ohio and is alive and well in the State House.*
- *License Plate Bill. The Arizona House is reluctant to deal with any issues involving Vanity type plates, including Amateur Radio.*
- *Distracted Driving Legislation. In Committee, The problem they are having is that the way the bill is written, it would preclude not only hams with mobile transceivers, but also emergency responders such as Fire Dept or Police from using a microphone while driving.*

***Old Business:***

- ***Cancellation of ARCA Sponsored Events;***  
***Motion:*** *to accept Marks Letter to Ham Fest organizers as written by Cliff Hauser KD6XH*  
***Second:*** *by Mike Bales, KC7GTY*  
***Motion Passed***
- ***Chris Kesauer, N7PVL*** said that ARCA minutes are sent out by email to delegates, alternates and club presidents. Sometimes they come back as undeliverable. *Chris stressed the importance of member clubs keeping the email addresses of club officers and delegates up to date.*

### **Old Business, Cont**

Chris reviewed the reasons for hard copy communications with wet signatures on club letterhead when submitting nominations for Ham and Young Ham of the year, Scholarships and requests for ARCA sponsored events.

Chris said that she is working on a plan to accept ARCA membership renewal applications on line in order to take advantage of modern technology.

- **Jeff Hanna, WB7RFY** asked for further input from delegates on the legislative issues. **Bob Spencer, KE8DM** suggested a letter writing campaign in support of the HOA and License plate bills and against the mobile communications bill.
- **Arizona Section Split:** Chris, N7PVL reported that all solicited comments on the subject of the section split were unanimously against dividing the state into multiple sections. General discussion followed by those in attendance. The general consensus was that this would only serve to divide the amateur radio community in Arizona and would serve no useful purpose.

**Motion:** to Give ARCA's official recommendation against the split of the Arizona Section by **Chris Kesauer, N7PVL**

**Second:** by **Dreux Jacques, W7EMU**

**Motion Passed**

- **Myrna Cross, KN7M** reported on the situation in involving the City of Mesa that led to the cancellation of the Superstition Ham Fest that was scheduled for December, 2012. Myrna reported that the event was eventually held in February and was a success. She also said that the Superstition Club is interested in finding a new venue for future Ham fests.

### **New Business:**

- **Yuma Ham Fest & AZ State Convention:** **Mark Keasuer, N7KKQ** reported on the successful and well attended event in Yuma. There were over 200 RV's camped out on sight and 450 at the Buzzards Barbeque on Saturday night.

There was an unofficial meeting attended by ARCA staff members and ARRL staff including **Southwest Division Director, Dick Norton, N6AA**. The main topic for discussion was the proposed split of the Arizona Section.

ARCA members shared their concerns about the effects of the split with Director Norton and also reported that the overwhelming response to the split was negative.

- **Publicity Material Review:** **Jeff Hanna, WB7RFY** conducted a bi-annual review of the printed material that ARCA uses. The updated logo is based on the new ARCA banner and has been recreated for use on ARCA Letterhead and Board Member business cards. The new Arizona repeater directory now includes a colorized map on the front that is linked to the location of the repeater listed on the reverse. Mark & Chris are working to put the version of the directory on the ARCA website that is downloadable.

***New Business – Continued:***

- ***Club Visits by ARCA Board Members:*** *Because there are only four ARCA Board meetings a year now, Jeff, KB7RFY discussed the importance of board members representing ARCA at the various Ham Fests throughout the state. He also stressed the importance of ARCA Delegates to go back and share the information with their member clubs. Jeff suggested that ARCA Board members attend local club meetings put on a “What is ARCA” talk.*
- ***2014 Scottsdale Ham Fest:*** *Dreux Jacques, W7EMU reported that next year the Scottsdale club will be back at it’s old site at the Mountain View Church near the 101 loop and Hayden Ave.*
- ***Tom Fagan, K7DF*** *reminded the group that when planning the 2014 State Convention, they need to extend an invitation to the ARRL to attend the event. Tom reported that the 2013 Southwest Division that was scheduled to be held in Santa Barbara has been cancelled. The 2014 South West Division will be held in San Diego*
- ***VE Report: Lori Cripps, WA7EDI*** *reported that all 8 candidates that showed up for testing passed their examinations. Congratulations to all of the applicants and to the VE team for holding a successful exam session.*
- ***Adjournment:*** *The meeting was adjourned without a motion at 12:30 PM*

***Respectfully submitted***

***Doug Collins, KE6JUK***

***ARCA Recording Secretary***

***In Attendance:***

<i>Call</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Club</i>	<i>Del</i>	<i>Alt</i>	<i>Guest</i>
WB7RFY	Jeff Hanna	ARCA Chair			
N7KKQ	Mark Kesauer	ARCA 1st Vice			
N7PVL	Chris Kesauer	ARCA Treasurer			
KD6XH	Cliff Hauser	ARCA 2nd Vice			
KE6JUK	Doug Collins	ARCA Secretary			
KD7OED	Lee Ilse	ARCA Past Chair			
K7DF	Tom Fagan	ARRL/CRC			
KE8DM	Robert Spencer	ARRL			
AE7GM	Al Johnson	TBARC		X	
N7GDP	Walt Reinert	TBARC	X		
WA7EDI	Lori Cripps	AARC			X
K7GH	Gary Hamman	AARC	X		
KC7GTY	Mike Bales	CARA	X		
KF7JUT	Paula Collins	WARC	X		
KN7M	Myrna Cross	Superstition		X	
KW7LH	Lance Halle	ARA	X		
W7EMU	Dreux Jacques	Scottsdale	X		
N7AM	Dave Wells	EAARS			X
KC7SKI	Brian Bierer	ARA			X
K7ACS	Stephen Hooper				X
KB7CSE	Grace Wells	EAARS			X