

AMATEUR RADIO COUNCIL OF ARIZONA
Scottsdale Spring Fest
Minutes of Meeting held March 15, 2014

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 11:02 AM by ARCA Chairman **Jeff Hanna, WB7RFY**
All in attendance introduced themselves and their club affiliations.

Reading of Minutes: The minutes of the meeting held December 8, 2014 at the Superstition Ham Fest held in Queen Creek, Arizona were handed out for review.

Motion: to accept as written by **Dave Hall, N7ZPY**

Second: by **Mike Bales, KC7GTY**

Motion Passed

Treasurers Report:

Copies of the latest financial report were handed out for review by ARCA Treasurer **Chris Kesauer, N7PVL**. Chris gave a detailed report of ARCA's finances, assets and liabilities.

Motion: to accept as presented by **Dave Hall, N7ZPY**

Second: by **Mike Bales, KC7GTY**

Motion Passed

ARCA Chairman's Report:

ARCA Chairman **Jeff, Hanna, WB7RFY** reported on the number of call signs that are about to be deleted from the FCC database and made several suggestions on how member clubs should reach out to these Hams and encourage them to keep their licenses current and get involved.

ARCA First Vice Chairman's Report:

ARCA First Vice Chairman, **Mark Kesauer, N7KKQ** introduced himself to the group and described the responsibilities of the office of the 1st Vice Chairman.

Prepper Fest will be held next weekend - 3/21/ to 3/23, 2014 at the Arizona State Fairgrounds. Mark gave a report explaining what the Prepper Fest was all about and it is a good opportunity to develop the interest of the people in attendance in Ham Radio and emergency communications. Mark asked for volunteer operators to demonstrate the operation of radio equipment at the "Non Special Event Station." Contact Mark to be added to the schedule.

Williams Ham Fest Mark reported on fixing some of last year's complaints.

- **Hotel Discounts:** Mark is working on getting a list of hotels giving discounts.
- **New Map of the Rodeo Grounds:** Upgraded maps are available from ARCA Website in pdf format.
- **Kiwanis Club:** Mark and Chris met with the Kiwanis group and gave them a presentation of what ARCA is doing. They are happy with us and will be operating the food court again this year.

ARCA First Vice Chairman's Report (Continued)

- **Opening Early on Thursday:** We will be letting people in the grounds at noon instead of the traditional 5:00 PM this year.
- **Thursday Night Hoe Down??** There will possibly be a special shin dig at the Wild West Junction with food, drinks and live music on Thursday evening. Confirmation with the mayor who owns the venue is pending. More to follow.
- **Friday Night Discount at Doc Holiday's** \$9.95 Prime Rib Dinner for those attending the Ham Fest.
- **CADXA Hospitality Room:** CDXA may be hosting a Hospitality room at the Ramada Inn. Confirmation pending.
- **Star Party:** at the Ramada parking lot afterwards. The moon goes down after 10:00 PM
- **Saturday Night Barbeque,** Ham of the Year presentation and the unofficial closing ceremonies.
- **Sunday Train Ride:** Trip to the Grand Canyon on the Grand Canyon Railway.
- **Discounts for Hams at local businesses and Attractions:** Mark is talking to other Williams businesses and attractions to get discounts for food and other activities for those attending the Ham Fest.
- **W7W Special Event Station:** ARCA is setting up a Special Event Station at Williams this year. The station will likely be set up inside of the ARCA Trailer. Volunteer Operators are needed. Mark is investigating having QSLs cards printed up for the event.
- **Non Ham Prizes:** Mark reported on the plan to resume giving away the Non Ham related prizes again this year. Mark suggested giving away a **ROKU Box** as one of the prizes.
- **WiFi Connection at Williams** Mark reported on plans to improve the WiFi Connection at the Rodeo Grounds

ARCA 2nd Vice Chairman's Report:

ARCA 2nd Vice Chairman, **Cliff Hauser, KD6XH** was absent

Past Chairman's Report:

- ARCA Past Chairman **Lee Ilse, KD7OED** Lee reported that nominations for **Ham of the Year** and **Young Ham of the Year** are due in six weeks (May 1st) It has been several years since we have had a nomination for Young Ham of The Year.
- **ARCA Scholarships** Lee reported that it has been two years since we have given away a scholarship. Lee reviewed the qualifications and the necessary documentation required to submit a nomination. The deadline for this is also May 1st.
- **Slate of Officers for 2014 /15** Lee reported that the election of officers serving on the ARCA Board will be held at the ARCA meeting at Williams. Nominations can be submitted from the floor at the meeting. Lee asked for volunteers to serve as board members and said that he wanted to generate the interest in new people willing to run for office and serve on the board

Frequency Coordinators Report:

ARCA Frequency Coordination Chairman **Lance Halle, KW7LH** that presently, there are no serious issues before the coordination committee.

- *The latest coordination's have been submitted to the ARRL for inclusion in the Repeater Directory.*
- *The Frequency Coordinator's website has been updated and is functioning well.*
- *Lance reported on issues in dealing with the National Frequency Coordination Committee*
- *Lance reported that the ARRL needs to be more supportive of the coordination committee's efforts. Without their support, the repeater system could easily sink into "CB" like chaos*
- *Annual Meeting will be at Williams this year.*

ARRL Report:

- **ARRL Club Membership:** Arizona Section Manager **Robert Spencer, KE8DM** reported that some of the ARRL Club Memberships have expired. Bob covered the benefits of ARRL Club membership and encouraged these clubs to renew their membership
- **Update Club Information:** Bob asked that the member clubs keep their club information such as Officers lists and contact info current.
- **YUMA Special Event Station:** A special event station is going to operate at the "Yuma Centennial" Call signs will be K7Y, K7U, K7M, & K7A. You will get a QSL for each station you work. If you work all four, you will receive a special QSL and a certificate.
- **Operating in Hell Mode:** Because the Yuma Territorial Prison was described as "Hell on Earth" in commemoration, one of the modes will be "Hell" (Hellschreiber)
- **Legislative Issues:** There has been no progress on the HOA or License Plate issues.

Old Business:

- **ARRL Arizona State Convention:** **Jeff Hanna, WB7RFY** reported on the ARRL Arizona State Convention being a mobile event. This year the event will be held in Williams. Jeff asked for volunteers to look for a suitable venue for the 2015 event.
- **Application for membership for Arizona Near Space Research:**
Motion to Accept by: Chris Kesauer N7PVL
Second By: Bob Spencer KE8DM
Motion Passed
- **Round Table Reports on Local Ham Fests:** **Jeff Hanna, WB7RFY** requested that reports be given on the local ham fests. Events discussed were Superstition, Thunderbird, Yuma, and Scottsdale. All reported successful events.
- **ARCA Estate Sale Policy:** **Mark, N7KKQ** led a discussion about ARCA trying to sell estate sale equipment for surviving relatives. ARCA is a 501 c 3 organization and donations of equipment is tax deductible. The consensus of the group was for ARCA to not get involved and to refer the surviving relatives to the local area Radio Clubs.
Topic was tabled without a motion

Old Business Continued:

- **Using Skype to attend ARCA Board Meetings Remotely:** Mark, N7KKQ reported on efforts to revive the remote meeting capability. GoToMeeting was previously used and it was determined to be prohibitively expensive. Skype was determined to be a cheaper alternative and to be just as effective. Mark is continuing to investigate this topic.
Topic was tabled without a motion

New Business:

- **Membership application for the 4X4 Amateur Radio Club:**
Motion was pre-approved by "e vote" from the board
No objections from the floor
Motion Passed
- **Sponsorship Request for the RST Ham Fest on March 29th, 2014**
Motion was pre-approved by "e vote" from the board
No objections from the floor
Motion Passed
- **Sponsorship of the CARA Ham Fest, May 3, 2014**
Motion by: Tom Fagan, K7DF
Second by: Gary Hamman, K7GH
Motion Passed
- **Second Tent for Meetings and Presentations:** A brief discussion was held about obtaining a second tent for meetings and presentations at ARCA sponsored events.
Motion by: Lee Ilse KD7OED to cap the spending limit for the acquisition of the tent at \$1000.00
Second by: Drew Jacques W7EMU
Motion Passed
- **Nominations for ARCA Board Officers:** Jeff, WB7RFY called for nominations for the election of ARCA officers to be held at the Williams Ham Fest.
No Nominations from the floor
- **Ham of the Year, Young Ham of the Year, & Scholarships:** Jeff, WB7RFY reminded the group that the deadline to receive nominations was May 1st.

Round Table: No Motions from the floor

Schedule Review for 2014:

- **Prepper Fest, March 21st to the 23rd, 2014**
- **RST Ham fest, March 29th, 2014**
- **De Vry Ham fest, April 12th, 2014**
- **CARA Hamfest, May 3rd, 2014**
- **Kachina Show Low Ham fest, June 7th, 2014**
- **ARCA Williams Ham Fest and Arizona State Convention, July 18th to the 20th, 2014**

Motion to Adjourn: Dave Hall, N7ZPY

Second by: Mike Bales, KC7GTY

Meeting adjourned @ 12:49 PM

Respectfully Submitted

Doug Collins, KE6JUK

ARCA Recording Secretary

In Attendance:

WB7RFY, Jeff Hanna, ARCA Chairman

N7KKQ, Mark Kesauer, ARCA 1st Vice Chairman

N7PVL, Chris Kesauer, ARCA Treasurer

KE6JUK, Doug Collins, ARCA Recording Secretary

KD7OED, Lee Ilse, ARCA Past Chairman

KE8DM, Robert Spencer, ARRL Arizona Section Manager

KW7LH, Lance Halle Repeater Coordination Committee

KC7GTY, Mike Bales, CARA Delegate

KF7JUT, Paula Collins, WARC Delegate

KF7UNL, Dennis Reed, SARC Guest

N7GDP, Walt Reinert, TBARC, Delegate

WA7EDI, Lori Cripps, AARC, Guest

K7GH, Gary Hamman, AARC Delegate

K7DF, Tom Fagan, CRC Delegate

N7ZPY, Dave Hall MARCA Delegate

W7BNW, Brian Whipp, ANSR Alternate

KN7M, Myrna Cross, SARC Alternate

N7IYT, Richard Moore, 4X4 Ham, Alternate

K7GH, Gary Hamman, AARC, Delegate

WA7EDI, Lori Cripps, AARC Guest

AA7OO, Norm Johnson, MARCA, Alternate

N9EIV, William Kouchis, 4X4 Ham, Guest

KG7EBO, Benjamin Lee, ARDG Delegate

K7EDP, Edwin Palacio, SARC Guest

K7VZ, Virgil Silhanek, 4X4 Ham Alternate

W7EMU, Drew Jacques, SARC / ARA Delegate