

**Amateur Radio Council of Arizona**  
Superstition Hamfest, Mesa Community College  
Minutes of Meeting  
5 December, 2015

**Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 11:06 by ARCA 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chairperson, Lee Ilse KD7OED followed by introduction of attendees and congratulation of newlyweds Dave Wells N7AM and Luvina Wells KC7LEW.

**Minutes:** Minutes of the ARCA Meeting held on 17 October 2015 at the CopaFest in Maricopa, AZ were previously published and copies were available for review by attendees.

**Motion:** Accept as published – Mike Bales, KC7CTY

**Second:** Chris Kesauer, N7PVL

**Motion Passed**

**Treasurers Report:** Chris Kesauer, N7PVL presented the current treasury report. Hard copies were available and distributed to attendees.

**Motion:** Accept Treasurers Report as presented – Clark Jones, KI7TU

**Second:** Dave Hall, N7ZPY

**Motion Passed**

**Chair's Report: Presented by Lee Ilse KD7OED,** Chair Tammy Smith, KD7MIB was unable to attend

- Work to establish an Amateur Radio Broadband Net (partly funded by an ARCA Grant to Radio Society of Tucson) is progressing. Nodes are planned on Mt Lemon, Keystone Peak, Tucson Bank of America and the Tucson Zoo.
- ARCA Scholarship was awarded to Beth Fagan, KE7API. Beth is currently attending the University of Arizona.
- Applications for 2016 Scholarship, Young Ham of the Year and Ham of the Year are due May 1, 2016.
- Club memberships expire December 31. Dues for 2016 are due no later than Jan 31, 2016.

**1st Vice Chair Report: Lee Ilse, KD7OED**

- ARCA Williams Hamfest scheduled 21 July – 24 July
- Conflict with Annual ARRL meeting is avoided
- Train ride to Grand Canyon will be a part of the event again this year

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair: Bob Howard, W8RH**

- Bob was introduced
- The 2016 Arizona State Convention will be Held in Maricopa

**Past Chair Report: Jeff Hanna, WB7RFY**

- Current board terms expire after this year's Annual Meeting. New people will be needed

**Frequency Coordinators Report: Lance Halle, KW7LH**

- Lance was not present, his report by email
- No conflicts reported
- There are links on the website to all frequency coordinators
- All coordinated repeaters resubmit every 2 years (3 Max)
- All coordinated repeaters should list an alternate contact

### **ARRL Report: SM Robert J Spencer, KE8DM**

- The Amateur Radio Parity Act still needs support by all Hams. Keep writing and calling. Letters addressed to Reps and Senators should be sent to ARRL for delivery. Post cards can be sent direct.
- The 2015 AZ State Convention held in Kingman was well attended and did not lose money.
- Clubs who need Card Checkers at their events should send requests in early.
- The 2016 SW Division Convention in Yuma, commercial vendor space is 2/3 sold.
- If approved by the AZ legislature, fees from Amateur Radio Automobile license plates can only go to a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. Funds to be used for Scholarships and other educational purposes.

### **Old Business:**

- **Review – 2105 AZ State Convention Kingman** – This was the first of the new policy to hold the State convention at as many different hamfest sites as possible - The event was well attended and all went really well.
- **Report – Cochise ARA Swap meet & Communications Exercise** – Small event, about 50 people, approx. \$900 profit
- **Report – Oro Valley** – Event went well. Several seminars.
- **Report - HarkFest – Congress** – Doubled in size since last year. Ran out of space. Fun Hamfest. Hours were 8:00 – 12:00.

### **New Business:**

- **Sponsorship Requests Approved by E-vote**
  - Northern AZ DX Assn W7P Year of Pluto Special event operating from the Pluto dome at Lowell Observatory Dec 4 -13

### **2015/2016 Meeting Schedule**

March 19, 2016 - SpringFest, Scottsdale - 11:00 AM

July 23, 2016 - Williams ARCA Hamfest – 4:00 PM

### **National Parks On The AIR**

A year-long on-the-air event to celebrate the National Parks Centennial. Jan 1, 2016 – Dec 31, 2016

### **Explorer Post 549**

The post is having trouble attracting youth members and is in danger of losing its charter. Referrals are needed.

### **Up Coming Events**

**January 9, 2016 – Thunderbird Hamfest - Phoenix**

**February 19 & 20, 2016 – SW Division Convention - Yuma**

**March 19, 2016 – SpringFest - Scottsdale**

**March 26, 2016 – RST Hamfest - Tucson**

**April 9(?), 2016 – ARCA/AARA's April Hamfest at DeVry – Phoenix**

**May 7, 2016 – Cochise HamFest – Sierra Vista**

**June 4, 2016 – Kachina White Mountain Hamfest – Show Low**

**June 11, 2016 – Prescott HamFest at Emery Riddle Univ – Prescott - Tentative**

**June 24, 25, 26 – ARRL Field Day**

**July 22, 23, 24 – ARCA/Williams Hamfest – Williams**

**Motion to Adjourn:** Dave Hall N7ZPY

**Second:** Mike Bales KC7CTY

**Adjourn 12:05 PM**

# Amateur Radio Council of Arizona ( ARCA )

## Meeting Attendance December 5, 2015

Note: Club Presidents who are also delegates and will vote today please check both boxes.

Name	Call	Club	Pres.	Del.	Alt.	Visitor
Gary Duffield	WK7B	Thunderbird (TBARC)	XXX			
Mike Bales	KC7CTY	CARA		XXX		
Wayne Hale	W6IZK	Thunderbird (TBARC)				XXX
Dave Wells	N7AM	EAARS	XXX	XXX		
Luvina Wells	KC7LEW	EAARS				XXX
Cliff Hauser	KD6XH	TRA		XXX		
Clark Jones	KI7TU	ARA		XXX		
Barbara Sheldon	KC1CYV	MARCA				
Robert Spencer	KE8DM	ARRL Section Manager				
Gary Keck	KE7DX	RST, CRC		XXX		
John Marshall	WA7BSR	ARRL, QCWA				XXX
Douglas Mitchell	W7ADD	Superstition ARC		XXX		
Lori Cripps	WA7EDI	MMRG		XXX		
Virgil Silhanek	K7VZ	ARA	XXX			
Norm Johnson	AA7OD	MARCA			XXX	
Dave Hall	N7ZPY	MARCA		XXX		
Gary Hamman	K7GH	AARC	XXX	XXX		
Jeff Hanna	WB7RFY	ARCA Past Chair				
John Wiltberger	NO7IN	Maricopa		XXX		
Lee Ilse	KD7OED	ARCA 1st Vice Chair				
Bob Howard	W8RH	ARCA 2nd Vice Chair				
Chris Kesauer	N7PVL	ARCA Treasurer				
Jack Lunsford	KD7RCJ	ARCA Secretary, NADXA				