



## Minutes of the ARCA Annual Meeting Arizona Christian University July 23, 2022

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by ARCA Chair Lee Ilse, K7OED at 11:06 AM. A sign-in list was circulated along with copies of the agenda, draft minutes from the most recent meeting and the treasurer's report, all of which had also been emailed to club member delegates in advance of the meeting. A total of 46 individuals were in attendance (23 in person and 23 on-line via Go-To-Meeting). Introductions of in-person attendees was held – but unfortunately a technical issue (no remote audio) prevented introductions from the on-line participants, although they were able to communicate via the chat window.

**Chair's Report, Lee Ilse, K7OED:** Lee began by thanking the Thunderbird Club and the Arizona Christian University for arranging for the great meeting facility. He then presented a year-in-review overview of ARCA activities over the past year. During the October 2021 meeting the organization voted to approve revisions to the ARCA constitution and bylaws, and during the April 2022 meeting the ARCA membership voted to approve two club grants and cosponsor of a Youth Science fair. Club officers also represented ARCA at 14 separate hamfests across the state and presented ARCA information briefings to two member clubs. The board also worked to make ARCA more eco-friendly by transitioning most activities from snail mail to email or on-line activities (an option for paying membership via other than PayPal is now under consideration). ARCA remains financially sound and in good standing with the Internal Revenue Service and Arizona Corporation Commission having filed the required annual reports with both agencies. Lee also gave a health update on ARCA past chair Rick Aldom/W7STS, and noted that we will celebrate our ARCA 55<sup>th</sup> corporate birthday on October 31<sup>st</sup>.

**First Vice-Chair's Report, Charlie Zurenko/N2TFS:** Charlie echoed Lee's comments that ARCA had a very successful year that included joining of two new member clubs (the Sunlife club from Mesa and the Desert club from Quartzite).

**Second Vice-Chair's Report, Gary Hamman/K7GH:** Gary stated that he regretted being unable to keep up with equipment maintenance over the past year because the ARCA trailer spent most of its time up in Prescott Valley rather than in the Valley.

**Past Chair's report, Steve Miller/W6SDM:** Steve was unable to attend due to a prior family commitment.

**Secretary's Report, Ray Vasquez/K4RMV:** Ray reported that the minutes from the April meeting at DeVry had been emailed to all member clubs. Dave/N7ZPY noted a grammatical error in the repeater coordination section, and the error was corrected. Motion by Gary/K7GH to accept the minutes as corrected, seconded by Charles/W7VF. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

**Treasurer's Report, Chris Kesauer, N7PVL:** Chris reported that the ARCA member club rebate checks have all been mailed – please check the ARCA website to ensure that we have the current contact information for your club representatives, and contact her if you haven't received the check by the end of the month. She also gave a breakdown of the status of individual grant fund, scholarship fund, Paypal and checking accounts. ARCA has no current liabilities, and assets of \$44,845 which includes \$1600 assessed value of the 2008 ARCA trailer. Motion by Dave/N7ZPY seconded by Jeff//WB7RFY to accept the report as presented. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

**Frequency Coordination Report:** Lance Halle/KW7LH reported on the ARCA repeater owners committee meeting that was held just prior to the ARCA annual meeting. There are currently 910 coordinated frequencies in the database, and the committee requests that you resubmit your coordination requests every two years. More than half of the frequencies are in the 70CM band which includes both repeaters and control links, so the 70CM coordinator (Brian/AK7F) could really use some help with paperwork. You can find the listings broken out by frequency or location (including maps) by following the link on the ARCA website ([www.arca-az.org](http://www.arca-az.org)) or going directly to [www.azfreqcoord.org](http://www.azfreqcoord.org). Lance was re-elected as the chair of the repeater owners committee during the meeting, so if you would like to help Brian or have any other issues that require attention please email him at [coordinators@azfreqcoord.org](mailto:coordinators@azfreqcoord.org) (this email is distributed to all coordinators, but Lance also receives it in case the relevant coordinator is on vacation).

**Scholarship Awards:** Lee/K7OED presented scholarship checks of \$220 to Ray/K4RMV and \$390 to Mike/K7URK who will both be taking a RF communications class at Mesa Community College this fall. The course materials from this class will be used by the Scottsdale and Motorola club as well as the East Valley VE group to provide new hams with a broader understanding of the “why and how” amateur radio works the way it does. This will fill a technical education gap for new hams that is not currently covered in ARRL, Gordon West, Hamtest Online or other instructional courses. Lee also presented a \$5000 scholarship check to Stephanie Whipple/KI7NNC who is a student at Pima Community College and will be a sophomore this fall. Stephanie has been an active member of the Cochise Amateur Radio Association for many years and assisted with providing Technician class instruction and also served as Net Control Station for the Mule Mountain Net. Lee stated that our other \$5000 scholarship winner this year is Hilliard “Hilly” Paige/W7HIL, but Hilly was unable to be present because he was serving as a groomsman in a wedding today. Hilly will be a senior at the University of Arizona this fall and has been very active with the UofA club including assisting with the El Tour de Tucson bike race and volunteering as an assistant engineer for AMSAT on the GOLF satellite that is projected to launch later this year. Lee will present Hilly's check to him at the next meeting of the UofA club on August 2nd.

**Ham of the Year Award:** 2021 Ham of the Year Charlie Zurenko presented the 2022 Ham of the Year award to Robert Wertz, NF7E from the Northern Arizona DX Association. Bob has been a positive influence on Amateur Radio since 1976. He has published articles, garnered operating awards, and is a founding member and past President of the Northern Arizona DX Association. He has served as an Elmer, a Volunteer Examiner, made presentations at schools, participated more than 30 Field Day events, and many more aspects and activities in the state. Bob sets a high example for the rest of us. Congratulations, Bob!

**Young Ham of the Year:** Charlie also announced that Ashtyn Timberlake, KI7HHU from the Yavapai Amateur Radio Club was selected as the 2022 Young Ham of the Year. Since she was unable to be present for the

meeting, Yavapai club president John Snedden/KT7P accepted the plaque in her honor and will present it to her at the next Yavapai club meeting. Ashtyn has taught electronics and robotics at Yavapai club activities, and designed and built a rapid deployment emergency repeater. She was also selected from among over 600 participants in a recent ARISS event to actually speak with an astronaut on the International Space Station. Ashtyn has received multiple awards from the Yavapai County Sheriff's Office and other radio clubs and sets a great example for other young hams. Congratulations, Ashtyn!

**Old Business:** Lee/K7OED noted that we haven't yet moved the ARCA trailer from Jeff Hannah/WB7RFY's house in Prescott Valley to the Phoenix area, but will likely do so in the next month or so. He also reported that the University of Arizona Amateur Radio Club used their grant to purchase a Buddi-Pole antenna and some RF filters that were used on Field Day. Jerry/K1GJQ reported that the Center For Amateur Radio Learning used their grant to purchase an Icom IC-9700 radio and it is currently installed at the Arizona Science Center. They are continuing work on an antenna control unit that will assist with satellite contacts. John/KT7P reported that the Yavapai Youth Radio Science fair (cosponsored by ARCA) included 8 different stations where kids made HF and VHF contacts, as well as building several tech projects including badges.

**New Business:** None raised by members.

**Election of ARCA Officers:** Lee/K7OED reported that Past Chair Steve Miller/W6SDM and he worked up a proposed slate of candidates for the coming year. He opened the floor for additional nominations but none were received. Motion by Dave/N7ZPY to close the nominations seconded by Bob/NF7E. There was no further discussion and the motion passed on a voice vote. Motion by Steve/KE7TLS seconded by Mike/AG7XG to elect the slate as proposed. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously. The following individuals were elected to one-year terms:

Chairperson: Charlie Zurenko, N2TFS

1st Vice-Chairperson: Ray Vasquez, K4RMV

2nd Vice-Chairperson: Tom Cloonan, NL7FQ

Secretary: Lee Ilse, K7OED

Note: Steve Miller/W6SDM will remain in the past chair position, as Lee Ilse/K7OED cannot fill two positions simultaneously.

### **2022-2023 Hamfest Calendar Review: (Bolded\* Entries Indicate ARCA Meetings)**

1. September 17: Show Low Tailgate and Swapfest
2. **September 24: RST Tucson Autumn Hamfest\***
3. October 1: Tonto Amateur Radio Association Ham Swapfest (Payson)
4. **October 29: COPAfest and 2022 ARRL State Convention (Maricopa)\***
5. November 5: HARKfest Tailgate Hamfest (Congress)
6. November 12: Oro Valley Hamfest
7. **December 3: Superstition Superfest (Mesa)\***

8. January 14<sup>th</sup>: Thunderbird Hamfest (Glendale)
9. January 23-28: Quartzfest (Quartzite)
10. **February 17-18: Yuma Hamfest (Tentative)\***
11. **TBD March: Scottsdale Springfest (Tentative)\***
12. TBD April: DeVry Hamfest (Tentative)
13. May 6: Cochise Hamfest (Sierra Vista)
14. TBD May: Prescott Hamfest (Tentative)
15. **TBD July: White Mountain Hamfest (Tentative)**

**Date and Time of Next Meeting:** September 24, 2022, 11:00 AM RST Hamfest (Tucson)

Motion to adjourn by Dave/N7ZPY seconded by Scott/WI7Y. All in favor. None opposed.

**12:13 PM Meeting adjourned.**

Respectfully Submitted:

Lee/K7OED

ARCA Outgoing Chair/Incoming Secretary

## **ARCA 2022 Annual Meeting Attendees**

### **In-Person**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Call Sign</b>	<b>Club</b>	<b>Position</b>
Lee Ilse	K7OED	ARCA	Chair
Charlie Zurenko	N2TFS	ARCA	1st Vice-Chair
Gary Hamman	K7GH	ARCA	2nd Vice-Chair
Ray Vasquez	K4RMV	ARCA	Secretary
Lance Halle	KW7LH	ARCA	Repeater Chair
Mike Childers	K7URK	MARCA	Visitor
Rick Tejera	K7TEJ	TBARC	Visitor
Brandi Bridges	W6FPT	AZRCC	Visitor
Mark Steel	KI7RB	AZRCC	Delegate
Jerry Quenneville	K1GJQ	CARL	Visitor
Clifford Bailey	WA7GBL	SARBA	Visitor
Scott Bushman	WI7Y	MARA	Alternate
Charles Whitlatch	W7VF	AMO	Delegate
Mike Hanks	AG7XQ	NADXA	President
Larry Gilbert	WB7EUJ	NADXA	Visitor
Bob Wertz	NF7E	NADXA	Visitor
John Snedden	KT7P	YARC	President
Stephen Thomas	KE7TLS	ANSR	Alternate
Steve Whipple	KI7NMX	CARA	Visitor
Shauna Whipple	KI7MJY	CARA	Visitor
Stephanie Whipple	KI7NNC	CARA	Visitor
Jeff Hanna	WB7RFY	YARC	Delegate
Lori Cripps	WA7EDI	MMRG	Delegate

### **On-Line**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Call Sign</b>	<b>Club</b>	<b>Position</b>
Christine Kesauer	N7PVL	ARCA	Moderator/Treasurer
Gary Pierce	AE7GP	OVARC	Delegate
Steve Crumley	WB7BYV	Repeater Owner	
Douglas Besemer	K0VPL	AzRCCC	Alternate
Allan Tuffelmire	KF7LRD	Repeater Owner	
Richard M Jones	W0PZD	SADXA	Delegate
Tom Cloonan	NL7FQ	YCARES	Delegate
Don Sears	N7PLL	VVARA	President/Delegate
Eric Osterberg	N0NKI	Repeater Owner	
Dave Hall	N7ZPY	MARCA	Delegate

Bob Hollister	N7INK	CARA	Alternate
TD Kennard	N7ISR	ARA	Delegate
Phil Brunner	AE7OH	CARC	Delegate
Gary Lenzi	W7MIN	EARRS	Delegate
Thomas Boza	NE7X	CADXA	Delegate
Mark Kirch	AK0MK	Gila County RACES	Visitor
Tony Bogusz	W9MT	CRC	Delegate
Alan Komenski	AC2K	RST	Delegate
Hanna Nkulu	KK7EKD	K7UAX - UofA	Alternate
Forrest Phillips	KJ7YYI	GCARES	Visitor
Jim Kuck	N7EOW	DARC	Delegate
Jim Felkey	N7BBS	CARL	Delegate
Pink Foster	K7ILA	HARK	President/Delegate
Rick Rogers	K7RCR	GVARC	President/Delegate
Cass Kuck	KK7CZ	DARC	Alternate
Jeffrey Seligman	K2VNT	CRC	President