



ARCA Meeting Minutes

Maricopa Hamfest and ARRL Arizona Section Convention

October 29, 2022

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by ARCA Chair Charlie Zurenko, N2TFS at 11:06 AM. A sign-in list was circulated for in-person attendees who introduced themselves. A total of 37 individuals were in attendance (18 in person and 19 on-line via Go-To-Meeting).

Chair's Report, Charlie Zurenko/N2TFS: Charlie thanked everyone for attending and thanked the Maricopa club for hosting the meeting in conjunction with a great hamfest. He also noted that this is ARCA's 55th year as a corporate entity and we will be having cake to celebrate after the meeting.

First Vice-Chair's Report, Ray Vasquez/K4RMV: Ray welcomed all guests and representatives and noted that this has been another great hamfest. He requested that if clubs need assistance in putting on their hamfests they can contact the ARCA staff as we have equipment available for use and will help publicize the event.

Second Vice-Chair's Report, Tom Cloonan/NL7FQ: Tom apologized for not being particularly active for the last couple of months while recovering from surgery, but is looking forward to getting more involved in ARCA activities in the near future as his recovery progresses.

Secretary's Report, Lee Ilse/K7OED: Lee stated that the draft minutes from the September meeting had been emailed to all for review. Dave/N7ZPY noted that the third page of the draft included some redundant wording, and Lee took the action to make the correction. Motion by Dave/N7ZPY seconded by Gary/K7GH to approve the minutes as amended. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report, Chris Kesauer, N7PVL: Chris reported that we had to void and reissue one of the club grant checks, spent \$75 to reserve the room for this meeting, and spent \$4.06 for mail forwarding fees. Income included membership renewal dues from Catalina Radio Club and interest on the grant and scholarship funds. We have no current liabilities and our assets total \$43,964.99 which includes the value of the 2008 ARCA trailer. Motion by Dave/N7ZPY seconded by Tony/W9MZ to accept the report as presented. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

Past Chair's report, Steve Miller/W6SDM: Steve was manning the ARCA booth in the parking lot so was not available to present a report.

Old Business:

Club Membership Renewals: Charlie/N2TFS noted that the Gila County RACES group is our newest ARCA affiliated club. He welcomed them and apologized for not recognizing them last month. Several of their members were attending online including Mark/AK0MK and Woody/KJ7YYI. Charlie thanked them for attending virtually and stated that we hope to see them in person at a future meeting. Mark stated that he hopes to be at Superstition in December.

Charlie also noted that ARCA club renewals are due by the end of December; renewal forms and club membership rosters can be sent in via email and dues can be paid via Paypal or Zelle. He also reminded folks that if you don't renew and fall off the ARCA affiliated list you will no longer be eligible for ARCA grants or scholarships, so please ensure that whoever from your club is responsible for submitting this information is aware that the due date is rapidly approaching.

ARCA Golf Cart Update: Charlie/N2TFS reported that we have replaced the batteries and charger in the golf cart and it is now fully operational. We still have some work to do in the ARCA trailer to install the solar panels and charge controller, and will continue to work on this over the next week. The good news is that we are well under the budget that was approved last month. The golf cart and trailer are available for viewing out in the parking lot for those who would like to see it. Many thanks to Frank/KB7IQ for his expertise in helping select the right batteries and charger and helping with the installation, as well as towing the trailer to the hamfest.

New Business:

Quartzfest: Charlie/N2TFS mentioned that ARCA plans to participate in Quartzfest in January. This event is attended by hams from all over the country and is a great forum to promote the good work we do here in Arizona. If your club is interested in participating please get in touch with him.

Yuma Hamfest/ARRL Southwest Division Convention: ARRL Section Manager Rick/W7RAP reported that the Yuma clubs have decided not to hold a hamfest in 2023. The primary reason is that they lost three of the key individuals who actually put on the event, including Jack/KC7DUU who originally started the event many years ago. A secondary consideration is that the Yuma County Fairgrounds are now being rebuilt, which has caused an increase in the grounds rental fee. He also cautioned that although there have been times in the past when it looked like the event would not happen and then did, at this point there is only a very small chance of resolving the problem for 2023. A smaller event for 2024 is being planned, but due to the changes at the grounds this will no longer permit the large number of RV camping spaces.

As a result, ARRL Southwest Division Director Dick Norton/N6AA has asked Rick to investigate the possibility of holding the 2023 SW Division Convention here at COPAfest. Rick has asked John/W7JL to assist in exploring options and soliciting volunteers. Charlie asked if there were any volunteers from the group that would be willing to help in this endeavor – Debbie/KJ7MIQ stated that she is willing to assist.

ADAW Newsletter: Lori/WA7EDI complemented Chris/N7PVL for the great job she does putting out the Arizona Desert Airwaves (ADAW) newsletter.

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

1. November 5: HARKfest Tailgate Hamfest (Congress)
2. November 12: Oro Valley Hamfest
3. November 19: West Valley Electronics Club Tailgate Swap
4. **December 3: Superstition Superfest (Mesa)***
5. January 14th: Thunderbird Hamfest (Glendale)
6. January 23-28: Quartzfest (Quartzite)
7. February 17-18: Yuma Hamfest (Now Cancelled)
8. **18 March: Scottsdale Springfest***
9. March 25: RST Spring Hamfest (Tucson)
10. April 8: DeVry Hamfest (Tentative)
11. May 6: Cochise Hamfest (Sierra Vista)
12. TBD May: Prescott Hamfest (Tentative)

Date and Time of Next Meeting: December 3, 2022, 11:00 AM Superstition Hamfest (Mesa)

Motion to adjourn by Dave/N7ZPY seconded by Patrick/KI4NSF. All in favor. None opposed.

11:34 AM Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted:

Lee/K7OED
ARCA Secretary

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In-Person Attendees

| Attendee Name | Call | Club | Designation |
|-------------------|--------|---------------|----------------------------|
| Charlie Zurenko | N2TFS | ARCA | Chair |
| Ray Vasquez | K4RMV | ARCA | 1 st Vice Chair |
| Lee Ilse | K7OED | ARCA | Secretary |
| Gary Hamman | K7GH | AARC | President |
| Lori Cripps | WA7EDI | MMRG | Delegate |
| Mark Steel | KI7RB | AZRCCC | Delegate |
| Brandi Bridges | W6FPT | AZRCCC | Visitor |
| Jerry Quenneville | K1GJQ | CARL | Delegate |
| Thomas Boza | NE7X | CADXA | Delegate |
| Brian McCarthy | AK7F | ARA | President |
| Patrick Baldwin | KI7NSF | ARA | Delegate |
| John Gesell | KB7JJG | YC ARES/RACES | Delegate |
| David Bjorgaard | KK7FZD | RST | Delegate |
| Ron Peters | WB9EXL | MARCA | Visitor |
| Norm Johnson | AA7OO | MARCA | President |
| Ken Hartzler | N7YW | MARCA | Visitor |
| Dave Hall | N7ZPY | MARCA | Delegate |
| Rick Paquette | W7RAP | ARRL | SM |

On-Line Attendees

| Attendee Name | Call | Club | Designation |
|-------------------|-------|-------|----------------------------|
| Christine Kesauer | N7PVL | ARCA | Moderator/Treasurer |
| Tom Cloonan | NL7FQ | ARCA | 2 nd Vice-Chair |
| Bob Hollister | N7INK | CARA | Delegate |
| Charles Whitlatch | W7VF | AMO | Delegate |
| Tony Bogusz | W9MT | CRC | Delegate |
| Gary Lenzi | W7MIN | EAARS | Delegate |
| Don Sears | N7PLL | VVARA | Delegate/President |

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| Jeff Hanna | WB7RFY | YARC | Delegate |
| Pink Foster | K7ILA | HARK | Delegate/President |
| Walter Reinert | NJ8G | TBARC | Delegate |
| Woody Phillips | KJ7YYI | GCRACES | Delegate |
| Angie Buchanan | N7EMB | AZ Sunbums | Delegate |
| Dick Jones | W0PZD | SADXA | Delegate |
| Clayton Jacobs | KJ6QJS | ANSR | Delegate/President |
| Debbi Smith | KJ7MIQ | CHRC | Delegate/VP |
| Sarah Li | K7SLI | K7UAZ - UofA | President |
| Mark Kirch | AK0MK | GCRACES | President |
| Charlie Kotan | K0TAN | LBARA | Delegate |
| Doug Besemer | K0PVL | K7ARC | Alternate Delegate |

37 Total Attendees