



ARCA Annual Meeting Minutes Flagstaff Hamfest June 14, 2025

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chair Charlie Zurenko/N2TFS at 11:35 AM. The meeting was delayed from its planned start at 11:00 AM because of a scheduling issue with the auditorium that required the Repeater Owners Committee meeting to be held at 11:00 and a subsequent technical issue with internet access. A sign-in sheet was circulated for in-person attendees, and on-line attendees were recorded in the ZOOM call. A total of 57 people attended either in-person or via ZOOM representing 37 different Arizona member amateur clubs, the ARRL, and the ARCA staff.

Chair's Report, Charlie Zurenko/N2TFS: Charlie welcomed all to the ARCA annual meeting and thanked the NADX association for putting on a great hamfest and noted that most attendees appreciated the ability to go from the hall to the swapfest parking lot without having to go up and down a set of stairs. It has been his privilege to serve as the ARCA chair for the past 3 years but he looks forward to the election of a new chair later today. He encouraged ARCA clubs and delegates to run for positions in the coming years as there is lots of work to be done.

First Vice-Chair's Report, Rick Aldom/W7STS: Rick reviewed upcoming hamfests and advised the group the list is available on the ARCA website. Additionally, the Yuma Hamfest and SW Division Convention will be February 27-28, 2026.

Second Vice-Chair's Report, Brian McCarthy/AK7F: Brian has completed the annual equipment inventory of ARCA assets. The gear has been reorganized, and the trailer is stored at his house. He also noted that he has put forward a proposal to acquire a new Owl camera as a way of replacing some of the other outdated AV equipment that we have – the proposal will be discussed later under new business.

Secretary's Report, Janice Enloe/KI6WCK: Janice was absent as she was in the process of moving out of state. Past Chair Lee Ilse/K7OED noted that there were three minor corrections to Janice' draft minutes from the April meeting at the Red Cross, and the corrected version had been emailed to all clubs. Dave Hall/N7ZPY moved to accept the minutes as amended. The motion was seconded by Mike Boger/W7IJ. There was no discussion, and the motion passed by a voice vote.

Treasurer's Report, Chris Kesauer/N7PVL: Chris apologized that she was unable to display the report to the online members because of network difficulties in the room, but the report is posted in the Dropbox for all to review, but gave the report as of June 7, 2025.

Checking account: The initial balance of \$33,639.03 as of April 12, 2025. Income of \$5,816.59 included a transfer from the Scholarship Account and a \$50 donation from Fry's Foods. If you shop at Fry's have a Fry's card, you can designate ARCA as the beneficiary of a portion of their donation fund at no cost to you. We had expenses including disbursement of \$4902.96 of license plate funds to member clubs, \$500 for the UofA club grant, liability and equipment insurance cost of \$1,146.70 and other admin expenses for a total of \$6860.50. The checking account balance is \$32,595.12.

PayPal Cash flow: The PayPal account balance in April was \$3,507.74. We had membership income of \$20 from Yuma Auxiliary Communications Club and a \$0.89 fee for a revised balance of \$3,526.85.

Grant Fund: The April balance was \$23,986.30. We transferred \$500 to checking to pay the UofA club grant and had \$0.38 in interest income resulting in a revised balance of \$23,486.68.

Scholarship Fund: The April balance was \$5,532.98. We accrued interest of \$0.07, and transferred \$5,000 transfer to the checking account in anticipation for awarding our 2025 scholarship award. The revised balance is \$533.05.

Corporate Balance Sheet: Assets including cash and equipment equity totals \$61,868.97 with no liabilities.

Chris also stated that there are license plate fund checks that haven't been cashed yet, so please check the address that your club has on file to ensure the checks are going to the correct address. And finally, she noted that we have received a donation \$955 from the estate of Bob Burleson/KG7QJ (SK). This donation was received after the report was prepared so it will be included in the next quarterly report.

Past Chair's Report, Lee Ilse/K7OED: He stated that he had nothing else to cover that won't be covered under new business.

Frequency Coordinator's Committee Report: The committee held a short meeting immediately prior to the ARCA meeting. Items of note from that meeting are that Matt Lunati/N7OI is retaking the position of 6M coordinator, and Joe Godfrey/AE7JG is now the 440 coordinator. Chris Radicke/N7TWW has volunteered to take over 1.2 MHz because of the passing of Tom Sharp/WA9OXY but is still transitioning. Charlie Zurenko was elected to replace Lance Halle/KW7LH as the committee chair.

Old Business: Maricopa ARA Grant Request: During the April meeting Michael Mills/NO7S gave a presentation on the MARA grant request in the amount of \$1,500.00 to help fund amateur radio equipment for use by 4H club youth. The initiative is in partnership with both 4H and the University of Arizona Cooperative Extension Service. Due to the untimely death of the MARA president prior to the April meeting, the MARA club had not had an opportunity to address questions raised by the ARCA board. Since that time, MARA has answered most board questions and submitted a revised request in the amount of \$2,509.88. This revised request could not be approved at this meeting because it differed from the original that was briefed in April. Michael/NO7S answered several questions from the floor about the intent and the amount of the request during discussion. Lee/K7OED moved to

approve the grant request in the original amount of \$1,500. The motion was seconded by Jerry/K1GJQ, and the motion passed with most in favor and only two opposed.

New Business: Brian/AK7F gave a presentation on the Owl integrated camera and audio system that has twice been used for ARCA meetings at the Arizona Red Cross. The system consists of a camera unit, an extension microphone, a wireless USB controller, and a carrying case. Total cost including shipping is \$1,640.06. The board recommends purchasing the system, but this is above the expenditure level that the board can approve. Motion by Chris/N7PVL seconded by Lee/K7OED to approve the purchase in an amount not to exceed \$1,650.00. Online members have noted that previous experience with the Owl system is much better than the existing A/V equipment that ARCA has been using the past few years. Several member clubs noted that this would have helped eliminate the problems we are experiencing during today's meeting. There was no further discussion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Scholarship Award Presentation: Charlie/N2TFS announced that this year's scholarship winner is Mr. Landon Gale/AI7HE of the Center for Amateur Radio Learning. Landon was not present, but Jerry/K1GJQ accepted the award on his behalf and will present the \$5,000 check to Landon at the next CARL meeting.

Ham/Young Ham of the Year Awards: Charlie/N2TFS noted that we had four nominations for Ham of the Year. They were:

Mr. John Braden, K7LKL, nominated by the Arizona Repeater Association

Ms. Sue Rogers, W7SKH, nominated by the SunLife ARC

Mr. James Wasson, N7ELL, nominated by the Scottsdale ARC

Mr. Jim Zimmerman, N6KZ, nominated by the Yavapai ARC

The nominations were reviewed and voted on by the last 11 Ham of the Year Winners. Sue Rogers was declared the winner, and although she was not present today, Charlie will arrange for a presentation at a SunLife club meeting.

Mr. Cameron Legan, KK7OLN was nominated by the Radio Society of Tucson as the Young Ham of the Year and was the only nomination. Cameron was not present, but Charlie will arrange with the RST club to present his award at an RST meeting.

Additional Youth Participation: Rick/W7STS noted that we had only single nominations for Young Ham of the Year and Scholarships this year. He requested that member clubs look for local schools where we may be able to bring in more youth participation and provide ideas to ARCA on how we can develop some tools for clubs to bring youth into the hobby. James/KJ7JHE said he has ideas and will forward them to the ARCA email address.

Annual Election of Officers: Charlie/N2TFS announced that he has reached his term limit after serving three years as ARCA chair, so he is unable to serve another term but will transition to the Past Chair position. ARCA Secretary Janice/KI6WCK is in the process of moving to Virginia and will also be unable to serve another term. Vice-Chairs Rick/W7STS and Brian/AK7F are not term limited

and able to serve another term in their current positions. The treasurer is appointed by the board and is not subject to vote. The following nominations were submitted during the April meeting:

Chair: James Wasson/W7ELL
1st Vice-Chair: Rick Aldom/W7STS
2nd Vice-Chair: Brian McCarthy/AK7F
Patrick Baldwin/KI4NSF
Secretary: David Bjorgaard/K7ACE

Nominations for uncontested positions were approved by acclimation. A roll call vote of individual clubs was conducted for the 2nd Vice Chair position. After tallying the votes, Charlie announced that Brian/AK7F was re-elected to the 2nd Vice-Chair position. He congratulated all winners and thanked them for their willingness to devote their time and effort to serve ARCA.

The ARCA Board for the 2025-2026 year will be:

Chair: James Wasson/W7ELL
1st Vice-Chair: Rick Aldom/W7STS
2nd Vice-Chair: Brian McCarthy/AK7F
Secretary: David Bjorgaard/K7ACE
Past Chair: Charlie Zurenko/N2TFS
Treasurer: Chris Kesauer/N7PVL

Hamfest Calendar Review:

September 13: Rim Country Hamfest (Overgaard)
September 27: RST Fall Hamfest (Tucson)*
November 1: HARKfest (Wickenburg)
November 8: Oro Valley Hamfest (Marana)
December 6: Superstation Superfest (Mesa)*

Date and Time of Next Meeting: September 27, 2025 at 11:00 AM at the Radio Society of Tucson Hamfest.

Motion to Adjourn: Lee Ilse/K7OED moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Rick Aldom/W7STS. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 12:25 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lee Ilse/K7OED
ARCA Past Chair

ARCA Annual Meeting Attendance Report September 14, 2024

In Person Attendees

Attendee Name	Call Sign	Club	DEL – Alt – Officer - Visitor
Charlie Zurenko	N2TFS	ARCA	Chair
Rick Aldom	W7STS	ARCA	First Vice-Chair
Brian McCarthy	AK7F	ARCA	Second Vice-Chair
Christine Kesauer	N7PVL	ARCA	Treasurer
Lee Ilse	K7OED	ARCA	Past Chair
David Nolan	K0NNN	CHRC	Delegate
Rod Fritz	WB9KMO	ATN-AZ	Delegate
Jerry Quenneville	K1GJQ	CARL	Delegate
Gary Hamman	K7GH	AARC	Delegate
Steven Wood	W1SR	OVARC	Delegate
Mike Boger	W7IJ	Sun Bums	Alternate
Shari Nolan	KK7RCH	Chandler	Delegate
John Gessel	KB7JJG	YCARES	Delegate
Bernie Sakowicz	W1RAD	YCARES	Alternate
Rick Paquette	W7RAP	Kachina	Delegate
Michael Mills	NO7S	MARA	Delegate
Thomas Boza	NE7X	CADXA	Delegate
James Wasson	N7ELL	SARC	Delegate
Vicki Zumwalt	N6KLS	NAZ Dig Rptr	Delegate
Matt Lunati	N7OEI	Kachina	Alternate
John Snedden	KT7P	YARC	Alternate
Eve Glantz	W7EVE	Superstition	Alternate
Dave Hall	N7ZPY	MARCA	Delegate
Jeff Hanna	WB7RFY	YARC	Delegate
Dennis Bietry	KE7EJF	ARA	President
Dick Norton	N6AA	ARRL	Visitor
Bob Wertz	NF7E	NADXA	Visitor
Jim Fortney	K6IYK	ARRL	Visitor
Byron Wilkinson	WD7J	YARC	Visitor
Ed Larson	KI6R	Saddlebrook	Visitor
Ron Peters	WB9EXL	MARCA	Visitor
Steve Crumley	WB7BYV	NA 900Mhz	Visitor
Brian Rackham	WA7ZHJ	None	Visitor

On-Line Attendees

Attendee Name	Call Sign	Club	Del - Alt - Officer - Visitor
Bob Stephens	AF9W	OVARC	Delegate
Tom Fulmer	N7TKF	YACS	Alternate
Walter Reinert	NJ8G	CADXA	Delegate
Clifford Bailey	WA7GBL	SARBA	Visitor
Glenn Cascino	WN0EHE	none	Visitor
Martin Nau	W5MHN	CARA	Delegate
Charles Whitlatch	W7VF	AMO	Delegate
Paul Bennett	KD7KDO	MARCA	Officer
George Cameron	N7GRC	HARK	Delegate/Officer
David Bjorgaard	K7ACE	RST	Delegate
Joe Godfrey	AE7JG	ARA	Visitor
Joe Bakas	KE7WHE	ARA	Alternate
Jon Harruff	AA8AE	CHRC	Visitor
Richard Jones	W0PZD	SADXA	Delegate
Avery Davis	WB4RTP	CRC	Delegate
Mike Nester	KL7KTP	GVARC	Delegate
Hal Hostetler	WA7BGX	CARBA	Visitor
Mark Hergesheimer	KD6WLY	OC902	Officer
Dave Kaczorowski	K7DMK	SARBA	Alternate
Gary Duffield	WK7B	TBARC	Delegate
Clayton Jacobs	KJ6QJS	ANSR	Delegate/Officer
Christopher Buchanan	N7JND	Az Sun Bums	Delegate
Ryan Adney	WA7TA	AHSARC	Delegate
Forrest Phillips	KJ7YYI	GEMCOM	Delegate

Attendance:

In-Person	33
On-line	24
Total	57