

Minutes -- ACARA May 18, 2004

Attendance:

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| John Biddle | W8PG |
| Mike Brown | AB8NA |
| Marion Crawley | K8MMC |
| John Cornwell | NC8V |
| Jim Crouse | KC8OVB |
| Carl Denbow | N8VZ |
| Scott Jarvis | AB8SQ |
| Drew McDaniel | W8MHV |
| John McCutcheon | N8XWO |
| Eric McFadden | WD8RIF |
| Richard Post | KB8TAD |
| Jeff Slattery | N8SUZ |
| John Thomas | KC8JWZ |
| Greg Weinfurtner | NS8O |

The meeting was called to order at 7:36 pm by President Drew McDaniel, W8MHV.

The minutes of the April meeting were accepted as published.

Treasurer Jim Crouse, KC8OVB, presented the Treasurer's Report. The Treasurer's Report was accepted as distributed.

Old Business:

Athens Hamfest

W8MHV declared the hamfest to be a terrific success.

KC8OVB reported that there was an attendance of 335; this is the second highest attendance ever. Six promotional tickets from the forty-eight sent to other clubs were redeemed. He reported that the club made \$1,510 net profit from the event.

NC8V reported that the Rec Center had been very accomodating.

Cross
W8MHV thanked the Red Cross. KC8OVB reported that the Red made approximately \$350.

Field Day -- June 26-27.

N8XWO reported that the "Ad-Hoc Field Day Committee" has been meeting. He mentioned that the event starts at 2pm local time June 26.

N8XWO explained that the ACARA effort will take place at the NC8V caboose at 15100 E. Scatter Ridge Road. Set-up will occur at 6:30pm on Thursday, June 24.

N8XWO listed some of the possible sources of extra points:

newspapers

Media Coverage -- N8XWO will contact the local

Emergency Power

Natural Power -- N8XWO will provide solar-charged
batteries

Public Information Table -- W8MHV has materials

W1AW Bulletin, CW

Site Visit by agency official --

KC80VB suggested Red Cross

N8XWO suggested Athens Mayor or township

trustee

N8XWO reminded the club that the event is "Bring Your Own
Food".

There is a fridge in the caboose.

participate

N8XWO passed around a sign-up sheet. Those wishing to
should contact N8XWO

N8XWO asked if the club should field a 1A (one transmitter)
or 2A (two transmitters) effort. The consensus was that there
won't be enough operators for a 2A effort. NC8V suggested that
CW should be used only at night--SSB is much more interesting
for visitors to see.

KC80VB asked if a special email should be sent out inviting
participation.

AC-ARA domain name

N8SUZ reported that the AC-ARA domain name is due for renewal.
He bought the domain name last year with his own funds and the
domain is hosted on the Athens High School server. He asked
that the club pick up the renewal fees and explained that
the fee varies with the number of years and that the best
rate is \$69.75 for five years. He moved that the club renew
the domain name for the five year period. The motion was
passed unanimously.

Repeater

N8VZ asked that a subcommittee be formed to investigate
the intermod/interference issues over the summer. He
nominated NS80, WD8RIF, and W8MHV and each accepted.
The committee is to report in the fall.

N8VX reported that he spoke with members of the Ohio Area
Repeater Council about the possibility of changing the
repeater frequency but got very little support from

the Council. He did manage to get copies of the Ohio Repeater Directory which he distributed to the members present.

New Business:

June Meeting/Picnic -- June 15, 5:30pm

W8MHV asked if the club would again like to have a picnic for the June meeting. The members agreed that they would. W8MHV asked where it should be held. The consensus was that the park on Richland Avenue is the best location. The club will provide meat (burgers, dogs, brats), buns, and condiments. Members are to bring beverages, a covered dish to share, plates, and utensils.

Advanced Storm Spotter Class -- Monday May 24, 6-8pm

N8SUZ announced the upcoming Advanced Storm Spotters class which is being given 6-8pm Monday May 24 at the Red Cross building. Attendees do not have to have taken the basic class.

Boy Scouts "Jamboree on the Air" -- October 16

N8SUZ reported that the Boy Scouts "Jamboree on the Air" (JOTA) is October 16 this year. He asked whether the club should sponsor a couple of stations. He will coordinate with the Scout Council. K8MMC announced that his station will be available for scout visitors.

Program:

W8MHV presented a beginner's look at EchoLink. He discussed the concept and demonstrated the software. N8VZ maintains an EchoLink node at his house and can operate it over 440MHz.

N8SUZ followed up with a brief discussion about TelPac and passed out a brochure on the mode.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55pm by W8MHV

Respectively submitted, William McFadden, Secretary