

Athens Country Amateur Radio Association

Minutes of the meeting of
February 21, 2006

In Attendance:

John Biddle	W8PG
John Cornwell	NC8V
Marion Crawley	K8MMC
Jim Crouse	KC8OVB
Carl Denbow	N8VZ
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Bob Mayer	
James L. Mayer	W5XF
John McCutcheon	N8XWO
Drew McDaniel	W8MHV
Rich Post	KB8TAD
John Thomas	KC8JWZ
Daemon Zen-Eagle	

The meeting was called to order at 19:30 by Drew McDaniel (W8MHV).

REVIEW OF MINUTES January 17, 2002 meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Jim Crouse presented the treasurer's report. Funds shown as unencumbered amounted to \$2,427.94. This total is money held by ACARA that have not yet been committed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Athens Hamfest 2006

W8MHV reported he had signed the contract with Athens County Convention and Visitors Board for a \$300 grant. KC8OVB, who will handle mailing of postcard reminders, asked W8MHV to print 1,200 cards by the end of March. He also asked for 100 flyers for distribution to ham clubs within the region by March 20. KC8OVB will check with Red Cross about food concession. A walk-through was planned for a time in April to be decided later.

Ham Radio Class

N8XWO reported that five people remain in the class.

Exams will be administered in April by VEs from the club. Walk-ins accepted for testing.

Marathon

Scheduled for April 2, 2006. NC8V, acting as liaison, reported that he had just attended a planning meeting. No changes in the route from previous year. Those in attendance were asked

to report their availability for manning posts.
Need for four additional operators noted.

Repeater

No report as WD8RIF has been deployed to Turkey for a few weeks.

Field Day

W8MHV reported that he had spoken with Constantine Faller who is presenting a plan to schedule the Sustainability group, Athens' Own Market jointly with ACARA Field Day operations. No response yet from the Fair Board.

NEW BUSINESS:

Plans were set for the Saturday, March 18, 2006 trip to the Museum of Radio and Technology, Inc., in Huntington. This event replaces the usual March ACARA meeting.

PLEASE NOTE: All members will gather at Red Cross at 9am on March 19 for the trip. Bob Mayer and N8XWO agreed to drive vans to share rides.

W8MHV and possibly others also volunteered to drive. After arrival, we will hold a brief business meeting, have a tour of the museum, then return to Athens. Along the way back we will all stop for lunch together.

PROGRAM:

KB8TAD presented his latest homebrew project, an authentic National SW-3 look-alike. Handouts, demonstrations, and photos followed. The project can be seen at <http://oak.cats.ohiou.edu/~postr/bapix/30sRegen.htm>.

N8XWO presented a workshop on soldering demonstrating proper technique for general soldering, desoldering, and cable splicing. Also, demonstrated was a technique for soldering PL-259 UHF connectors using a gas soldering iron.

Meeting adjourned 21:20.

Respectfully submitted, Drew McDaniel for Eric McFadden, Secretary.