

Athens Country Amateur Radio Association

Minutes of the meeting of April 15, 2008 (as amended)

In Attendance:	John Biddle	W8PG
	Greg Broadhurst	KC8JWY (corrected callsign)
	Jim Crouse	KC8OVB
	Evan Dickenson	K8ELD
	John McCutcheon	N8XWO
	Drew McDaniel	W8MHV
	Eric McFadden	WD8RIF
	Rich Post	KB8TAD
	John Thomas	KC8JWZ

Following the 7:00pm social gathering, the meeting was called to order at 7:36pm by President Drew McDaniel, W8MHV.

The minutes of the March, 2008 meeting were accepted as distributed.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted as presented by treasurer Jim Crouse, KC8OVB.

Old Business

Hamfest -- April 27, 2008

Drew McDaniel, W8MHV, reported that 13 tables of the 32 available have been reserved.

A walkthrough of the venue (Athens Community Recreation Center) will occur on Thursday, April 24 at 2:30pm.

John McCutcheon, N8XWO, asked about PA system and cones. Drew will call about the cones and John will pick them up. Eric McFadden, WD8RIF, will contact Ron Chapman about the PA system.

Drew passed around a worker sign-up sheet. He stated that it is important for the gates to be manned by 6am.

John McCutcheon will bring the check-in station. John Thomas, KC8JWZ, will be the primary check-in operator.

Eric McFadden reported that Universal is providing door prizes. Eric is arranging shipment of these items. Jim Crouse will contact R&L and MFJ for door prizes.

Jim Crouse asked about cash prizes. He said that last year the two \$50 bills weren't awarded. It was decided to again have

two \$50 bills and one \$100 bill as the main prizes. Jim asked about the dollar check-in prizes. It was decided to give away fifteen presidential dollar coins.

Drew was asked about W4SCO software offer the club received in February. (To summarize, W4SCO has asked that the ACARA sell his computer-logging software at the hamfest for \$20 and keep \$10 of each sale for itself. Drew was to ask W4SCO for a demo of the software before the club was to commit.) Drew reported that he did send an email to W4SCO asking for a demo-version of the software to evaluate but received no response.

Repeater

Eric McFadden reported that the repeater has been operating well. He will visit the site soon to prepare it for spring.

Athens Marathon

Jim Crouse reported that the ACARA again provided good communications support to the event. He extended his thanks to all who helped.

Field Day -- June 28-29

John McCutcheon reported that Field Day is approaching.

Eric McFadden reported that Mike Hansgen, AA8EB, who now lives in north-central Ohio, will not be able to participate with the ACARA this year. Eric added that he, himself, might be unable to participate this year. John said that with those two operators unable to participate, the ACARA might not have enough operators to put together a Field Day operation.

Jim Crouse reported that on June 29, the Sunday of Field Day weekend, there's an emergency exercise in Albany and suggested that the ACARA might put together a smaller operation at the exercise location instead of at the Athens Fairgrounds.

New Business

Ohio University Amateur Radio Club

Drew McDaniel reported that he received a letter from Phil Simila, a former member of the OU ARC in the 1970s when Drew was the club's

advisor. In the letter, Mr. Simila asked that the ACARA building a list of amateurs on campus and work toward reviving the OU ARC.

Drew reported that prior to receiving this letter, he had spoken with the most recent OU ARC advisor, Greg Weinfurtner, NS80, about reviving the club. Greg is unable to continue as advisor and Drew's situation precludes him from taking on the role. Drew said Greg does know where the club's equipment is and that it's mostly older stuff. Drew will follow up with Greg.

Drew suggested that the fundamental problem will be to collect information on amateurs on campus given that the FCC database would have home addresses for licensed students, not campus addresses. He suggested that the ACARA place announcements in the Post asking interested students to contact the ACARA and that the ACARA initially involve licensed students in the ACARA activities while working to revive the OU ARC. Drew asked for and received permission to buy an ad in the Post.

John Cornwell's Estate

Drew asked if anyone knew the status of John Cornwell's (NC8V) estate. Rich Post, KB8TAD, reported that the "big ticket" items are to be sold to Universal Radio and that the rest of John's equipment and supplies will be included in the April 19 Swap Meet and Auction (<http://oak.cats.ohiou.edu/~postr/MRT/calendar.htm>) at the Museum of Radio & Technology in Huntington, West Virginia. (<http://oak.cats.ohiou.edu/~postr/MRT/>).

Program

Rich Post displayed his restored Hallicrafters WR600 receiver. This receiver was offered 1961-1964.

(Amendment: Rich reported that problem with receiver during his demonstration turned out to be a broken connection at the standby-receive switch.)

Drew McDaniel showed a YouTube video about a homebrewer's double-sideband 20m QRP transceiver. Drew said that YouTube has many such videos of interest to radio amateurs and invited the members to explore on their own. (<http://www.youtube.com/>)

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07pm by president Drew McDaniel.

Respectfully submitted, Eric McFadden, Secretary.