

Athens County Amateur Radio Association
Minutes of the meeting of 18 September, 2012

In Attendance:

John Biddle	W8PG
Gary Carter	KD8MSR
Jim Crouse	KC8OVB
Bob Curtis	KD8FRQ
Hans Hake	KD8NLI
Andrew Kann	WA8LIV
John McCutcheon	N8XWO
Drew McDaniel	W8MHV
Eric McFadden	WD8RIF
Roy Plant	KD8PKV
Rich Post	KB8TAD
John Thomas	KC8JWZ
Pete Wickman	KD8MZA

Following the social gathering at 1900, the meeting was called to order by President Eric McFadden WD8RIF at 19:30.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Jim Crouse KC8OVB reported that the current account balance stands at \$1615.98

Secretary's Report

The minutes were accepted as distributed.

Old Business

ACARA 145.450 Repeater

WD8RIF reported that the repeater continues to be function normally. The repeater needs its annual pre-winter maintenance.

440Mhz Repeater

No new information was available.

Field Day 2912, 23-4 June

433 CW QSO's

89 SSB QSO's

522 total QSO's

1910 QSO points
890 Bonus points
2800 total points

Operators: K8PAW, KD8FRQ, KD8KNB, KD8KNC, KD8KND, KD8KPV, KD8MSR,
N8XWO, W8MHV, WD8RIF

Class 1-A with free VHF station at Athens County Fairground

911 Emergency Communications System mobile 50' crank-up tower

Third Sun mobile array was not available, we used KC8OVB's 2kw Honda generator.

KD8PKV attempted FM satellite QSO's

Last year summary: 547 QSO's, 890 Bonus points, 2896 Total points

It was felt that the slight decline in points was due to the excellent 6m opening last year. Without that band, the 2012 Field Day was judged very successful. The club would like to extend it's thanks to all those who participated and all those who assisted.

Disposition of old Repeater Antenna/ Feedline

WD8RIF reported that the cable could still be sold as scrap metal for .30 cents per pound. He advised that he is continuing to store the cable if anyone knows of a use for it.

Bobcat Trail Marathon- Sunday, 4 November 2012

The ACARA has been asked to support this event, and N8SUZ has confirmed our participation.

Club Picnic- 15 June

The picnic offered a variety of tasty dishes, however attendance was lower than last year. The club discussed moving the date of this event to a time when more members were in Athens.

Ohio State Parks On the Air (OSPotA)- 8 September 2012

Once again this year the ACARA participated in OSPotA at the "Bulldog" shelter in Stroud's Run State Park. The club has now participated in this event for each of the five years it has been in existence. This year we had 71 QSO's and worked 27 state parks. N8XWO then suggested that next year we might want to try a horizontal delta-loop on 80 meters, and there followed discussion of whether a fan dipole that would be full-size on 80 might be a better choice.

Operators:

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New Business

Run Like Hell 5k Run- Saturday, 20 October 2012

Kathy Straley asked WD8RIF for support of this event. WD8RIF forwarded the request to N8SUZ who subsequently contacted club members. The Run is a nighttime event done in costume. No information on frequencies has been made available yet. The estimated start time for the event will be 19:30. [More information is available here.](#) Anyone interested in participating should contact N8SUZ.

Nomination of Officers

Current Officers:

President	WD8RIF
Vice-President	W8MHV
Secretary	K8PAW
Treasurer	KC8OVB
Newsletter	K8PAW
Webmaster	N8SUZ
Packet Node	N8SUZ
Repeater Trustee	WD8RIF

Following discussion, nominations were made to return the existing officers to their current positions.

There was discussion of creating a new Trustee position for the UHF repeater, and KD8PKV expressed in the position if it is eventually created.

The election will be held at the next regular meeting of the ACARA.

ARES Class

The club discussed the possibility of holding a classroom session to review current ARES practice. The club was favorably disposed. N8XWO observed that although Athens County has a

relatively large number of HAMS but no Emergency Coordinator, the club might consider forming a pool of operators to participate in county-wide events.

Program

“The Elecraft KX3” was presented by W8MHV.

The meeting was adjourned at 20:51 by President Eric McFadden.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Secretary Pete Wickman.