

## Athens County Amateur Radio Association

### Minutes of the meeting of November 20, 2012 -- corrected

#### In Attendance:

John Biddle	W8PG
Bob Curtis	KD8FRQ
Brock Fowler	KD8TNV
Hans Hake	KD8NLI
Drew McDaniel	W8MHV
Eric McFadden	WD8RIF
John Thomas	KC8JWZ

Following the social gathering at 7:00pm the meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by President Eric McFadden, WD8RIF.

In the absence of Secretary Pete Wickman, K8PAW, the minutes of the October 16, 2012 meeting were distributed by President Eric McFadden, WD8RIF. The minutes were accepted as distributed

In the absence of Treasurer Jim Crouse, KC8OVB, the financial report was distributed by President Eric McFadden, WD8RIF. The Treasurer's report was accepted as distributed.

#### Old Business

##### Run Like Hell 5K Run – Saturday, October 20, 2012

Eric McFadden reported on behalf of Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ.

The *Run Like Hell 5K* is a new event run in support of cystic fibrosis research. Nine club members participated in the club's support of this event:

Jim Crouse	KC8OVB
Bob Curtis	KD8FRQ
Kirk Groeneveld	KC8JRV
Hans Hake	KD8NLI
Eric McFadden	WD8RIF
Miles McFadden	KD8KNC
Jan Slattery	KD8PUJ
Jeff Slattery	N8SUZ
Pete Wickman	K8PAW

The organizers expressed their appreciation of the club's support of their event.

Jeff Slattery thanks all who participated.

## Old Business (cont'd)

### Bobcat Trail Marathon – Sunday, November 4, 2012

Eric McFadden reported on behalf of Jeff Slattery.

Fifteen hams participated in the club's support of this full-length marathon run on the hiking trails around Burr Oak Lake:

Robert Clark	KD8FNL
Jim Crouse	KC8OVB
Bob Curtis	KD8FRQ
Carl Denbow	N8VZ
Jeremy Duncan	KD8QDQ
Kevin Gilday	KD8GVM
Hans Hake	KD8NLI
Ted Jacobson	W8KVK
Walt Jones	WT8E
John McCutcheon	N8XWO
Miles McFadden	KD8KNC
Eric McFadden	WD8RIF
Robert Peoples	N8UVM
John Thomas	KC8JWZ
Pete Wickman	K8PAW

Eric McFadden presented a nineteen-image slideshow of photos made by Jim Crouse, Carl Denbow, John McCutcheon, Eric McFadden, and Miles McFadden.

The event organizers appreciated our support of their event and have already asked for our participation in 2013.

Jeff Slattery thanked all who participated.

The Bobcat Trail Marathon website is here: <http://bobcattrailmarathon.org/>.

## Old Business (cont'd)

### FEMA Training – 7pm Thursday, November 8

Eric McFadden reported on behalf of Jeff Slattery.

Jeff Slattery provided FEMA IS-100.b training in a classroom setting to nine club members on November 8:

John Biddle	W8PG
Bob Curtis	KD8FRQ
Hans Hake	KD8NLI
Chris Howerth	KD8RYJ
Randy Mace	KB8AYZ
Eric McFadden	WD8RIF
Miles McFadden	KD8KNC
Roy Plant	KD8PKV
Brian Shapiro	KC8ZUF

Eric showed two photos of the class.

For those interested in taking self-guided IS-100.b training, visit the following URL and click “Interactive Web-based Course”:

<http://training.fema.gov/emiweb/is/is100b.asp>

### ARRL Field Day Results

Eric McFadden reported that the results of Field Day 2012 were available on-line and in the December issue of *QST*.

The ACARA made 522 QSOs and 2,800 points.

The ACARA placed 33<sup>rd</sup> out of 128 in Class 1A, 4<sup>th</sup> in Class 1A in Ohio, and 4<sup>th</sup> in Class 1A in the Great Lakes Division.

(In 2011, the ACARA placed 35<sup>th</sup> out of 149 in Class 1A.)

Eric presented a twelve-image slideshow of photos from Field Day 2012.

## **New Business**

### **ACARA Club License Renewal**

Eric McFadden reported that the club's license, W8UKE, expires on March 23, 2013. The window for renewal opens December 25, 2012. Eric has alerted the license trustee, Carl Denbow.

### **Holiday Party – 5:30pm, Tuesday, December 18 at Lui Lui**

Eric McFadden reported that he contacted Lui Lui to reserve the large meeting room but was told this wasn't possible because it's "sushi night" but we can reserve the smaller upstairs room. The owner, Jade, is currently in China; the person Eric spoke with will ask Jade about allowing us to reserve the larger room. Eric will follow-up.

As has become traditional, the club will provide hors d'oeuvres and non-alcoholic punch; members and their guests will order dinner from the menu.

Members and their significant others may arrive at 5:30pm for hors d'oeuvres and punch; orders for dinner will begin about 6pm.

### **FEMA Training – 7pm Thursday, November 29, 2012**

Eric McFadden reported on behalf of Jeff Slattery.

Jeff Slattery will provide IS-200.b training in a classroom setting at 7pm on Thursday, November 29, at the Athens High School.

Jeff invites all interested parties to attend, particularly those who have completed IS-100.b training. Members should check their email mailbox for an announcement from Jeff.

### **Technician License Class – Mondays, January 7 through March 11, 2013**

Eric McFadden reported on behalf of Jeff Slattery.

Jeff Slattery will provide Amateur Radio Technician License class again in 2013. The classes meet at the Athens High School Mondays at 7pm beginning January 7; the final test session will be on March 11 at 6:30pm. The flyer is available here:

[http://home.frognet.net/~mcfadden/wd8rif/text/acara/license\\_class\\_2013.pdf](http://home.frognet.net/~mcfadden/wd8rif/text/acara/license_class_2013.pdf)

### **ACARA Hamfest – Sunday, April 28, 2013**

Eric McFadden reported he has applied for ARRL sanction but hasn't yet received confirmation. Eric will reserve use of the Athens Community Center within the next two weeks.

### **ARRL 10 Meter Contest – December 8-9, 2012**

Eric McFadden announced the upcoming ARRL 10 Meter Contest which occurs December 8-9, 2012. As has become traditional, the club will participate in the "Club Competition" portion of this event. All members who participate in the 10 Meter Contest should submit a log to the ARRL with the club name listed in the Cabrillo File header as "Athens County ARA"; they are also asked to notify Eric they participated so he can submit a list of club participants to the ARRL.

Complete rules for the ARRL 10 Meter Contest can be found here:

<http://www.arrl.org/10-meter>

Drew McDaniel, W8MHV, pointed out that with the peak of Solar Cycle 24 approaching, conditions on 10 Meters should be very good.

### **NC8V Memorial Trophy**

Eric McFadden reminded the membership of the *NC8V Memorial Trophy* which will be awarded to the club member achieving the highest score in the ARRL 10 Meter Contest. The trophy recipient will be announced and the trophy awarded at the ACARA Holiday Party on December 18, 2012. Members who participate in the ARRL 10 Meter Contest should notify Eric of their score as submitted to the ARRL.

## **New Business (cont'd)**

### **Southeast Ohio Ham Radio Yard Sale**

Eric McFadden mentioned that Ted Jacobson, W8KVK, has established an on-line "Southeast Ohio Ham Radio Yard Sale" for ham radio operators within Athens, Meigs, Vinton, Hocking, Perry, and Morgan Counties in Ohio: <http://w8kvk.com/yardsale/>.

Eric also mentioned that the club has a classifieds section on its website: <http://ac-ara.org/>. Mouse-over "ACARA Links" and select "Classified Ads".

### **Sale of Phelps-Dodge Super StationMaster Repeater Antenna**

Eric McFadden reported that the club's no-longer-in-service Phelps-Dodge Super StationMaster repeater antenna for \$175 using the "Southeast Ohio Ham Radio Yard Sale" website. The antenna was purchased by a club in Maryland who sent a representative to Athens to pick the antenna up.

### **February Potluck – 6pm Saturday, February 9, 2013**

The members present selected the date of Saturday, February 9, 2013 for the annual February Potluck.

Eric McFadden will ask Jim Crouse, KC8OVB, to reserve the use of the Red Cross Shelterhouse meeting room.

Eric McFadden will ask John McCutcheon, N8XWO, if he would provide a 16mm film "short" or cartoon for entertainment.

Drew McDaniel, W8MHV, volunteered to bring a DXpedition DVD to show; Eric will bring a projector and PC or DVD-player if needed.

Members and their families are invited to meet at 6pm, bringing a dish to share and their own table-service and beverage.

## **American Red Cross**

John Biddle, W8PG, reported that the Athens Chapter of the American Red Cross has a new Executive Director, Jane Patton. Eric McFadden suggested it might be appropriate to invite her to a club meeting to discuss the Chapter's needs and expectations of the ACARA.

Eric asked if the club members would be interested in attending CPR training if this training is still offered by the American Red Cross. Bob Curtis, KD8FRQ, suggested basic first aid training might also be appropriate.

Eric will ask Jim Crouse about the possibilities of meeting with Jane Patton and of arranging CPR/first aid training.

## **Program**

Eric McFadden, WD8RIF, presented a short video, "From Back-Blocks to High Seas --a Romance of the Radio-Telegraph Service"; the video was produced by the New Zealand Post and Telegraph Department sometime between the two World Wars.

Eric McFadden, WD8RIF, made a short presentation on how he has successfully chassis-mounted individual Anderson Powerpole pairs.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:57pm by President Eric McFadden, WD8RIF.

Respectfully submitted by President Eric McFadden, WD8RIF.