

Athens County Amateur Radio Association Meeting Minutes - 11/18/14 (Revised 01/23/2015)

Attendance

Chuck Bennett	WB8CEE
Andy Van Fossen	KD8ZIO
Rich Post	KB8TAD
Robert Moore	KC8KSM
Jim Crouse	KC8OVB
John Thomas	KC8JWZ
Lowell Jacobs	KD8WVY
Eric McFadden	WD8RIF
Bob Curtis	KD8FRQ
Drew McDaniel	W8MHV

Program

Rich Post, KB8TAD gave an interesting presentation: "Radios for the Summer of '42" about the conversion of car radios during WW II to use in the home after cars were no longer produced. This presentation was based on his article of the same name published in the October, 2014 issue of "The Spectrum Monitor" magazine:
<http://www.thespectrummonitor.com/>)

Corrections/additions of Minutes

Several typos were corrected in the minutes of 10/21/14. Jim Crouse, KC8OVB, moved to accept the corrected minutes, and John Thomas, KC8JWZ seconded the proposal. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Jim Crouse, KC8OVB, passed out the report. He observed that funds always seem less this time of year. He reminded the club we are a 501C3 tax exempt organization, for purposes of donations. Also, anything you buy for the club is tax exempt. He has copies of the form needed.

Bob Moore, KC8KSM, moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as distributed. Rich Post, KB8TAD, seconded. It passed unanimously.

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Old Business

VHF Repeater

Eric, WD8RIF reported that Lowell Jacobs (KD8WVY), Miles (KD8KNC), & Eric wrapped the repeater cabinet with 2" foam insulation. That appears to have worked, as it operates even in this cold weather.

Lowell Jacobs, KD8WVY, might be able to offer a Vertex-Standard VXR-9000 VHF repeater to the club to replace the existing repeater RF deck. It was in an OU auction. It is broken, but maybe it can be fixed. Jim, KC8OVB, felt we should get a new one.

The consensus was that we want it.

UHF Repeater

The UHF Repeater Trustee couldn't attend the meeting but sent an abbreviated report to President Eric McFadden who read the report to the assembled members. Jeff would like to replace the existing RF deck with a pair of Motorola GM300 transceivers.

Donation Request to the Athens Marathon Committee

Eric reported that no donation request has yet been made

ARRL Field Day Results

Eric, reported that the results were published in the December, 2014 QST and online:

http://www.arrl.org/results-database?event_id=58360

We got:

- 604 QSOs for 3,152 points
- 18th of 121 in Class 1A (~ top 15%)
- 4th in OH
- 4th in Great Lakes Subdivision

For other years:

- 2013: 16th of 104 in Class 1A (~ top 16%)
- 2012: 33rd out of 128 in Class 1A (~ top 26%)
- 2011: 35th out of 149 in Class 1A (~ top 23%)

Eric showed a slide show of the Field Day activities, and thanked all who set up, tore down, and otherwise helped in the event.

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Run Like Hell 5K Costume Run for Cystic Fibrosis

This was Sunday, October 26, 4:15PM. It went off very well. Eric showed a slide show of the event, and of the volunteers who worked it. He gave his thanks to all who were there.

Bobcat Trail Marathon – November 2, 7AM @ Burr Oak State Park
This event was held on a cold day, and a long day, but was very successful. Again, Eric thanked all who helped.

New Business

MS-Walk:

There will be no Athens MS-Walk in 2015.

Athens Marathon:

It will be Sunday, April 19, 2015, 8am.

Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ, will send emails to request volunteers to help in the event.

Athens Hamfest

It is set for Sunday, April 26, 2014. It, and the VE session included are registered with ARRL.

There was some discussion about raising various fees. In the end, it was decided to leave these as before: Admission is \$5, tables inside will be \$8 in advance.

We will stay in the Community Center, which costs \$300. Jim Crouse hopes to use email instead of postcards this year to save money.

We need fliers ready in time for the Nelsonville Hamfest in January.

ACARA License Class

Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ, will run it, starting Monday, January 5. The class will be held at the Red Cross. It runs for 10 weeks, and the last session will be a VE testing session where testing for all license classes will be available. Members who know people interested in earning their ham license should tell them about the opportunity.

ACARA Holiday Dinner – December 16

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Eric has reserved Stephens (66 North Court Street); he will coordinate with the manager on the appetizer menu .As usual, the club will pay for these and the punch. Families are responsible for their own meals.

ARRL 10-meter contest – December 13-14, 2014

Greg Weinfurter, NS8O, could not be here to discuss this; however he sent a flier with all the details, which urged participation by all members.

February Potluck

The date is Saturday, February 21, the place is here (the Red Cross Building). We will assemble at 5:30 PM, and eat at 6:00 PM. We will ask John McCutcheon, N8XWO, for a suitable film for entertainment.

Jim Crouse moved, and Rich Post seconded, that the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting ended at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Bob Curtis, KD8FRQ, Secretary.