

***Attendance***

Eric McFadden, Chair	WD8RIF
John Biddle	W8PG
Rich Post	KB8TAD
Robert Moore	KC8KSM
Jim Crouse	KC8OVB
John Thomas	KC8JWZ
Bob Curtis	KD8FRQ
Andy Young	KD8WVX
Tom Rockhold	N0OGS
Carl J. Denbow	N8VZ

***Program***

Rich Post, KB8TAD, gave an interesting presentation about command transmitters in bombers during World War II. These were controlled from the cockpit. Rich's example, a BC-696, covers the 80-meter band; other models cover other frequencies.

***Corrections/additions of Minutes***

Bob Curtis, KD8FRQ, passed out copies of the minutes of September 15. There were no corrections or additions offered. Jim Crouse moved to accept them. John Thomas seconded. The minutes were approved.

***Treasurer's Report***

Jim Crouse, KC8OVB, gave the Treasurer's Report. We have \$1333 of unencumbered funds. The new repeaters have been paid for. Some donations have been added. We still haven't gotten a bill for rental of the Recreation Center for the past Hamfest. That is expected to be \$300.

Carl Denbow moved to approve the report. John Thomas seconded the motion. The motion carried.

***Old Business*****VHF Repeater**

Eric McFadden, WD8RIF, the Repeater Trustee, reported that he hasn't yet determined how to provide off-channel control without using external controller in analog-only mode. As mentioned at the last meeting, he may decide to buy the Arcom ADR interface which fixes this problem.

Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ, wrote via email that the Athens County 9-1-1 System plans to provide internet at their sites via microwave-link; the

ACARA can probably use this link. He also said that he will investigate use of Intellwave's internet signal pending availability of the 9-1-1 internet.

Eric mentioned that we need to weatherize the repeater rack for winter.

**Club Construction / Education Project**

The Chair announced that Drew McDaniel, W8MHV, is in charge of this, but since he is not here, we will skip the topic.

**Red Cross Chapter House antenna party**

There is no new information on this from Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ.

**October VE Session – October 19**

Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ, wrote via email that three candidates tested; all three earned Technician licenses. The VEs participating were: Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ; Jim Crouse, KC8OVB; Eric McFadden, WD8RIF; Scott Green, KD8KZG; and Bill Warthman, K8WJW. The Chair thanked all who helped.

**Buckeye Trail Association & Premier Races Full Marathon – Saturday, October 24, 2015**

The marathon will start at Techumsey Lake at 9:00 AM. Registration closes at 8:00AM at Burr Oak Lodge. Runners will be bussed to the start. The marathon will finish at the lodge at Burr Oak State Park. Eric McFadden, WD8RIF and Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ will drive the course Wednesday afternoon to check signals. Eric will serve as net control. Eric expects to need two nets: 2m simplex at 146.400MHz and the Logan 2m repeater at 147.345MHz.

**Susan G. Komen First Annual Race for the Cure – Sunday, October 25**

This is the day after Buckeye Trail Marathon Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ, wrote via email that ACARA has been asked to support this event, which starts at noon and will run on the bike path, city streets, and campus streets. They are expecting up to 1000 participants. There will be two 5 K races, one competitive and one noncompetitive. Jeff will be net control.

**Bobcat Trail Marathon – Saturday, November 7, 2015**

This is the regular event we have supported for several years. Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ, will be in charge. He needs volunteers.

**New Business**

ACARA Holiday Dinner

The Chair suggested Tuesday, December 15. He will try to reserve Stevens again. Last year they were closed on the day when it was scheduled. Other restaurants were suggested as well.

License Class

The Chair announced that the annual license class would start in January and would be held each Monday until the March exam session. Bob Curtis, KD8FRQ, raised an objection to holding the class. Last year, several people started, but by the end there was only one high school student left. No one from the class took the exam. Bob observed that it was a waste of time for the instructors. At the very least, the class should be moved to a period when classes shouldn't be cancelled due to weather. Most of the people involved were not at the meeting, so the Chair decided to hold a discussion on the topic at another time. An alternative plan is to hold a class to upgrade from Technician to a higher license class.

Athens Marathon – Sunday, April 10, 2016

Easter arrives early next year – March 27, so the Marathon is well after it. Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ will be in charge of staffing our net.

Athens Hamfest

The Chair announced that the Hamfest would be April 24, two weeks after the Marathon. There was general agreement with this date.

ARRL Field Day – June 25-26, 2016

There was a discussion about finding a new site. It should include rest room facilities and ideally have an area where observers could congregate away from the actual operators and loggers. It should also have some protection from the weather. An awning fixed on the back of the building might work.

Eric has W8EOG's Mosley TA-33, which is old and may need rebuilding/refurbishing. He would donate it to the Club if they want to put in the funds and labor to fix it up. QST has an article (July, 2015 QST, pp39-40) on rebuilding these.

Eric will ask Drew McDaniel, W8MHV, to find out what other events are happening at the Fairgrounds on that weekend, if the larger building adjacent to the Fairboard Office is available for our use, and to reserve the facility if we don't find something better.

#### New Club Officers

There were 14 ballots cast for each office, with several write ins. The elected members, and their total votes are:

	Elected	Votes
President	Eric McFadden, WD8RIF	13
Vice-President	Drew McDaniel, W8MHV	13
Treasurer	Jim Crouse, KC8OVB	13
Secretary	Bob Curtis, KD8FRQ	13
Newsletter Editor	Andy Young, KD8WVX	14
Webmaster	Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ	14
Packet Node Trustee	Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ	14
Repeater Trustee –	Eric McFadden, WD8RIF	14

#### *Adjournment*

Carl Denbow, N8VZ, moved, and Robert Moore, KC8KSM, seconded a motion that we adjourn. The motion carried.

Meeting adjourned **8:38** PM