

Program

Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ explained the “U.S. Islands Award Program” and showed some scenes of his participation in it at Charles Mill Lake.

Attendance

Eric McFadden, Chair	WD8RIF
Robert Moore	KC8KSM
Jim Crouse	KC8OVB
John Thomas	KC8JWZ
Drew McDaniel	W8MHV
Bob Curtis	KD8FRQ
Jeff Slattery	N8SUZ
Josh Cash	KE8EAS

Corrections/additions of Minutes

Copies of the minutes of the October 18 meeting as amended were passed around. Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ, moved to approve them. Jim Crouse, KC8OVB, seconded the motion. They were approved without dissent.

Treasurer’s Report

The Treasurer, Jim Crouse, KC8OVB, gave the Treasurer’s Report. We have \$1,306.25 in unencumbered funds. We sent \$40 as a donation to the Humane Society in memory of Randy Mace, KB8AYZ, who passed away in September. Jim passed around a thank you note sent by the family. Bob Moore, KC8KSM, moved to accept the report. Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ, seconded the motion. All approved it.

Old Business**VHF Repeater**

Eric, WD8RIF, the Repeater Trustee, reported he has installed the ADR Interface, and has the connectors to build an interface-cable between the existing CAT-300DXL controller and the Yaesu DR1-X System Fusion Repeater through the Interface. He will eventually need to build an attenuator-pad to drop the DR-1X output from 20W to 8W in order to safely drive the 35W Vocom amplifier

UHF Repeater

Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ the UHF Repeater Trustee reported he is still working on building the Arcom RC210 controller.

Club Construction / Education Spring Project – postponed.

Drew McDaniel, W8MHV, had to leave early, so he could not give an update on the project.

Athens Hamfest – Sunday, April 30, 2017

Eric, WD8RIF, reported that the Athens Community Center has been reserved; the rental fee remains the same as previous years, \$300.

The Hamfest is registered & sanctioned by the ARRL; hamfest materials from that organization, including gift certificates, have been received.

Susan G. Komen Athens Race for the Cure – Sunday, October 23, 2016

http://columbus.info-komen.org/site/TR?fr_id=6467&pg=entry

Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ reported that there were 8 operators, including Ted Jacobson, W8KVK. Eric McFadden, WD8RIF, was on his bicycle and did a sweep for the long run. Ted Jacobson swept the short one on foot. There were no accidents or other problems in the event.

Ohio State Parks on the Air Results – September 10, 2016

Eric, WD8RIF reported there were 24 participating clubs; 50 parks were activated; ACARA (W8UKE) took first place out of five entrants in “Multi-Op Single-Radio Low-Power In-A-Park” class with 2371 points

Two operators did a lot: Robert Reardon, KA4VMH, and Anthony Milluzzi, KD8RTT.

http://www.ospota.org/ospota/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/OSPOTA2016-RESULTS_30Oct16.pdf

(Please note: this PDF has an incorrect date in the headline.)

BOBCAT Trail Marathon – Sunday, November 6, 2016

<https://www.westernreserveracing.com/events/bobcat-trail-marathon/>

Eric, WD8RIF, was Net Control for this.
Eric and Jeff, N8SUZ, reported there were 11 operators:

Tim Creamer, KD8YBE
Bob Curtis, KD8FRQ
Jeremy Duncan, KC8QDQ
Kirk Groeneveld, KC8JRV
Lance Groeneveld, KD8KMZ
Eric McFadden, WD8RIF
Miles McFadden, KD8KNC
Vickie McFadden, KC8MAJ
Bob Moore, KC8KSM
Robert Peoples, N8UVM
John Thomas, KC8JWZ

ACARA Holiday Dinner – Tuesday, December 13, 2016

The Chair, WD8RIF, announced it will be Tuesday, December 13 at Stephens on Court; we'll be on the main-floor. We will meet at 5:30 PM and eat at 6. As usual, the Club will buy the appetizers and non-alcoholic punch. Participants will order off the menu.

<http://www.stephens66.com/>

ACARA License Class – January 9 – March 13, 2017; 7-9pm

Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ said that the Red Cross Chapterhouse is reserved for these weeks on Mondays; March 13 is the VE Exam session.

February Potluck – Saturday, February 18, 2017

There will be a potluck in February at the Red Cross Chapterhouse. Jeff has already reserved the space.

Athens Marathon – Sunday, April 9, 2017

Eric, WD8RIF noted that this will be the 50th anniversary running; members will be contacted by Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ to work as operators.

<http://www.athensohiomarathon.com/>

Field Day 2016 Results

The Chair, WD8RIF announced that Field Day 2016 results are published in the December, 2016 issue of QST and are available on the ARRL website

http://www.arrl.org/results-database?event_id=80253

ACARA (W8MHV) placed 19th in Class 1A (Power Multiplier 2 – 150 watts or less) out of 126 entries with 577 QSOs, and 2,934 points. Including all Power Multiplier classes, the ACARA placed 19th out of 132 entries. Within Class 1A, the ACARA placed 2nd in Ohio.

New Business

Change of Meeting Time?

Eric, WD8RIF asked if we want to start the meeting earlier than 7:30PM. If so, do we prefer 6:30PM or 7:00PM? There was general agreement that the business meetings will start at 7PM, beginning in January; we'll continue the tradition of arriving a half-hour early (6:30pm) for casual conversation prior to the start of the business meeting.

Possible Fund Raising.

Bob Curtis, KD8FRQ, announced that a California fund raising organization via email offered to help us do fund raising if we ever had the need. They were told "No thanks"

Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ, moved to adjourn the meeting. Robert Moore, KC8KSM, seconded the motion, which passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38PM.

Respectfully submitted, Bob Curtis, KD8FRQ.