

Program

Andy Young, KD8WVX, presented a slideshow of his experiences serving in Florida following Hurricane Irma. Andy was deployed to Florida for a period of sixteen days and was *Strike Team Leader* responsible five ambulances and crews.

Member News

Kirk Greenfield, KC8JRV, received the *2017 Sandy Shirey Volunteer Award* at the Red Cross of Southeastern Ohio Hometown Heroes Breakfast on November 14, 2017.

Attendance

Michael Baxla, KE8ICP
John Biddle, W8PG
Josh Cash, KE8EAS
Jim Crouse, KC8OVB
Tyler Hooker, AK5HT
Eric McFadden, WD8RIF
John Thomas, KC8JWZ
Andy Young, KD8WVX

Corrections/additions of Minutes

The minutes of the September 17, 2017 meeting were distributed. No errors were noted. Josh Cash, KE8EAS, moved to accept the minutes as distributed. Andy Young, KD8WVX, seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Jim Crouse, KC8OVB, presented the Treasurer's Report. The treasury has \$855.49 in total unencumbered funds. John Thomas, KC8JWZ, moved to accept the report. John Biddle, W8PG, seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Old Business

VHF Repeater

VHF Repeater Trustee Eric McFadden, WD8RIF, reported that on September 23, 2017 Jeff, Slattery, N8SUZ, received the draft of the county's proposed lease. Jeff took exception to the wording "INGRESS AND EGRESS; REPAIR OR DAMAGE. Lessee shall provide at least twenty-four (24) hours' Notice to Lessor if access to the tower site or any its buildings are needed," and came up with alternate the wording, "Lessee shall be allowed reasonable access to the tower and buildings for maintenance and troubleshooting. Lessee shall contact the county 9-1-1 dispatch center as soon as possible before gaining such access. " The 9-1-1 Center's Aaron Maynard suggested a more concise version, "Lessee shall advise the 911 Emergency Communications Center in advance if access to the tower site or its buildings are needed," which was included in the second amended draft, which is attached at the end of these Minutes. Eric signed the lease following the October 24, 2017 Athens County Commissioners Meeting. The club has not yet received a copy of the signed lease agreement.

Jim Crouse, KC8OVB, reported that the club paid George Fitz \$2,750 to install the new antenna and feedline the last time we needed a climber. He reported that for the job of removing the antenna and feedline from the current location on the tower owned by American Tower and installing the antenna and feedline on the 9-1-1 tower, Mr. Fitz will charge at last \$3,000 and added that Mr. Fitz normally doesn't do work on towers owned by American Tower because of the requirement to have additional liability insurance and other reasons. Jim added that Mr. Fitz is willing to accept payment in installments, after the work is completed.

Eric suggested that the ACARA, lacking sufficient funds in the treasury to pay a climber, needs to hold a special internal fund-raiser and asked Jim Crouse if he could oversee one. Jim agreed. Jim and Eric will work together to design the fund-raiser Eric reported he has already investigated using PayPal to collect donations. Being a 501(C)(3) organization, the ACARA would be eligible for special rates and would pay 2.2% + \$0.30 per transaction; see <https://www.paypal.com/charities/> for details.

UHF Repeater

Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ, was not present; there was no report.

Field Day 2017 Results

Eric McFadden, WD8RIF, announced that the Field Day 2017 Results are published in the December, 2017 issue of QST and are available in the ARRL's Contest Results Database at http://www.arrl.org/results-database?event_id=91339.

The ACARA made 837 QSOs and earned 4,050 points, placing 15th out of 131 Class 1A, Power Multiplier 2 entries and earning 2nd place in Ohio and 3rd place in the Great Lakes Division. For comparison, in 2016, ACARA placed 19th out of 126 entries.

Eric showed a slideshow of photographs of the ACARA's 2017 Field Day effort and mentioned that Josh Cash, KE8EAS was the club's Field Day 2017 *Most Valuable Player* for his efforts operating both the HF and 6m stations.

ACARA / SCARF VE Session – Monday, October 23, 2017

Eric McFadden, WD8RIF, reported that two tested at the October 23 test session and both earned Technician Licenses. Michael Baxla, KE8ICP, was one of the two who earned a license at the test session. (Amended: "Baxter" corrected to "Baxla"—WD8RIF)

Red Cross of Southeastern Ohio Centennial Special Event Station K8R

http://www.ac-ara.org/?page_id=6

Eric McFadden, WD8RIF, explained that Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ, had organized the special event station to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Red Cross of Southeastern Ohio and secured the use of the callsign K8R for the event. The event ran from November 1 through November 15, 2017. Eric reported that he operated as K8R running CW but he doesn't know who else operated as K8R.

Club Construction / Education Project – 20/40m trap-dipole, Sunday Jan. 21, 2018

Drew McDaniel, W8MHV, leader of this project, was not present at the meeting.

Eric McFadden, WD8RIF, reminded that membership that this club building project will allow participating members to build and keep 20m/40m trap dipoles and that Drew McDaniel is generously providing all parts for these antennas. The build will take place at 2pm on Sunday, January 21, 2018 at the Red Cross of Southeastern Ohio. Eric mentioned that this date is a change from last month's meeting due to the SCARF Hamfest falling on the morning of the previously-chosen date.

Red Cross Antenna Session

Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ, was not present; there was no report.

Proposed ACARA DMR Repeater

Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ, was not present; there was no report.

Bobcat Trail Marathon – Saturday, November 4, 2017

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

Eric McFadden, WD8RIF, reported that the ACARA successfully supported the Bobcat Train Marathon on November 3, 2017.

Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ, was not present; there was no further report on this event.

New Business

ACARA Website and Email Changes

Eric McFadden, WD8RIF, reported that at the time of the elections last month, erstwhile webmaster Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ, had been working on solving the club's mass-email issues. Jeff has since moved the ACARA website to a new host which provides improved "mailman" maillist functionality. On November 21, 2017, Jeff reported via email to Eric and the new webmaster, Tyler Hooker, AK5HT, that he has completed transitioning the new website and email to the new host. Jeff has provided administrator credentials to both Eric and Tyler.

ACARA Facebook & Twitter

Josh Cash, KE8EAS, asked about the status of the ACARA Facebook and Twitter presence. Andy Young, KD8WVX, reported he has been maintaining the Facebook and Twitter accounts; he will give Josh permissions within each and he and Josh will work together to improve the club's use of Facebook and Twitter.

ACARA Holiday Dinner – Tuesday, December 19, 2017

Eric McFadden, WD8RIF, explained that soon after the September ACARA meeting he visited Stephen's on Court and spoke with a manager, Cherokee, who couldn't at that time commit to the 19th. On September 28, Eric spoke again with Cherokee who still couldn't commit to the 19th but she told him the club could count on either the 19th or the 12th and that she'd call back with a confirmed date. As of the date of November meeting, Eric had not yet heard back from Stephen's on Court with a confirmed date. Eric mentioned that the problem with having the dinner on the 12th is parking—Stephen's on Court lacks a parking lot and students are still in town on the 12th so on-street parking is likely to be limited on the 12th.

Eric reported that on September 30, after receiving no confirmed date from Stephen's on Court, he phoned Lui Lui (<http://luiluirestaurant.com/>) and made a confirmed reservation for December 19. He explained that the new management at Lui Lui will want to define a limited menu for members and their guests to order from; Eric will work with Lui Lui to develop this menu.

Members and their guests should arrive at Lui Lui at 5:30pm. The ACARA will provide appetizers and punch; members and guests will order dinner from the special menu at about 6pm.

ACARA License Class – Mondays January 8 – March 12, 2018

Eric McFadden, WD8RIF, announced that the ACARA's Technician License Class will commence on Monday, January 8, 2018 and will meet on successive Mondays until the test session on Monday, March 12, 2018.

February Potluck – Saturday, February 17, 2018

Eric McFadden, WD8RIF, reminded members that the annual February Potluck will be on Saturday, February 17 at the Red Cross of Southeastern Ohio. Because of an Ohio University home basketball game earlier that afternoon, members and guests will gather at 6pm and will eat at 6:30pm. John McCutcheon, N8XWO, will not be able to provide a film this year but Eric will provide one or two especially-chosen episodes of *Twilight Zone* for entertainment.

Members are asked to bring their own beverages, table service, and a dish to share.

Iron Furnace Trail Run – Saturday, April 7, 2018

<https://www.ironfurnacetrailrun.com/>

Eric McFadden, WD8RIF, reported that the ACARA will be supporting the Iron Furnace Trail Run at Lake Hope State Park and Zaleski Forest on Saturday, April 7, 2018.

Watch for additional information from Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ, as the date approaches.

Athens Marathon – Sunday, April 15, 2018

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

Eric McFadden, WD8RIF, reported that the ACARA will be supporting the Athens Marathon on Sunday, April 15, 2018.

Watch for additional information from Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ, as the date approaches.

Athens Hamfest – Sunday, April 29, 2018

Eric McFadden, WD8RIF, reported that on September 19 he applied for and received ARRL sanctioning for the Athens Hamfest to be held on Sunday, April 29, 2018.

On September 19, Eric requested use of the Athens Community Center. Rich Campitelli no longer works at the Athens Community Center; Andrew Chiki confirmed our reservation with the same arrangement and cost as for last year's hamfest. (Amended: "Chaki" corrected to "Chiki"—WD8RIF)

10 Meter Contest. – December 9-10, 2017

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

John Biddle, W8PG, reminded the membership of the upcoming ARRL 10 Meter Contest which is on the weekend of December 9 and 10, 2017. The club will award the *NC8V Memorial Trophy* to the member who submits the highest score in the ARRL 10 Meter Contest.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:24pm following a motion by Andy Young, KD8WVX; a second by John Thomas, KC8JWZ; and a vote.

Respectfully submitted, Eric McFadden, WD8RIF, President and Secretary.

RADIO TOWER SITE LEASE AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into this _____ day of _____, 20____, by and between the Board of Commissioners of Athens County, Athens, Athens County, Ohio, hereinafter called the “Lessor” and the Athens County Amateur Radio Association, Athens County, Ohio, hereinafter called the “Lessee”.

WITNESSETH:

That for and in consideration of the covenants, considerations, promises and agreements herein contained, said Lessor agree to lease to Lessee the following: Peach Ridge Tower and Associated Building Space, Athens County, Ohio, and legally described as follows, for the purpose of relocating Lessee’s current voice and digital repeaters and other such equipment of Lessee, in its discretion, determines reasonably necessary for use in connection with providing radio communications:

Situated in the County of Athens, State of Ohio, and City of Athens, and more particularly described as follows:

FCC Tower Registration #: 1061433
10569 Peach Ridge Road Athens Ohio 45701

1. USE. The premises will be used and occupied by Lessee in a careful, safe, and proper manner. The premises are leased to be used for providing radio communications as may be determined by Lessee from time to time. Lessee may use the premises for such other uses as are incidental or related to providing such radio communication. Lessee will abide by all applicable federal, state and local laws and regulations respecting the premises and its occupancy and use and will not use the premises or allow the same to be used for any unlawful purpose.
2. TERM. The term of the Agreement is for a period of five (5) years commencing the _____ day of _____, 20____, and ending the _____ day of _____, 20____.
3. RIGHT OF LESSOR TO TERMINATE LEASE. The parties agree that Lessor shall have the right to terminate the Lease upon Lessor needing the space provided to Lessee based upon Lessor’s need to provide services to Athens County. Lessor shall provide written notice to Lessee

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- of termination and Lessee shall remove any and all equipment within 90 days.
4. **RIGHTS RETAINED BY LESSOR.** Lessor shall retain all oil, gas and mineral rights in and under said land in which Lessor has an interest at the date hereof; however, Lessee shall not have the privilege of using the surface of the premises for drilling, mining or farming operations or any other use that would interfere with Lessee's use without the prior written approval of Lessor, which written approval shall not be unreasonably withheld.
 5. **INGRESS AND EGRESS; REPAIR OR DAMAGE.** Lessee shall advise the 911 Emergency Communications Center in advance if access to the tower site or its buildings are needed. Lessor shall not unreasonably withhold access. Lessee agrees that any improvements, buildings, structures, radio towers, property, fixtures or equipment placed upon the premises by Lessee, which Lessor expressly agrees shall be and remain the property of Lessee and which Lessee shall remove at its sole expense within 90 days after the termination of this Agreement. Lessee shall be responsible for the cost of repairing any damage to the premise resulting from the construction, erection or removal of Lessee's property, radio tower, building(s), fixtures or equipment. Lessee shall be responsible for the cost of repairing any damage to the premise resulting from any exercise of rights of ingress and egress described herein, reasonable wear and tear excepted.
 6. **INSURANCE.** Lessee shall be responsible for the payment of all insurance on the personal property placed on the premise by Lessee during the term of this Agreement.
 7. **LESSOR'S TITLE.** Lessor covenants that it has good title to the premise, has good right to lease the same, and warrants and agrees to defend the title thereto. Lessor shall indemnify, reimburse and hold harmless from all damages and expenses which Lessee may suffer by reason of any breach of this covenant or of any restriction, encumbrance or defect in such title.
 8. **INDEMINIFCATION.** Lessee will indemnify and save Lessor harmless against all lost, costs,

expenses, attorney fees, and damages suffered or incurred by Lessor in the discharge of mechanics' liens, filed or inchoate, in the Lessee's improvement or maintenance of the premise, or in the defense or discharge of claims asserted or perfected against Lessor as to personal injuries

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or property damages, due solely from the negligence, in the occupancy of the premise by Lessee, its agents, employees, or invitees.

9. ASSIGNMENT AND SUBLETTING. Lessee shall not assign any rights or duties under the lease without the prior written consent of Lessor, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed.
10. BINDING EFFECT. All the covenants, terms and conditions of this Agreement shall inure to the benefit of, and be binding upon, the respective successors and assigns of the parties hereto.
11. RECORDING. This Agreement shall be recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Athens County, Ohio, within thirty (30) days of the execution of this Agreement by all parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have caused this Agreement to be executed this _____ day of _____, 20____.

SIGNED AND ACKNOWLEDGED
IN THE PRESENCE OF:

LESSOR
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF
ATHENS COUNTY

Witness

Lenny Eliason

Witness

Charles Adkins

Chris Chmeil

LESSEE
ATHENS COUNTY AMATEUR
RADIO ASSOCIATION

Witness

By Authorized Individual for Athens County
Amateur Radio Association, Jeff Slattery

Witness

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STATE OF OHIO, COUNTY OF ATHENS, ss

Before me a Notary Public in and for said county and state, personally appeared the above named The Board of Commissioners of Athens County – Lenny Eliason, Charlie Adkins, and Chris Chmeil , who acknowledged that they did sign the foregoing instrument, and that the same was their voluntary act and deed.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my name and official seal this _____ day of _____, 2017.

Notary Public

*My Commission Expires:
(seal)*

STATE OF OHIO, COUNTY OF ATHENS, ss

Before me a Notary Public in and for said county and state, personally appeared the above named Jeff Slattery, as ACARA UHF Repeater Trustee/Public Service Event Coordinator, Athens, Ohio, who acknowledged that they did sign the foregoing instrument, and that the same was their voluntary act and deed.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto affixed my name and official seal this _____ day of _____, 2017.

Notary Public

*My Commission Expires:
(seal)*

This instrument prepared by: Keller J. Blackburn
Athens County Prosecuting Attorney