

*Programs*

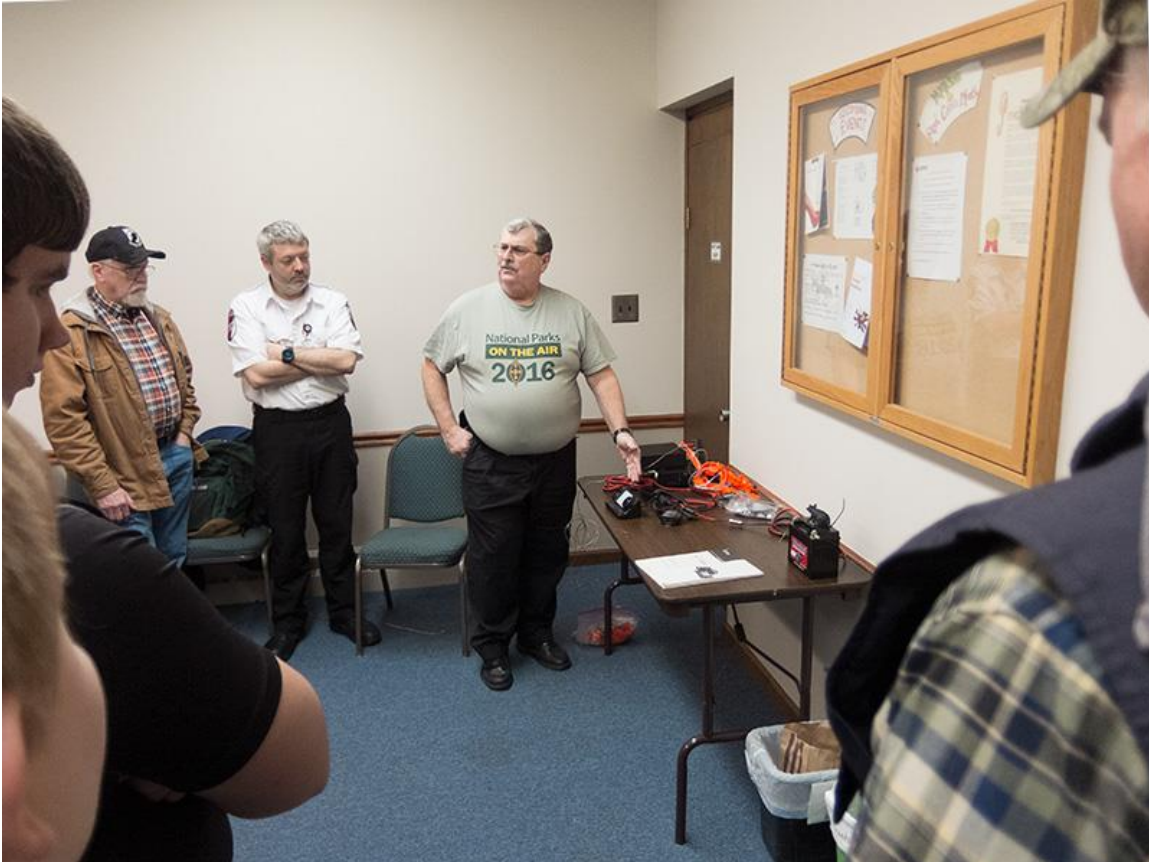
This month's meeting featured two programs.

**Program 1:** Rich Post, KB8TAD, explained and demonstrated an antique radio he has restored, a Philco 48-360 Tambour-door portable, which employs positive feedback. More information about this model radio is available at: [http://www.radiomuseum.org/r/philco\\_48\\_360.html](http://www.radiomuseum.org/r/philco_48_360.html).



Rich Post, KB8TAD, (left) demonstrates the Philco radio (photo credit: Eric McFadden)

**Program 2:** Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ, set up and demonstrated his latest transceiver, the ICOM IC-7100, which features a touch-screen display and D-Star. He showed various features of it.



Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ, (center) demonstrates his ICOM IC-7100 transceiver. (photo credit: Eric McFadden)

***Attendance***

Eric McFadden, Chair	WD8RIF
John Biddle	W8PG
Rich Post	KB8TAD
Robert Moore	KC8KSM
John Thomas	KC8JWZ
Drew McDaniel	W8MHV
Bob Curtis	KD8FRQ
Andy Young	KD8WVX
Carl J. Denbow	N8VZ
Jeff Slattery	N8SUZ
Josh Cash	KE8EAS
Robert G. Riordan	KA4VNK
Samuel Wilson	KE8BUQ
Timothy Wilson	KE8EGE
Brooks Wilson	KD8XJ
Mike Stephenson	AC8VY

***Corrections/additions of Minutes***

Copies of the minutes of the November 15 meeting were passed around. Carl Denbow, N8VZ, moved to approve them. John Thomas, KC8JWZ, seconded the motion. The minutes were approved without dissent.

***Treasurer's Report***

In the absence of Treasurer Jim Crouse, KC8OVB, the Treasurer's Report was distributed by President Eric McFadden, WD8RIF. The total unencumbered funds is now about \$1,136.

The Chair reminded members it is now time to pay membership dues for 2017. In addition, the Treasurer asks all members to notify him of any changes to postal address or email address. Some paid at the meeting. Others wanted to mail the \$20 dues to the P.O. Box for ACARA (Box 72).

Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ, moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. John Thomas, KC8JWZ, seconded the motion. The motion passed.

*Old Business*

## VHF Repeater

Eric McFadden, WD8RIF, the Repeater Trustee, hopes to deploy the Yaesu DR-1X repeater in analog mode prior to the Athens Marathon.

## UHF Repeater

Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ reported that he is still working on building the Arcom RC210 Controller.

## Club Construction / Education Spring Project

Drew McDaniel, W8MHV discussed the project. He is looking for a source of parts for 20m / 40m trap dipoles. He intends to design the antenna so either low power coax (RG174) or RG-58/RG-8x can be used. Drew volunteered to pay for all of the kits. The project should be ready sometime in May. Eric will send out an email to judge interest before the parts are ordered.

### NC8V Memorial Trophy

The participants in the 10 meter contest were:

KE8EAS	52 QSO	4,848 points
W8PG	55 QSO	2,200 points
KD8WVX	37 QSO	1,480 points
N8VZ	10 QSO	140 points

Therefore, the winner of the 2016 NC8V Memorial Trophy is Josh Cash, KE8EAS, with more than twice as many points as the runner up. The NC8V Memorial Trophy was presented to Josh with a round of applause.



Josh Cash, KE8EAS, (right) accepts the NC8V Memorial Trophy from President Eric McFadden, WD8RIF. (photo credit: Drew McDaniel)

### Ohio State Parks on the Air (OSPOA) 2016

Eric McFadden, WD8RIF reported that ACARA won First Place in the Multi-Operator, Single Radio, Low Power class. ACARA received a nicely framed certificate commemorating the win.

## ACARA Holiday Dinner

The Chair reported that this was Tuesday, December 13 at Stephens on Court St.

Attendees were:

John Biddle, W8PG  
Josh Cash, KE8EAS  
Bob Curtis, KD8FRQ  
Kathy Curtis  
Carl Denbow, N8VZ  
Jane Denbow  
John McCutcheon, N8XWO  
Drew McDaniel, W8MHV  
Eric McFadden, WD8RIF  
Rich Post, KB8TAD  
Eddie Post  
Tom Rockhold, N0OGS  
Andy Young, KD8WVX  
Jennifer Young

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

Eric McFadden, WD8RIF reported that there were no attendees at the 1<sup>st</sup> session, or at the 2<sup>nd</sup> session; therefore, the class for 2017 has been canceled due to lack of participation.

Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ, reported that the VE testing session on March 13 will still happen as scheduled, as it is listed with ARRL.

Anyone who wants can still order a book through Jeff at a discount.

## Red Cross Antenna Session

Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ thinks this can be scheduled for next month. The roofing contractors will need to be present. He wants to put new antennas up, and needs a work party for that. He will get parts for a feed-thru for the cables next week.

Athens Marathon – Sunday, April 9, 2017

Eric McFadden, WD8RIF reported that this will be the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary running; members should expect to be contacted soon by Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ

Eric attended the 1<sup>st</sup> marathon meeting on Thursday, January 12. At that time there were 120 registrants for the full marathon and 224 registrants for the half marathon. The committee hopes eventually to have 1200 registrants. Runners and volunteers will get long-sleeve, half-zip shirts this year in honor of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary; we will need to provide shirt-sizes to the committee by mid-February.

Athens Hamfest – Sunday, April 30, 2017

Eric McFadden, 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 ARRL including gift certificates have been received.

Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ reported that the Masonic Lodge will provide the food concession to help raise funds for their military veteran projects. These include gas to drive Vets to their doctors' appointments, materials to make wheel chair ramps, etc.

Eric McFadden, WD8RIF said he will apply for a Tourism Grant once the form is available. This will help defray the cost of printing fliers and sending postcards. In response to a question he said that the publicity will include emails as well.

The Jackson Hamfest will be Saturday, April 29. This is convenient for vendors, who can cover two events in one weekend. It may lower our attendance, however.

**New Business**

## SCARF Hamfest VE Test Session

Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ reported that there were three new Technician Licenses awarded at the January 15 SCARF Hamfest.

## February Potluck – Saturday, February 18

This will start at 5:30 PM. We will eat at 6. Members are welcome to bring their families and guests. Bring your own plates, flatware, drinks and a dish to share.

Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ has reserved the Red Cross building.

Eric Mc Fadden, WD8RIF will bring an episode of “The Twilight Zone” on DVD. John Mc McCutcheon, N8XWO will bring an episode of “Naked City” on 16mm film

## ARRL Field Day 2017 – June 24-25, 2017

Eric McFadden, WD8RIF said that the Athens County Fairgrounds is reserved; fortunately, the demolition derby is the weekend prior to this.

Again this year, Eric mentioned the availability of a Mosley TA-33 triband yagi, which we might want to rebuild for use at Field Day. John Thomas, KC8JWZ, has a suitable rotor that could be used to turn this yagi.

More details will be finalized closer to the event.

***Adjournment***

Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ, moved for adjournment. Andy Young, KD8WVX, seconded the motion, which carried.

Meeting adjourned 8:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Bob Curtis