

***Program***

Eric McFadden, WD8RIF, demonstrated a Grundig AN-200 medium-wave receiving loop antenna.

***Attendance***

Josh Cash	KE8EAS
Jim Crouse	KC8OVB
Bob Curtis	KD8FRQ
Kirk Groeneveld	KC8JRV
Eric McFadden	WD8RIF
Ty Smathers	KE8GSO

***Silent Key***

Local ham Bill Creighton, K8TUT, died April 30, 2017, at the age of 90.

See Appendix A for the obituary.

***Corrections/additions of Minutes***

Following distribution of the April minutes, Josh Cash, KE8EAS, moved that the minutes be accepted. Jim Crouse, KC8OVB, seconded the motion. The motion passed.

***Treasurer's Report***

ACARA treasurer Jim Crouse, KC8OVB, presented the Treasurer's Report. The club has \$2,057.53 in unencumbered funds. Josh Cash, KE8EAS, moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Eric McFadden, WD8RIF, seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Old Business**

## VHF Repeater

VHF Repeater Trustee Eric McFadden, WD8RIF, reported he swapped out DR-1X for the old analog/FM repeater prior to Athens hamfest so that the repeater would be available for the hamfest call-in net. Eric will try to diagnose the Marathon-net failures of DR-1X.

Eric reported that Jeff has contacted the Athens County Commissioners via email regarding the club's interest in moving our 2m repeater and APRS node to the 9-1-1 tower.

## UHF Repeater

In the absence of UHF Repeater Trustee Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ, there was no report on the UHF repeater.

## Club Construction / Education Spring Project – postponed until May

In the absence of Drew McDaniel, W8MHV, there was no discussion of the 20m/40m trap-dipole club construction project.

## Red Cross Antenna Session

In the absence of Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ, there was no discussion of the Red Cross antenna session

Athens Hamfest – Sunday, April 30, 2017

Eric McFadden, WD8RIF, extended a big “thank you” to all who worked the Athens Hamfest.

On behalf of the club, Jim Crouse, KC8OVB, thanked Eric for his work in organizing the hamfest.

Eric reported that the ACARA was selected to receive \$250 through the Athens County Convention and Visitors Bureau Tourism Development Grant.

Jim Crouse, KC8OVB, presented the hamfest financial report. At 179 attendees, attendance was down when compared to previous years. The club’s profit from the hamfest was \$773.

Jim reported that the Saturday morning brunch gang has been discussing the hamfest and the possible need to re-vamp the event—is it time to raise the admission fee? Should the club consider not charging for inside tables?

Kirk Groeneveld, KC8JRV, reported that Rich Campitelli has been fired from his position as Director of the Athens County Community Center. Eric McFadden, WD8RIF, will need to contact the new director early to verify the Community Center remains available for the club’s use.

Lake Hope Bicycle Race – Sunday, May 7, 2017; 9am – 5pm

<https://www.usacycling.org/events/getflyer.php?permit=2017-660>

In the absence of Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ, the chair made a brief report of the club’s support of the Lake Hope Bicycle Race. Hams who participated were Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ; Eric McFadden, WD8RIF; Andy Young, KD8WVX; Bob Curtis, KD8FRQ; Mike Cooper, KC8WMY; and Josh Cash, KE8EAS.

Thunderbunny Ultra-Marathon – Saturday, May 13

<http://www.thunderbunny50k.com/>

Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ, reported via email that ACARA support of the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Thunderbunny Ultra-Marathon was canceled due to inability to secure a sufficient number of operators. Hams who had volunteered to work the event were Kirk Groeneveld, KC8JRV; Miles McFadden, KD8KNC; and Eric McFadden, WD8RIF.

ACARA DMR Repeater

In the absence of Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ, there was no discussion of the proposed ACARA DMR repeater.

Athens Public Library presentation on Amateur Radio

Eric McFadden, WD8RIF, reminded the members that Todd Bastin, Adult Programming Coordinator at the Athens Public Library, has invited the ACARA to present a program on Amateur Radio at the library. He has dates open in spring and summer.

ARRL Field Day 2017 – June 24-25, 2017

<http://www.arrl.org/field-day>

Eric McFadden, WD8RIF, reported that Third Sun Solar's solar-trailer has been reserved but that Third Sun will be selling the trailer after Field Day.

Josh Cash, KE8EAS, reported that he now works at the Athens Messenger and can help with promotion of the event.

Kirk Groeneveld, KC8JRV, suggested that a press release be sent to WTAP-TV.

**New Business**

June Picnic

After discussion, the date of Tuesday, June 13 was selected for the June Picnic. (This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month.)

Jim Crouse, KC8OVB, will reserve the Dairy Lane picnic shelter.

The ACARA will provide meat and buns. Members will bring a dish to share, their own table-service, and their own beverages. Members and their guests will gather at 5:30pm and eat at 6pm.

Ohio State Parks on the Air – September 9, 2017

<http://www.ospota.org/ospota/index.php>

Jim Crouse, KC8OVB, will reserve the Bulldog Shelter in Strouds Run State Park.

Jim reported that he has notified PCARS of the ACARA's intention to activate Strouds Run State Park for Ohio State Parks on the Air.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm

Respectfully submitted, Eric McFadden, WD8RIF.

**Appendix A**

Bill Creighton  
(Died April 30, 2017)

William "Bill" H. Creighton, Jr. of Athens passed away on April 30, 2017 at the age of 90 at Riverside Methodist Hospital, Columbus. Bill was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, to William H. and Edna (Motch) Creighton. He married Joy (Hale) Creighton on August 17, 1952 in Wilmington, Ohio.

He earned his Bachelor's Degree from Wilmington College and his Master's Degree from the University of Cincinnati. A professor emeritus of Ohio University, he retired from the Russ College of Engineering and Technology. He served in the 3rd Army during the occupation of Germany after World War II. Bill was a member and served as elder for the First Presbyterian Church of Athens. He also was a volunteer for O'Bleness Memorial Hospital.

He was a model train enthusiast and was involved in amateur radio for over sixty years. Bill was an avid wood worker and his family has many items made in his shop.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by sons, William H. (Nancy) Creighton of Oak Park, Illinois, Richard H. (Becky) Creighton of Urbana, Ohio and James M. (Zhao Yudan) Creighton of Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan; five grandchildren, Carroll (Sarah) Creighton, Zachary (Kristen) Creighton, Scott Creighton, Christopher (Kelly McNear) Creighton and Jess Creighton; four great-grandchildren, Allyson, Elias, Simeon and Paisley; and his sister, Janet (Louis) Moormeier of Mason, Ohio.

Besides his parents he was preceded in death by a brother, Robert Creighton.

Graveside services by Rev. Robert Martin of the First Presbyterian Church of Athens will be held at the convenience of the family, in Sugar Grove Cemetery, Wilmington, Ohio. Arrangements are with Jagers & Sons Funeral Home, Athens.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the First Presbyterian Church of Athens, 9 North College Street, Athens, OH 45701, or to a charity of your choice.

Please share a memory, a note of condolence or sign the online register book at [www.jagersfuneralhome.com](http://www.jagersfuneralhome.com).

[https://www.meaningfulfunerals.net/fh/obituaries/obituary.cfm?CFID=57ca4623-1193-4c14-8b66-5c0a75a781a7&CFTOKEN=0&o\\_id=4218223&fh\\_id=13446](https://www.meaningfulfunerals.net/fh/obituaries/obituary.cfm?CFID=57ca4623-1193-4c14-8b66-5c0a75a781a7&CFTOKEN=0&o_id=4218223&fh_id=13446)