

**Program:**

Rich Post, KB8TAD, presented his recent project, a National FB-7A receiver, a superheterodyne receiver designed by James Millen for National in the mid-1930s.



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**Attendance:**

Michael Baxla, KE8ICP  
John Biddle, W8PG  
Josh Cash, KE8EAS  
Bob Curtis, KD8FRQ  
Drew McDaniel, W8MHV  
Eric McFadden, WD8RIF  
Robert Moore, KC8KSM  
Rich Post, KB8TAD  
Andy Young, KD8WVX

**Silent Keys:**

Ernest "Mike" Brown, AB8NA, died June 17, 2018

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/athensmessenger/obituary.aspx?pid=189374227>

Rodney Holley, KA8NDC, former ACARA member, died August 17, 2018

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/athensmessenger/obituary.aspx?n=rodney-holley&pid=189984774>

**Corrections/additions of Minutes:**

Following the distribution of the May 2018 minutes, Josh Cash, KE8EAS moved for the minutes to be accepted. The motion was seconded by Bob Curtis, KD8FRQ. The motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:**

President Eric McFadden, WD8RIF, reported that due to ongoing health issues, Jim Crouse, KC8OVB, has stepped down as ACARA Treasurer. Eric took over his duties pending appointment of a new Treasurer.

As of 2018-09-17, the club checking account contained \$4,165. Prior to that date, Eric made the following expenditures:

- the annual P.O. Box fee (\$62)
- the club's annual insurance premium (\$207)
- the monthly repeater-site telephone bill (\$58.05), three times
- a donation to the Waterloo Senior Center in memory of AB8NA (SK) (\$35)
- purchase of food for the June picnic (\$64.86)
- reimbursement to Victoria McFadden for reservation of Strouds Run State Park Bulldog Shelter for OSPOTA (\$48).

Over the same period, Eric deposited member dues (\$20), proceeds from estate sales (\$324), and proceeds from the August VE session (\$28).

Eric reported that on September 6, he appointed Drew McDaniel, W8MHV, as Treasurer.

Eric reported that in early July, after being alerted by Ted Jacobson, W8KVK, he learned that the ACARA was overdue in submitting the required annual IRS Form 990-N in order to retain 501(c)(3) status. Eric completed and submitted the online IRS Form 990-N twice but neither time "took". Eric phoned the IRS to learn that the ACARA hadn't filed the

990-N in three years, that the recent attempts were too late, and the ACARA has lost 501(c)(3) status. The new club will need to reapply using a 1023-EZ and pay a fee of \$250 to \$275.

Eric reported that the widow of Mike Brown, AB8NA, Jo, has donated Mike's station to the ACARA.

The following items from the estates of John "Andy" Andracki, KB8ER (SK), and Mike Brown, AB8NA (SK), have been sold or otherwise dispersed:

- Yaesu FT-101ZD (AB8NA) sold to W8MHV \$200
- Astatic Model A mic (AB8NA) sold to W8MHV \$25
- Homebrew 2m yagi (AB8NA) donated to KE8HRK & OU Radio Club
- Alinco DJ-190 HT (AB8NA) sold to KC8JRV \$25
- Yaesu MH-18 spkr/mic (AB8NA) given to KC8JRV with HT
- "Command" antenna switch (AB8NA) sold at Columbus Hamfest \$10
- ICOM IC-2AT HT (AB8NA) sold at Columbus Hamfest \$25
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- Japanese straight key (AB8NA) given to KD8WVX
- Ameritron AL-811 (KB8ER) sold to KE8EAS for \$500
- Yaesu SP-107 (KB8ER) sold to K8RAT for \$30
- Drake TV-3300-LP (KB8ER) sold to KC8OVB for \$10
- Astron RS-20 (KB8ER) sold at Athens Hamfest
- Books (AB8NA) sold at Columbus Hamfest for \$14

After consultation with Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ, Eric decided the club will maintain ownership of the KB8ER-estate ICOM IC-718 HF transceiver. The transceiver will replace Jeff's personal FT-101ZD at the Red Cross station and will be available for club events such as OSPOTA and Winter Field Day.

Some items from the KB8ER and AB8NA estates remain; see ACARA website: <http://www.ac-ara.org/?p=608>

Eric noticed that final numbers for the Athens Hamfest hadn't been delivered by Jim Crouse, KC8OVB, before he stepped down as Treasurer. Eric asked the new Treasurer, Drew McDaniel, W8MHV, to try to find the hamfest numbers.

A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Andy Young, KD8WVX. The motion was seconded by Bob Moore, KC8KSM. The motion passed.

**Old Business**

## VHF Repeater

Repeater Trustee Eric McFadden, WD8RIF, reported that the 145.15 MHz repeater has been working fine over the summer. The repeater has not yet been moved to the 9-1-1 tower but will need to be moved soon. He will coordinate with the climber and Athens County 9-1-1.

## UHF Repeater

There was no report on the UHF Repeater.

## VHF DMR Repeater

There was no report on the proposed DMR repeater.

## APRS Digipeater

There was no report on the APRS Digipeater.

## Red Cross Antenna Session

There was no report on the upcoming Red Cross Chapterhouse antenna work.

## ACARA Website &amp; Email Changes

There was no report on the ACARA Website.

## Jackson Hamfest Date Move?

In the absence of Carl Denbow, N8VZ, this discussion has been tabled until the October meeting.

## ACARA June Picnic – June 19, 2018

President Eric McFadden reported that the annual June Picnic had good attendance:

John Biddle, W8PG  
Josh Cash, KE8EAS  
Bob Curtis, KD8FRQ  
Kathy Curtis  
Carl Denbow, N8VZ  
Jane Denbow  
Cedar (a Denbow granddaughter; last name not recorded)  
Jessie Hooker  
Tyler Hooker, AK5HT  
Zelda Hooker  
John McCutcheon, N8XWO  
Eric McFadden, WD8RIF  
Miles McFadden, KD8KNC  
Vickie McFadden, KC8MAJ  
Linda Norris  
Steve Norris, KE8ICQ  
Daniel Post  
Edi Post  
Rich Post, KB8TAD

## ARRL Field Day – June 23-24, 2018

President Eric McFadden reported that the ACARA participate in in ARRL Field Day in Class 1A at the Athens County Fairgrounds. This year the stations were powered by gasoline-powered generators rather than solar power. Eric expressed regret that none of the newly-licensed members were able to participate and he also reported that three of the regular operators were unable to participate. The ACARA finished the weekend with 561 QSOs including 21 QSOs on 6m. (This is down from a total of 837 QSOs last year.) A full report with photos can be seen here:

[http://wd8rif.com/fd\\_2018.htm](http://wd8rif.com/fd_2018.htm).

Eric presented a slideshow of photographs from Field Day.

Eric extends thanks to the participants:

John Biddle, W8PG  
Josh Cash, KE8EAS  
Bob Curtis, KD8FRQ  
John McCutcheon, N8XWO  
Drew McDaniel, W8MHV  
Eric McFadden, WD8RIF  
Miles McFadden, KD8KNC  
Robert Moore, KC8KSM  
Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ  
Andy Young, KD8WVX

*Amendment:* Carl Denbow, N8VZ, informed the Secretary after the meeting that he participated in Field Day in Class 1B while in the state of Delaware. Carl made 46 non-duplicate contacts.

## VE Test Session – August 20, 2018

Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ, reported via email that one new Technician license was earned and two amateurs upgraded to Extra.

Nathan Deering, KE8KMG of Athens, a middle-schooler, earned his Technician Class license.

Charles Sayre, Jr, KC8LND, of Marietta and Steven Pinkerman, KB8RTR of Belpe both upgraded to Extra Class.

Ohio State Parks on the Air – Saturday, September 8, 1400-2200 UTC

President Eric McFadden reported that nine ACARA members participated in the club activation of Strouds Run State Park in “Ohio State Parks on the Air” (<http://www.ospota.org/>).

Eric presented a slideshow of photos from the event.

The chair extends thanks to the participants:

Josh Cash, KE8EAS  
Bob Curtis, KD8FRQ  
John McCutcheon, N8XWO  
Drew McDaniel, W8MHV  
Eric McFadden, WD8RIF  
Miles McFadden, KD8KNC  
Bob Moore, KC8KSM  
Steve Norris, AD8BD  
Andy Young, KD8WVX  
Taylor Young (not licensed)

The club operated under the ACARA’s club callsign, W8UKE. Despite local and statewide rain, the group made 86 QSOs and worked 28 Ohio State Parks for a score of 2,433 points. KE8EAS, KD8WVX, and KD8KNC made all the QSOs. (In 2017, the ACARA made 227 QSOs and worked 35 Ohio State Parks for a score of 7,725 points.) Eric speculated that scores statewide will be down due to the weather.

A full report of the Strouds Run activation with photos can be seen at <http://www.ac-ara.org/?p=676>.

Robert Riordan, KA4VNK, activated Forked Run State Park operating under his own callsign; he made 31 QSOs and worked 14 State Parks.

Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ, activated Jackson Lake State Park operating under his own callsign; he made 23 QSOs and worked 16 State Parks.

All Athens Special Event Station

N8VZ reported via email that he continues to work on this project and plans to present on it at the October meeting

**New Business**

## New Officer Nominations

Nominations were made for officers for 2019:

	<u>Current</u>	<u>Nominations</u>
<b>President</b>	WD8RIF	WD8RIF
<b>Vice-President</b>	KE8EAS	KE8EAS
<b>Treasurer</b>	W8MHV (acting)	W8MHV
<b>Secretary</b>	WD8RIF	WD8RIF
<b>Newsletter Editor</b>	KD8WVX	KE8EAS
<b>Webmaster</b>	AK5HT	AK5HT N8SUZ
<b>Packet Node Trustee</b>	N8SUZ	N8SUZ
<b>Repeater Trustee</b>	WD8RIF	WD8RIF

Ballots will be mailed to members prior to the October meeting. The returned ballots will be counted at the October meeting.

## Buckeye Trail Marathon – Saturday, October 6, 2018

President Eric McFadden reported that the ACARA will be providing communications support to the Buckeye Trail Marathon (<http://www.buckeyetrail.org/run4blue.php>) on Saturday, October 6, 2018. Members should contact Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ, if they are able to participate.



## Komen Athens Race for the Cure – Sunday, October 14, 2018

President Eric McFadden reported that the ACARA will provide communications support to the Komen Athens Race for the Cure ([http://www.info-komen.org/site/TR?fr\\_id=7391&pg=entry](http://www.info-komen.org/site/TR?fr_id=7391&pg=entry)) on Sunday, October 14, 2018. Members should contact Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ, if they are able to participate.

## Bobcat Trail Marathon – Saturday, November 10, 2018

President Eric McFadden reported that the ACARA will provide communications support to the Bobcat Trail Marathon (<https://www.westernreserveracing.com/events/bobcat-trail-marathon/>) on Saturday, November 10, 2018. Members should contact Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ, if they are able to participate.

Following a motion by Andy Young, KD8WVX, a second by Bob Curtis, KD8FRQ, and a vote, the meeting was adjourned at 8:33 pm.

Respectively submitted by President and Secretary Eric McFadden, WD8RIF.