

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting was held via Zoom teleconference.

The meeting was called to order at 7:18 pm by President Eric McFadden, WD8RIF.

***Attendance***

Michael Baxla, KE8ICP  
John Biddle, W8PG  
Bob Curtis, KD8FRQ  
Carl Denbow, N8VZ  
Kirk Groeneveld, KC8JRV  
Drew McDaniel, W8MHV  
Eric McFadden, WD8RIF  
Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ  
Joe Weber, KE8LRZ

**Silent Key**

Murray (Ron) Chapman, N8HEK

[https://www.athensmessenger.com/obituaries/murray-chapman/article\\_8ed90b71-4fb4-5aa6-a372-3b5530e27712.html](https://www.athensmessenger.com/obituaries/murray-chapman/article_8ed90b71-4fb4-5aa6-a372-3b5530e27712.html)

The Plains - Murray Ronald Chapman, known to most as Ron or Ronald, age 91, passed from this world on Saturday, July 3, 2021. Born May 25, 1930, he was the son of Effie Mae Graham and Orin Brice Chapman.

He was married to Catherine L. Boster in 1950 in Huntington, WV, and celebrated 60 years of marriage prior to her passing in June 2011. They had five children, Ron (Lynne) of Athens; Mike (Mary Ann) of Hudson Oaks, TX; Marty (Eileen) of Chaska, MN; Joe (Jennifer) of Alexandria, LA; and Brenda Wachenschwanz who preceded him in death in 2003.

He was preceded in death by his loving wife Catherine; his parents; sisters, Lotus Goldsberry, Dorothy Wingo, Eileen Douglas, Betty Jean Landis; brothers Orin Brice Chapman, Jr., and William Lee Chapman and daughter Brenda Wachenschwanz.

He is survived by twin siblings Pauleta (Wilbur) Fuller of Logan, OH, and Paul Chapman of Athens, OH. He was blessed with 27 grandchildren and 32 great-grandchildren who all love him dearly and numerous nieces and nephews.

For the last 51 years, he has called LifePoint Pentecostal Church his home and knows it is in good hands under the current Pastor, Rev. Barry Blankenship. He served as a member of the church trustee board for several years.

He served in the US Air Force for 22 years and was a veteran of the Korean and Vietnam wars. He was especially proud of his sons and grandsons that served in the military; sons Mike (USAF) and Joe (USAF) and grandsons David (USAF), Ben (US Navy), and Tom (US Navy).

He also worked for GTE, in more recent years known as Verizon and Frontier Communications, for 22 years as a payphone station collector.

He was an avid hunter and enjoyed fishing with family. He was a lifelong guitarist and especially enjoyed playing his bass guitars and teaching others how to play.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 A.M., Friday, July 9, 2021, at the LifePoint Pentecostal Church, 8076 Rolling Hills Drive, Athens, OH, with the Rev. Barry Blankenship officiating. A viewing will be held at the church on Thursday from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Interment will follow at Athens Memory Gardens on US Route 50 West.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Hughes-Moquin Funeral Home in Athens, OH.

***Corrections/Additions to Minutes of Last Meeting***

Due to this being a teleconference-only meeting, no hard-copies of the May Minutes were distributed. Members had been instructed via email to read the May Minutes on-line prior to the meeting.

A motion to accept the May Minutes as published was made by Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ. The motion was seconded by Drew McDaniel, W8MHV. The motion passed without dissent.

***Treasurer's Report***

Due to this being a teleconference-only meeting, no hard-copies of the Treasurer's Report were distributed. The Treasurer's Report in PDF format is available online:

[http://www.ac-ara.org/minutes/2021/Treasurers\\_Report\\_July\\_2021.pdf](http://www.ac-ara.org/minutes/2021/Treasurers_Report_July_2021.pdf).

Treasurer Drew McDaniel, W8MHV, presented the Treasurer's Report. The club treasury holds \$1,308.88 in unencumbered funds. The *Jim Crouse Memorial Fund* holds \$298.41.

Drew reported that he sent a white lilies flower arrangement from the club in memory of Ron Chapman, Sr., N8HEK.

Kirk Groeneveld, KC8JRV, made a motion that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented. The motion was seconded by Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ. The motion passed without dissent.

**Old Business**

## VHF and UHF Repeaters

Eric McFadden, WD8RIF, reported that he has noticed no significant de-sense of the 2m repeater during any of the recent nets and that the repeater appears to be working well.

Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ, reported that the UHF repeater continues to work well.

Jeff reported no recent progress on the Arcom ARC-210 repeater controller project.

## ACARA Nets

Eric McFadden, WD8RIF, reported that the ACARA's weekly and monthly nets continue to do well during this time of COVID-19. He reminded members of the current net schedule:

- 2m FM Net, Mondays, 7pm, 145.15 MHz
- 70cm FM Net, Mondays, immediately following the 2m net, 442.100 MHz
- 10m SSB Ragchew Net, Tuesdays, 5pm, 28.375 MHz
- 6m AM Net, Sundays and Wednesdays, 5pm, 50.4 MHz
- 2m System Fusion Net, Thursdays, 5pm, 145.15 MHz
- 70cm System Fusion Net, Thursdays, immediately following the 2m System Fusion net, 442.100 MHz
- 2m FM Simplex Net, first Thursday, 7pm, 146.400 MHz

Eric extended thanks to all those serving as net-control and to all those participating in the club nets.

Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ, reported that the ARRL's affiliation with Volunteer Hub / ARES Connect has been terminated. He will still track members' activities manually for inclusion in his monthly reports to ARES and requests that net-control operators continue to send him net-participation reports.

**Old Business (continued)**

## Operating Event – Foxhunt

Kirk Groeneveld, KC8JRV, reported that the ACARA held a foxhunt in June. The foxhunt was won by Michael Baxla, KE8ICP, who has been given the opportunity to be the next fox. Michael has interest in setting up the next foxhunt but has equipment troubles. Kirk asked if there's interest in him setting up another foxhunt while Michael sorts out his equipment issues. There was interest and the date of Saturday, August 14 was selected for the August foxhunt.

Watch for updates via email from Kirk.

## Results – ARRL 10 Meter Contest 2020 Affiliated Club Competition

Eric McFadden, WD8RIF, reported that the results of the ARRL 10 Meter Contest 2020 Affiliated Club Competition were released in June. With four participants and a combined score of 15,600 points, the ACARA placed ninth out of fifteen in the "Local" class.

Full results can be viewed here:

<https://contests.arrl.org/clubscores.php?cn=10m>

## Social Event – June Picnic – Tuesday, June 15, 2021

Eric McFadden, WD8RIF, reported that participation was good at this first post-COVID physical gathering:

Eric McFadden, WD8RIF  
Kate McFadden, KD8KNB + guest  
Rich Post, KB8TAD + Edie + Daniel  
Bob Curtis, KD8FRQ + Kathy  
Carl Denbow, N8VZ + Jane  
Drew McDaniel, W8MHV  
John Biddle, W8PG  
John McCutcheon, N8XWO  
Joe Weber, KE8LRZ

**Old Business (continued)**

Operating Event – ARRL Field Day – June 27-28, 2021

WD8RIF reported that the ACARA participated as a group in class 1A at the Athens County Fairgrounds as W8MHV.

A total of 585 QSOs and 1,170 bonus points resulted in a score of 3,194 points.

A report is available here: <http://www.ac-ara.org/?p=1423>

Bonuses earned:

- 100% Emergency Power (100 points)
- Media Publicity (100 points)
- Public Location (100 points)
- Public Information Table (100 points)
- Formal Message to ARRL SM/SEC (100 points)
- W1AW Field Day Bulletin (100 points)
- Formal Messages Handled (100 points)
- Natural Power QSOs Completed (100 points)
- Site Visitation by a Representative of a Served Agency (100 points)
- Educational Activity (100 points)
- Youth Participation (20 points)
- Satellite QSO (100 points)
- Web Submission (50 points)

Participants:

- Gary Carter, KD8MSR
- Bob Curtis, KD8FRQ
- Jeremy Duncan, KC8QDQ (Satellite Station Captain)
- Kirk Groeneveld, KC8JRV
- Ted Jacobson, W8KVK
- John McCutcheon, N8XWO, (VHF Station Captain)
- Drew McDaniel, W8MHV
- Eric McFadden, WD8RIF (FD Chairman / HF Station Captain)
- Mary Moffat, KE8ISR
- Brynn Riordan, KB8JDH
- Robert Riordan, KA4VNK
- Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ
- Brian Taylor, KZ8U
- Bob Weber
- Joe Weber (Cook)

**Old Business (continued)**

## Operating Event – ARRL Field Day (continued)

Eric extended his sincere thanks to everyone who participated; to Ted Jacobson, W8KVK, without whom the two traffic-handling bonuses would have been impossible to earn, and to Jeramy Duncan, KD8QDQ, for bringing his linear-transponder satellite ground-station to the Fairgrounds and earning the club the Satellite QSO bonus.

## Special Event Station – The Wall That Heals National Tour 2021

Event Date: July 29, 2021 – August 1, 2021

Website: <https://www.vvmf.org/The-Wall-That-Heals/2021-Tour-Schedule/>

Eric McFadden, WD8RIF, read into the minutes an email sent to the membership on July 19 by Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ:

A traveling version of the Viet Nam Veterans Memorial in Washington DC - "The Wall That Heals" will be on display on the Ohio University campus at TailGreat Park from July 29 to August 1. The original memorial was designed by Athens native Maya Lin. The visit is sponsored by Ohio U and the Athens Convention and Visitors Bureau in tribute to her. ACARA is planning a special event station, W8V to operate during the four days of the open visitation for the exhibit. We have been unsuccessful in obtaining permission to set up on the OU campus so we are asking area operators to operate as W8V from their home stations. We may try to sneak in some on-site mobile operations but most contacts will be made by our home operators.

I am setting up a schedule for each 24 hour period of the four visit days. If you are available and willing to operate W8V anytime during the four days, please let me know your preferred day(s) and times and what starting frequency and mode for your chosen band(s). I would like to avoid duplicates unless the operators are in different bands. I will publish the schedule on a special W8V page at ac-ara.org.

Carl Denbow, N8VZ has designed and is having printed a special QSL card featuring information and pictures of the Wall and Maya Lin that will be available by SASE after the event. Carl has registered the call with QRZ.com.

Let me know about when you would like to operate.

**Old Business (continued)**

Special Event Station – The Wall That Heals National Tour 2021 (continued)

Eric reported that Carl has built the W8V QRZ.com page (<https://www.qrz.com/db/w8v>). Carl added that Ted Jacobson, W8KVK, will add additional graphics to the page.

ACARA/SCARF VE Session – Monday, August 16, 2021

Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ, reported that he has scheduled a VE session for 7pm on Monday, August 16, 2021. Jeff is hoping the Red Cross of Southeastern Ohio will be available by this date but if it isn't the VE session will be held in the Masonic Lodge.

Watch for updates via email from Jeff.

Athens Summer Trunkfest – Sunday, August 22, 2021

Eric McFadden, WD8RIF, reported that the Executive Committee met on May 23 via Zoom and selected the date of Sunday, August 22, 2021 for a no-fee-charged “trunkfest”. The club will sell raffle tickets for door prizes. Venues under consideration were the Athens Community Center and the Shrine Club in The Plains.

Eric reported he did try to coordinate with Sunday Creek Amateur Radio Federation (SCARF) but ultimately sensed little interest in a combined “All Athens County” event.

Eric reported that he reached out to Vanessa Scott at the Athens Community Center on May 24 via email. She replied she would discuss the request to use the parking lot for the Trunkfest with her Director. Eric did not hear anything further from her and a subsequent email he sent to her resulted in an empty out-of-office email reply.

Eric reported that Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ, informed him via email on June 6 that the Shrine Club in The Plains would not be available for the Trunkfest.

Eric reported that he reached out to Ranson Callaway of the Athens County Fairboard on July 7 asking if the Fairgrounds could be used for the Trunkfest. Mr. Callaway replied to ask one clarifying question but Eric has heard nothing else from him since.

Eric reported that he learned on July 16 that Vanessa Scott had left the Community Center. He exchanged emails with Terri Moore, Director of the



**Old Business (continued)**

## Athens Summer Trunkfest (continued)

Athens Community Arts, Parks, and Recreation Department, and he was told our request would be discussed at the July 21 staff meeting.

Eric reported that Treasurer Drew McDaniel, W8MHV, had scheduled an in-person meeting with Terri Moore on Monday, July 19, but that she didn't show up for the meeting.

Eric reported that Jeff Slattery informed him on July 19 that he had secured permission for us to use the Masonic Temple parking lot and first-floor bathrooms if the Community Center is unavailable.

Eric will register the Trunkfest with the ARRL once a venue is secured.

Drew asked how best to publicize the event at this late date? Jeff Slattery suggested we use the email list we maintain for our April hamfest. Drew volunteered to produce flyers to be handed out at other hamfests and events.

## Public Service Event – Lake Hope Bicycle Race

Event Sponsor: Team Athens Cycling / Todd Acheson

Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ, reported he had heard from Todd Acheson on the 20<sup>th</sup>. Todd is anticipating that Team Athens Cycling will not be able to hold an event this year.

## Public Service Event – Run Baileys

Event Dates: August 6-8, 2021

Event Sponsor: [Southeast Ohio Trail Runners](#) / Michael Owen

Event Website: <https://www.seotvents.com/runbaileysdetails>

Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ, reported that he thinks we won't be needed for the Friday night kids-events. We will be needed for the Saturday and Sunday events. Jeff doesn't yet know how many operators will be needed on each day.

Watch for further information from Jeff via email.

**Old Business (continued)**

## Public Service Event – Blue Blaze Festival / Buckeye Trail Marathon

Event Date: Saturday, October 2, 2021

Event Sponsor: [Buckeye Trail Association](#)

Event website: <https://www.buckeyetrail.org/blueblazefest.php>

Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ, reported that the course is different this year. Instead of the usual “there-and-out” course, this year the runners will be shuttled to the start and finish in New Straitsville. There is no full marathon this year.

Watch for emails from Jeff as the date of the event grows nearer.

## Public Service Event – Athens Gravel Challenge

Event Date: Saturday, October 2, 2021

Event Sponsor: Team Athens Cycling / Todd Acheson

Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ, reported that the course is similar to last year’s, with the start at Athens High School in The Plains and the finish at Eclipse.

Members are asked to note that the date of this event is the same date as that of the Blue Blaze Festival / Buckeye Trail Marathon. Jeff is confident the club can provide enough operators to support both events.

Watch for emails from Jeff as the date of the event grows nearer.

## Public Service Event – Bobcat Trail Marathon

Event Sponsor: Western Reserve Racing / Joe Jurczyk

Event Date: Saturday, November 13, 2021

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

Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ, reported that the event is on, and we will be supporting it.

Watch for emails from Jeff as the date of the event grows nearer.

***New Business***

Operating Event – Ohio State Parks on the Air – Saturday, September 11

Event website: <https://ospota.org/>

Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ, reminded the membership of the upcoming “Ohio State Parks on the Air” (OSPOTA) operating event which will be on Saturday, September 11, 2021.

Eric McFadden, WD8RIF, reported he will schedule the Bulldog Shelter at Strouds Run Park. The club’s Elecraft K3 transceiver and Eric’s 80/40m fan-dipole will be available for this event.

Following a motion by Kirk Groeneveld, KC8JRV, and a second by Jeff Slattery, N8SUZ, the meeting was adjourned at 8:41pm.

Respectfully submitted by President and Secretary Eric McFadden, WD8RIF.