



ARCA Meeting Minutes Superstition Hamfest December 2, 2023

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by ARCA Chair Charlie Zurenko, N2TFS at 11:01 AM. A sign-in list was circulated for in-person attendees. A total of 40 clubs attended either in person or via Zoom.

Chair's Report, Charlie Zurenko/N2TFS: Charlie thanked Superstition Club for putting on an awesome hamfest and for making the room available for the ARCA meeting. He was happy to report that the club sold out every space in the swap meet area and recommended that members thank the Superstition club for being here as early as 0430 to get set up. He also reported that N7PVL/Chris will not be online today because she is in Ohio for the funeral of her sister Patty's husband and daughter who were tragically killed in a recent car crash.

First Vice-Chair's Report, Ray Vasquez/K4RMV: Ray echoed Charlie's comments and also thanked Mike/K7URK for running the audio visual for today's meeting. Ray also worked the VE session this morning where they successfully tested 15 hams. He also happened to meet the faculty advisor of the ASU amateur radio club (Dr. James Aberle/N7YVW) who advised that K7ASU club will be joining ARCA soon. Ray also reminded folks that it is time to renew their club's ARCA membership.

Second Vice-Chair's Report, Tom Cloonan/NL7FQ: Tom said he was hoping to attend but had to do some additional recovery from his knee surgery so was only online today. He had nothing significant to report.

Secretary's Report, Lee Ilse/K7OED: Lee stated that the draft minutes from the RST fall meeting had been emailed to all for review and noted one minor admin correction (corrected to list Mark/KI7RB as having seconded the motion to approve the Catalina Radio Club grant request). No further additions or corrections were offered by the members. Motion by Dave/N7ZPY seconded by Walt/NJ8G to approve the minutes as amended. There was no further discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report, Chris Kesauer, N7PVL: Chris was absent because she was attending the memorial service for her brother-in-law and niece, but Charlie/N2TFS reported that the organization remains financially solvent.

Past Chair's report, Steve Miller/W6SDM: Steve said all is quiet in Maricopa and had no further report.

Frequency Coordinator's Report: Dave/N7ZPY reported that everything was "under control." Matt/N7OEI in the Pinetop area has taken over UHF coordination duties.

Old Business:

Updated ARCA Logo: Charlie/N2TFS reminded members to use the new hi-resolution ARCA logo that is available in the dropbox (same location where meeting minutes are posted). Lee/K7OED reminded members that if they want to use the ARCA logo on their hamfest flyers they need to request sponsorship of their event so that ARCA can support the event. This just requires a letter from a club officer emailed to ARCA@ARCA-AZ.ORG. ARCA will also publish the event on the ARCA website, distribute flyers at other upcoming hamfests, and Chris/N7PVL also distributes flyers with the ADAW newsletter.

Membership Renewal: Charlie/N2TFS echoed Ray's earlier comments that membership renewals are due NLT December 31st. It is easy to renew online – just go to the ARCA website (www.arca-az.org) and click on the Membership Info and Forms link on the left side of the page. He reminded members that if they don't renew on time they are in danger of falling out of good standing and being ineligible for scholarships, grants and ham of the year nominations and asked that member clubs please get their renewals in by the end of the year.

Nominations for Ham of the Year, Young Ham of the Year and Scholarships: Charlie/N2TFS reminded folks that we have lots of awesome hams in our community. If you have a member in your club that has been doing great work over the past year or should be recognized for a lifelong achievement award, please nominate them for an award. We recognize the ham of the year and young ham of the year every year at our ARCA annual meeting – the nominations are due NLT May 1st. If you have a ham that is in need of a scholarship, please nominate them as well – he believes that every applicant in recent years has received some form of scholarship. Applications for all programs are on the ARCA website.

New Business:

Flowers for N7PVL: Jeff/W2VNT suggested that ARCA should send some flowers to Chris because of all she does for the organization. Charlie/N2TFS said the board has already planned to do so.

Thanks to Frequency Coordinators: Paul/WB7N thanked Matt/N7OEI and the Frequency Coordinators for their assistance in getting their UHF repeater coordinated and on the air.

Recruitment of New Hams: Lee/K7OED reported that at the last ARCA board meeting the board recommended that all clubs encourage young hams to join the hobby, and that special focus on digital communications is likely a good recruiting subject. He noted that there is an amateur radio merit badge for scouts, and that he has reached out to hams in the Payson community to see if they can help set up an event at Camp Geronimo to assist in putting on a program for scouts to earn that merit badge. Dave/N7ZPY noted that there is a repeater at Camp Geronimo sponsored by Explorer Post 599. Charlie observed that one of the focus areas on the Camp Geronimo is on STEM, so perhaps a club might even do amateur radio Field Day there. Rick/K7ROX echoed the need to focus on digital modes. Ryan/KC7RZR noted that Alhambra High School is in the process of forming a new amateur club at the school and recommends that all hams fully support the annual ARRL school club roundup. Sarah/K7SLI from the UofA club noted that they are encouraging students to work on projects as a good way to give them hands-on experience that will help them sustain their interest in the avocation. Ray/K7RMV noted that one of the things they are doing with their VE Group is taking new hams to park and demonstrate hands-on skills. Finally, Charlie/N2TFS also noted that the West Valley club is running new ham workshops to do similar hands-on activities.

Club Coordination: Jeff/W2VNT noted that some clubs are having difficulty supporting events that they have put on in the past and suggested that ARCA is a great source of information on how clubs might combine forces to host events in the future. Charlie/N2TFs agreed and reminded members that ARCA has a trailer with a variety of equipment that is available for use to support hamfests or other activities.

Net Coordination: Jeff/W2VNT suggested that clubs could also coordinate to host a variety of nets and was particularly interested in digital nets. Charlie/N2TFS said there are many nets in the Phoenix area, including a net for almost every ham radio topic. Lee/K7OED offered that the Arizona Mesh Organization is very active in the Phoenix area with digital nets and hopes that folks in the Tucson area will renew their interest in this activity soon. Charlie/N2TFS also offered that the Northern New Mexico group has a regular FLDIGI net - more information is on the K7ARC website. Finally, Lee/K7OED reported that the ARRL is in the process of replacing their current outdated net directory with a new structure that will require net sponsors to update their net information on a recurring basis.

Upcoming Hamfest Calendar Review: (Bolded* Entries Indicate ARCA Meetings)

1. January 21-27: Quartzfest (Quartzite)
2. February 17: West Valley Swapfest-Tailgate
3. February 24: Green Valley Tailgate and Swap Meet
4. March 16: Scottsdale Hamfest
5. **March 30: DeVry Hamfest and Electronics Swap Meet***
6. April 6: RST Spring Hamfest (Tucson)
7. April 20: Prescott Hamfest
8. May 4: Cochise Hamfest (Sierra Vista)
9. July 19-20: Flagstaff Hamfest

Date and Time of Next Meeting: March 30, 2024, 11:00 AM at the DeVry Hamfest and Electronic Swap Meet

Motion to adjourn by Dave/N7ZPY seconded by Patrick/KI7NSF. All in favor. None opposed.

11:38 PM Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted:

Lee/K7OED
ARCA Secretary

ARCA Meeting

Attendance Report

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In Person Attendees

Attendee Name	Call Sign	Club	Del - Alt - Officer - Visitor
Charlie Zurenko	N2TFS	ARCA	ARCA Chair
Ray Vasquez	K4RMV	ARCA	ARCA 1st Vice-Chair
Steve Miller	W6SDM	ARCA	ARCA Past Chair
Tom Goforth	WY7TG	AMO	Alternate
Walt Reinert	NJ8G	TBARC	President/Delegate
Mark Steele	KI7RB	K7ARC	Delegate
Dave Hall	N7ZPY	MARCA	Delegate
Rick Lovdahl	KJ7ROX	Tonto ARC	Delegate
Patrick Baldwin	KI4NSP	ARA	Delegate
Norm Johnson	AA7OO	MARCA	Alternate
Mark Kirch	K9ZG	Gila County EM	President/Delegate
John Gesell	KB7JJG	YCRACES	Delegate
Gary Lenzi	W7MIN	EAARS	Delegate
Rick Aldom	W7STS	SARC	Delegate
James Wasson	N7ELL	SARC	President
Matt Fiscus	KK7MNZ	CHRC	Visitor
David Nolan	K0NNN	CHRC	Visitor
Mary Stephen	AE6Q	CHRC	Visitor
Athena Gibbons	AI7	ANSR	Visitor
Stephen Thomas	KE7TLS	ANSR	Alternate
Mike Childers	K7URK	MARCA	Visitor
Randy Burcham	KD7KEQ	CRC	Visitor
Reinhard Geissler	K7RGG	CADXA	Alternate
Ryan Adney	KC7RZR	Alhambra HS ARC	Visitor

Online Attendees

Attendee Name	Call Sign	Club	Del - Alt - Officer - Visitor
Tom Cloonan	NL7FQ	ARCA	ARCA 2nd Vice Chair
Lee Ilse	K7OED	ARCA	Secretary
Gary Hamman	K7GH	AARC	Delegate
Sue Rogers	W7SKH	Sunlife ARC	Delegate
Rick Rogers	K7RCR	GVARC	Delegate
Dick Jones	W0PZD	SADXA	Delegate
Marty Nau	W5MHN	CARA	Alternate
Jeff Seligman	W2VNT	CRC	President
Paul Jameson	WB7N	SMARC	Delegate
Jerry Quenneville	K1GLQ	CARL	Delegate
Pat Marcy	W7PZ	LBARA	Alternate
Sarah Li	K7SLI	K7UAZ ARC	Delegate
Charlie Kotan	K0TAN	LBARA	Delegate
Gary Pierce	AE7GP	OVARC	Delegate
Matt Lunati	N7OEI	KARC	Visitor
Avery Davis	WB4RTP	CRC	Delegate

24 In-Person

16 On-Line

40 Total