



Newark Amateur Radio Association



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Business Meeting Minutes

April 15, 2023

Call to Order

The meeting was held at the Newark Red Cross and a Zoom session was hosted by Ken K8DQ. The meeting was called to order by Ron WE8V at 6:00pm. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, members and guests introduced themselves to the group. A total of twenty-one (21) members and guests attended the meeting in person or online.

Attendance

Ken K8DQ	Dick W8RLL	Beau KD8FVV	Terry KE8UUO
Weldon K8NQ	Mary Beth KD8OMU	Steven N8RLW	Matthew KE8GTP
Bret KD8SCL	Jeff N8ADX	Tim KA8PCP	Ron WE8V
Earl W8BR	Mike KD8DZ	Steve N8WL	Connie WD8ODC
Mike WD8JLP	John K9ULO	Steve KE8UIK	Fritz WD8E
Jim WX8J			

Minutes of the Last Meeting

Prior to the meeting, the minutes of the March 2023 NARA business meeting had been posted on the NARA Website and electronically distributed to the members. No additions or corrections to the minutes were noted. A motion to accept the minutes as posted was made by Mike WD8JLP and seconded by Tim KA8PCP. Following a vote, the motion was passed.

Treasurer's Report

Beau KD8FVV provided an accounting of current balance of all bank accounts. A motion to approve the report was made by Bret KD8SCL and seconded by John K9ULO. Following a vote, the motion was approved.



Presidents's Report

Ron WE8V:

1. Grape Version 2 ----- John Gibbons, N8OBJ, introduced the Grape Version 2 at the 2023 HamSCI Workshop that was held March 17 and 18 at the University of Scranton in Pennsylvania. Grape is a high frequency (HF) Doppler receiver that is used as a low cost, personal space weather station (PSWS). The project was created for ionospheric research. The "Grape Receiver" collects Doppler measurements of time standard stations, like WWV in Fort Collins, Colorado. The data is used by professional and academic researchers to learn about solar flare impacts and geomagnetic storms. Grape receivers can be easily deployed by amateur radio operators. A video introducing the "Grape Version 2" is available on ARRL's YouTube channel.
2. ARRL Membership Survey ---- ARRL Members take note, Headquarters will be conducting a membership survey the entire month of May to determine your input about how our membership can be bundled. Rising costs in every category of our operation (and life) affect how we continue to support our members. Interestingly, we have some options for how we can support membership with digital, vs printed publications as they are included as part of membership. Your direct input regarding some of these options is needed and valued in this survey, look for the survey to appear on the arrl.org web page in early May.
3. RQ QSL Cards ---- Keeping with the Convention theme just a bit more... The Great Lakes Division will once again have a booth at Hamvention inside the ARRL area, just like last year. We are asking everyone to bring a QSL Card with them to post on the Division's Brag Board. We were overwhelmed last year with the amount of great QSL Cards that we got. This year we are making sure that you know well in advance so that we can have even more cards on display.
4. NARA Field Day Location Posted ---- I have added the Field Day location of N8ARA to the Field Day Locator on the ARRL Website.
5. Email I received. -- My name is Mike (WB8VNH). My home QTH is Cincinnati. Typically, I join the K8SCH group for field day. This year, I very well might be in Columbus for my daughter's birthday. I hold a general class license and do HF and



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FT-8 and FT-8 digital. I was wondering if you could use another operator on Saturday or Sunday? --- I sent him an Email stating that he is invited.

6. FD Access During Evening --- Earl --- Will we be able to enter and exit via the exit road during the Field Day evening hours?
7. Solar Cycle 25 Peaking --- Evidence is mounting that Solar Cycle 25 might peak much earlier than expected. New research by a leading group of solar physicists predicts maximum sunspot activity in late 2023 or early 2024 with a peak that could be twice as strong as the previous solar cycle."

Vice President's Report

Jeff N8ADX

No report

Committee Reports

❖ **Membership & Attendance**

- Ken K8DQ

As of April 15, 2023, there is one (1) Life member, forty-nine (49) regular members on the active roster. A new membership was received through the new on-line registration system on the n8ara.org website. The automated workflows worked well, with the new member being added to the database and online roster automatically.

❖ **Repeater Management**

- No report



❖ ARES / Emergency Management

- Bret KD8SCL

NVIS day is 4/22/2023 @ 10 AM – 4 PM. This year we will include participation from OHDEN and OSSBN. Information is available at: https://arrl-ohio.org/SEC/nvis_day.html

Hamvention and the ARRL Great Lakes Division Convention will be May 19-21 in Xenia, Ohio. Details can be found at the [ARRL Website](#), the [ARRL Great Lakes Division website](#), and of course, the [Hamvention website](#).

Field Day 2023 will be June 24-25. Information can be found on the [ARRL website](#). Additional information regarding NARA's participation will be available on the club website at n8ara.org this week.

Because of a late change to the planned venue for the 2023 ARES Conference, the conference has been postponed to September or October. Planning is still underway, and a future announcement will be made with details.

❖ CERT

- Mike WD8JLP

There was a CERT meeting on 3/24/2023 @ 6 PM at the administration building on Wilson Street in Newark. During the meeting, "go-packs" were reviewed, and John Weber made a presentation.

Matthew KE8GTP provided an update on the CERT/ARES communications trailer, including updates on the new modular design which will make maintenance and serviceability of equipment more manageable. Currently the team is working on rewiring, and hope to be finished with trailer updates in the next month or two.



❖ History & Archives

- No report

❖ Social & Reception

- Mary Beth KD8OMU
Brownies & nuts were provided for refreshments

❖ Education & Programs

- Ken K8DQ
This evening's program:
NASA Chief Gives Serious Warning About Major Solar Storm
May: **How to Build Ham Radio 2-Meter Quarter Wave Antenna**
June: **Field Day 2023 Planning**
July: **Power Pole & PL-259 Connections – Weldon Mathews, K8NQ**
August: **Stealth HF Antenna the HOA Will Never Find**
September: **The Carrington Event – A Short Documentary**
October: **My Go-To Antenna TH07's 80-6M No Tuner Needed HOA**
November: **2-Meter Radio Antenna Homemade**
December: **Annual Holiday Part & 2024 Elections**

* Programs / schedule subject to change. If you have a program idea, or would like to present a program, please contact Ken K8DQ

Earl W8BR reported that the current license training class wrapped up today (4/15). There are a few participants that plan to attend the upcoming VE session in Heath on April 22, 2023. Earl also thanked the VEs that have agreed to support the VE session, and reminded prospective participants that pre-registration for testing is required.

❖ Website Committee

- Ken K8DQ
The new website is live and traffic statistics so far indicate that the most popular area of the website are the pages devoted to acquiring a license, learning & education. The new online membership feature has also been utilized and is working as designed. Earl W8BR shared that he has received positive feedback for a couple of ham radio operators that liked the new website format.



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❖ Field Day Site Search Committee

- Beau KD8FVV

Beau shared a report of committee findings regarding potential new locations and facilities for the NARA (N8ARA) Field Day event. Following the presentation, a motion was made by Bret KD8SCL and seconded by Mike WD8JLP suggesting that, based upon availability of the facilities, the club conduct their 2023 Field Day operations from the Flint Ridge Memorial Park. Beau KD8FVV will follow up on administrative details and work with Ron WE8V and Ken K8DQ to plan and communicate accordingly.

Old Business

Reminder that the May NARA Business Meeting & Program will be held May 13th. This will allow the club to avoid conflicts with Hamvention 2023.

New Business

No new business

Swap & Shop

FOR SALE: Telex Hy-Gain heavy duty 55' free-standing crank up tower, Ham iV Tail Twister rotator and Mosley Pro-57 beam. Equipment and tower must be taken down and removed from premise. Please contact Fritz WD8E or [leave your contact information here](#) and we will forward it to Fritz.

FOR SALE: Icom IC-718 with box, mic cords, LDG-PAC cable, Raskcal GLX Mark V, OPC-599 and small fan that hooks up for extra ventilation when operating digi. \$500.

Ameritron AL-811 with new tubes \$600.

Pick it up, try it out. Contact Darrin KB8ECF (740) 404-6367



Announcements

- **Steve N8RLW** advised that Coshocton County amateur radio group is seeking volunteers to assist with communications for the 2023 Baitin' the Shark bike ride. Information for the Coshocton County Amateur Radio Association and Coshocton County ARES can be found at <https://idigit4u.com/ccara/>
- **Jim WX8J** shared that the **Dreseden Elementary Amateur Radio Station** will be operating a Field Day event at the Muskingum River Access Point near the Tri-Valley school. Jim provided a brief history of the club and a warm welcome to participate in their Field Day event. For more information on the D.E.A.R.S. group, visit their [QRZ profile](#) or their [Facebook Group](#). They are quite an accomplished group of young amateurs!
- NARA, Tuesdays at 21.00, 146.88, pl 141.3 (On the last Tuesday of the month the NARA net will be on 444.50, pl 141.3.)
- ARES, 1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 21.00. 146.88, pl 141.3
- Buckeye Net: Multi-Mode, Thurs, Sat & Sun at 13:00, 60M Ch. 4
- Central Ohio Traffic Net, Central Ohio Radio Club (CORC), daily net at 7:15pm 146.970, pl 123.0
- COOKEN, Thursdays at 20:30, 50.500MHz, SSB
- Fairfield ARES Nets, Mondays at 19:00, 146.700 pl 94.8
- Fairfield County ARC Net, Mondays at 21:00, 147.030 pl 71.9
- Mt. Vernon ARC Nets, Sundays at 21:00, 146.790 pl 71.9
- Ohio ARES HF Net, Tuesdays at 19:00, 3.902 MHZ
- Popular central Ohio Simplex frequencies: 145.70, 146.46, 145.55

Adjournment

Tim KA8PCP motioned for adjournment. The motion was seconded by Jeff N8ADX followed by a vote. The meeting was adjourned at 6:54 PM.

Program

Ken K8DQ shared a video presentation ["NASA Chief Gives Serious Warning About MAJOR Solar Storm!"](#)



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