# Albemarle Amateur Radio Club
## July 9, 2024
## Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order 7:00pm, by President, Bob Pattison, K4DU Meeting held at PVCC and via Zoom.

2. Welcoming Statement:
   - Introduction of attendees

3. Treasurer's Report – Larry Eicher, K4JZQ
   - Current balance to date: $35,721.74
   - Field Day required minimal funds
   - Club Picinic to be Saturday, 9/14, at Darden Towe with signup sheet to be sent by Ed Berkowitz, N3US
   - No meeting in September due to picnic

4. Committee Reports

   a. Technical Committee – Bill Pond, N0WP
      - Repeater work awaiting break in weather for link hub install. System is currently stable.
      - Heard Mountain Road and property of 760 repeater owners requested to be named on certificate of insurance for club access.

   b. Public Service – Dave Damon, K4DND
      - Saturday morning hamfest TBD
      - Events in fall TBA

   c. Education Committee and VE's – Hank Perritt, K9KDF (not present) Bob Pattison, K4DU, provided update
      - Fall class TBA

   d. Fund Raising - AJ Miller, KE4AJM
      - Raffle raised $31
      - Digital signal processor, Magellan GPS, signal tracer, lantern, MFJ dummy load among other items for raffle

   e. Public Relations Committee – Dennis Terribile, WR4I
      - Have few Field Day shirts for those who volunteered and will email them.
      - November presentation for Albemarle Schools
      - Working on getting into STEM program

   f. Estate Committee - Ed Berkowitz, N3US
      - Received donation of test equipment. Hope to sell locally
      - Bill Pond & Bob Romanko joined committee.

- Dr. Charles Badock donated magloop and will gradually be donating other items.
- Small donated items are being used as raffle items

g. Field Day Committee – Bob Romanko, AK4BR
- 2024 Field Day in review
  - Thank you to those who volunteered
  - Will maintain setup for next Field Day
  - 5017 points generated at Earlysville Fire Department, outperforming 2023. Total points TBD
  - Opportunities for improvement
- Winter Field Day suggested at Earlysville Fire Department TBA
- [AARC Field Day 2024 in 2 minutes](AARC Field Day 2024 in 2 minutes)
h. Membership Committee - Ed Berkowitz, N3US
- New Members:
  1. Michael Smith, KQ4SRP
  2. Steve Bookout, NR4M
  3. Peter Francisco, KQ4TNW

5. Old Business:

a. Club Call Sign Badges – Bob Pattison, K4DU
- Preliminary artwork to be provided by Bob Romanko, AK4BR

b. W2HD Scholarship – Bob Pattison, K4DU

- Will discuss with Board prior to submitting to ARRL

6. New Business:

a. Purchase of 6x8 trailer for Field Day storage - Bob Romanko, AK4BR

- Provide method to deploy equipment easily minus tech equipment. Portable antennas, coax, shelters etc like small U-Haul. Will hold 2000lbs of cargo.

- Physical inspection has been performed.

- Cost $1500 with new vent provided. Club will own with permanent tag. Will need new tires, title and insurance up to $2000 for total purchase.

- All voted to authorize purchase of up to $2000

b. Hexbeam Antenna - Ed Berkowitz, N3US

- Used for Field Day suggest authorizing sale of antenna

- Recommend selling locally for $500-600 covers 5 bands. Needs 30-40 ft height.

- Decision to be made next month

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7. Program –[The Radio Amateur's Code, Ham Radio Ethics and Ham Radio Lore - Bob Pattison, K4DU](#)

8. Close of Business: Adjourned 8:23pm


Respectfully submitted,

Tonya Pedersen, KQ4EUR

Secretary

## Attendees (30):

**In Person (24):**

1. Bob Pattison, K4DU
2. AJ Miller, KE4AJM
3. Bob Romanko, AK4BR
4. John Porter, KK4JP
5. Larry Broach, KQ4QKG
6. Nate Pedersen, N4PED
7. Jim Owen, K4CGY
8. Tonya Pedersen, KQ4EUR
9. Ian Callahan, KN4TBG
10. Dennis Terribile, WR4I
11. Larry Eicher, K4JZQ
12. Ken Walker, KO4OM
13. Michael Smith, KQ4SRP
14. Ben Casto, NX4S
15. Scott Barker, KQ4TNX (guest)
16. Peri Forister, W5PRY
17. Ron Richey, K4RKA
18. Joe Devincentis, KO8V
19. Jim Wilson, K4BAV
20. Joe Giovanelli, W2PVY
21. Len Soika, KQ4BBR
22. Peter Francisco, KQ4TNW
23. Steve Bookout, NR4M
24. Ed Berkowitz, N3US

**Online (6):**

1. Rich Freeman, KI4QKV
2. Barbara Freeman, KN4LAH
3. Bill Pond, N0WP
4. Bill Olesky, KF4IE
5. Dave Damon, K4DND
6. Warren Yursik, KN4LYF