

## Minutes of the ARCNEM meeting September 14, 2021

In attendance were

Ted WA3AER, Fred AI3Z, Jim N3GOO, Les KC3OFR, Nick K3NY, Rick N3MOB  
Uwe DF2IR, Mike K4DUM, Fred KA3CXQ, Jim AB3CA, Charles K2ZVV, Tom K3YH  
George AA3GG, Dean VE4DMW, Tim W1TRT, Zory KB3VQC, Steve WA3ZWC, Sam W3SCB

Meeting minutes – Minutes approved by acclimation

Treasurer's Report – Bank Balance \$2760.18, no income and no outgo for doughnuts recently.

QSL report - From D-Day W2W event \$16.00 income, \$16.60 spent. Club owes Nick \$0.60. Operators were ND3D, AI3Z, KB3VQC and K3RA. Count by mode is 76 CW, 277 FT8, 280 phone, 548 FT4. Count by band is 76 40m, 1 30M, 849 20m, 19 15m, 1 10m, 235 6m. Total 1181 QSOs.

Technician class report – started last Thursday. Over 184 signed up, 120 attended. Classes are recorded and the recordings are available at [Bit.ly/techclass2021](http://Bit.ly/techclass2021)

Visitor to the group – VE4DMW, Dean, was welcomed to the meeting. From Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. He was visiting the museum and met Nick K3NY, as he had moved to Columbia MD. He is down here with no radios and would like to use the club station if possible as he has never had the opportunity to operate on HF.

Field Day Letter – Tim Titus wrote a letter for Mike's signature with a \$100 donation to Howard County Parks and Recreation specifically to improve Rockburn Park. We received a nice acknowledgement letter from HC Parks and Rec acknowledging our letter.

Pearl Harbor Event – This year's PH event has W2W reserved December 3 through and including the 13<sup>th</sup>. This includes two full weekends, as the seventh is a Tuesday this year. Our primary operation will be December 3rd through December 7th, with additional operation as operator availability permits. Primary bands are 20 and 40, with 80 and digital modes as opportunities abound. As of this meeting we may operate from the museum site. What may happen in December is, of course, depending on the pandemic situation.

Wednesday Net Report – AI3Z reports the last two weeks propagation was fair, Fred could copy the left coast in real time. The audio from the computer to the monitor issue has been fixed. The Henry amp T/R relay worked for one week and then failed again, it goes deaf at times and appears to need rework. The Ameritron is still under repair. The FT920 is in the queue to have its PTT connector repaired. Contact counts have been as low as three and as high as twelve, with the highest counts tending to be non NGC contacts.

Future of the Radio Club – Sam W3SCB reported that Unallocated space is open to a merger or our use of their space for a future home for the club.

Fred KA3CXQ – presented several interesting ham radio articles and items from various magazines. It was a very informative and interesting presentation.

Meeting adjourned at 1921EDT