

Minutes of the ARC NEM meeting November 9, 2021

In attendance were:

Ted WA3AER, Jim N3GOO, Charles K2ZVV, Gary N3BYN, Mike K4DUM, Tom K3YH, Steve N3YPJ,
Nick K3NY, Steve WA3ZWC, Fred KA3CXQ, John W3JBC, Jim AB3CA, Tim W1TRT, Les KC3OFR,
Sam W3SCB, Jim K3YMI, George AA3GG,

Meeting started at 1810.

Dues – the 2022 dues (**\$15**) are due, so please do your due diligence and diligently deliver your due dues to the dues dude. It is preferred to pay by PayPal send to Treasurer@K3NEM.ORG. Send the **NEW form from the website to Treasurer@K3NEM.ORG** (preferred). You can send it by regular mail but expect a long delay on the paperwork getting in, as mail delivery is very slow.

Meeting minutes – Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report – Total assets are \$2885.86 as of November 2021.

Museum is holding a "Garage Sale" – check out the NEM website. There is some ham radio gear in the list. Sadly, apparently there are no Curta calculators on the list.

Wednesday Net Report – Jim AB3CA reports net went well several weeks ago, approx. 10 check-ins, all the regulars. The current solar cycle seems to be treating us well. No one needed to use the internet SDRs. Tom K3YH, Fred AI3Z and Jim AB3CA are working on setting up a regular operator schedule. If anyone else wants to be a net operator on the Wednesday net please let Tom or Jim know and they'll give you some OJT and you can join the rotation. Net is Wednesday at 3PM at the museum.

Station status – No station issues while working the nets, all the ham gear and the computers are working fine. Kudos to Fred AI3Z for his work on the gear and the computers!

School club roundup – Tom K3YH and Kevin KC3KZ operated K3NEM for the school club roundup last month and worked 126 phone QSOs in 31 states, 5 provinces and 10 dx with multipliers of 3 clubs and 30 schools for a score of 25452.

Pearl Harbor Event – It is still our plan to operate W2W from the museum this December. The dates, times and frequencies have been announced in the usual places and are in last month's minutes. Operating dates are Friday December 3, through Monday December 13. Tom K3YH will create a signup sheet and send out the info by the mailing list. Primary ops are 12/3 to 12/7. The full announcement is on the ARRL website.

QSL report – Six received since last month. Nick K3NY owes the club \$1.00 for postage. Nick will create a certificate for the Pearl Harbor Event. Total number of QSOs made in our log since 1995 is 80782.

General class - started October 28th. Runs through January because of the holidays. Over 250 signups. About 175 logins in the past two weeks, plus other people who watch the recordings (i.e. time shift the class).

Technician class report – Completed October 21. Tom estimates about 50 logins at the end of the class, and due to the nature of the Zoom classes we don't have a good estimate as to how many people actually take the exams and pass. Suggestion was made to have an anonymous survey of the class to get some useful feedback on the class.

Club officer elections – Tom K3YH and Fred KA3CXQ were nominated for vice president, although both strongly declined the honor. It was suggested that we follow corporate procedure and make everyone a vice president. N3GOO and AI3Z agreed to continue with their current roles. K4DUM is desperately trying to get out of being president, as usual. Tim W1TRT suggested nominating the current slate, leaving us without a VP. Charlie K2ZVV offered to run as VP. The current slate is K4DUM, K2ZVV, AI3Z and N3GOO.

Chip Weems Award Nominations – The committee will deliberate and report back at the next meeting. Issues with respect to the museum and the club need to be discussed.

Club location – the club needs a permanent home. Please communicate ideas for locations to the club president. A former Nike missile site at Granite, MD was suggested. Unallocated Space, UMBC, VFW were also discussed. Tim W1TRT to write up a proposal as to what we want.

Meeting adjourned at 1953EDT