



AARA Newsletter



Alcatel Amateur Radio Association

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AARA, m/s PB7-AARA, 3400 W Plano Parkway, Plano, TX 75075

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September General Membership Meeting: September 28th 5:30 p.m. PB11-1204 southwest corner of Plano Parkway and Independence. The Lobby faces Plano Parkway and is the entrance with the revolving door. Non-Employees can sign in at the reception desk.

Program: Thorsten Prutz K5TCP will speak on the Echolink Project at UTD .

Board Of Directors Meeting: The AARA Board of Directors will meet in the AARA Club Room in PB7 on Tuesday, October 12, 2004, at 5:30 p.m. All interested AARA members are invited to attend.

What's New at AARA?

1. The computers in the clubroom are connected the Internet with static addresses.
2. The HF antenna should be connected by now.
3. The funding for 2003 was received.

We'd welcome articles of ham interest or anyone wishing to try their hand as newsletter editor.

Upcoming Events

6 Meter Enthusiasts: Check out the local simplex net on 52.525 MHz FM on Wednesdays at 8 pm. It is now called The Six Listeners Around North Texas (SLANT).

TEXAS STATE QSO PARTY: - 25, 26 Sep 2004 - Get the rules for this years party at: <http://www.txqp.org>

Mentorfest will be held on Saturday October 23rd from 8:00AM until 3:30PM at the Betcha Bingo in Irving, TX. Please visit the Mentorfest web site at www.ntxinfo.org/mentorfest for the latest information about this event.

[Note: Minutes are in reverse chronological order.]

The September Board meeting was cancelled due to lack of quorum.

Minutes of the August 2004 AARA General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, August 24, 2004
MCI Campbell Creek Building, 2400 North Glenville Drive, Richardson, TX

OPENING AND ROLL CALL

Executive Vice President Miguel Ylagan, KC5FEJ, called the meeting to order at 1740 CDST. Other officers attending the meeting were, Vice President Operations Mark Dempsy, N5MD, Treasurer Al Koch, KB5VSL, and Secretary Clarence Sebesta, K5YO. Also attending members were George Huling, K5GH, Ernie Brouwer, KD5MFE, and Keith Parris, WB5RBA.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The minutes for the July GMM were passed out to the attendees for review. There being no corrections, Al MOVED the minutes be approved and Mark SECONDED. The minutes were APPROVED.

There was no correspondence other than newsletters.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Al Koch submitted the current financial statement. The 2003 company reimbursement was deposited and transferred to the savings account. Financial report was submitted for audit.

VP OPERATION'S REPORT

Repeater: The new repeater has been moved to UTD. Parts from the remote base were used so the main repeater could be put on the air. The remote

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base will be fixed when the replacement parts are available.

HF Station: The cable for the Butternut Vertical is now in the clubroom by the HF station. The cable does need to be shortened. Some receiver testing has been done with the antenna; however, no transmissions have been made with the antenna. Tests need to be done to make sure the antenna is properly tuned. Low power interference tests need to be done before high power is applied to the antenna.

VHF / UHF Station: The installation for the VHF / UHF antennas are on hold. Maintenance wants to make sure the HF antenna isn't causing any interference before the VHF / UHF antennas are installed.

Internet: IS has assign two of our PCs a static IP address. These IP addresses are allowed to go out through Alcatel's firewall to the Internet but not to anywhere within the firewall. Miguel Ylagan is working to setup accounts on these computers so are members can use them to access the Internet.

General: Maintenance is reviewing its lightning protection for PB-7. Mark will try to work with maintenance to make sure are future antenna installation are taken into account.

EXECUTIVE VP'S REPORT

Programs: Miguel is working on getting the September program. The balloon project is a possibility.

Also involved with Internet in the clubroom as discussed under VP Ops report. Miguel is also transferring the contents from the old clubroom computer to the new computers.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

None – Frank is out of state.

NEW BUSINESS

Al noted that the next board meeting would discuss projects and plans for next year.

OLD BUSINESS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Miguel noted that September 18th is Amateur Radio Day.

Clarence said that they were looking for operators for the Telecom Corporate Challenge September 12th and 19th.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Ernie MOVED that the meeting be adjourned. Clarence SECONDED. The motion was APPROVED and the meeting was adjourned at 1800h CT.

Respectfully submitted,
Clarence Sebesta K5YO
Secretary

Minutes of the August 2004 AARA Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, August 10, 2004
Alcatel, PB7 Club room, 3400 West Plano Parkway, Plano TX

OPENING AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 5:36 pm. Present were President Frank Krizan, KR1ZAN, Vice President of Operations Mark Dempsy, N5MD, Treasurer Al Koch, KB5VSL and Secretary Clarence Sebesta, K5YO. Miguel Ylagan was away on business.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The minutes for the July BoD meeting were distributed by email. There being no corrections, the minutes were APPROVED. There was nothing received in the mail.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Al submitted the transactions report that includes the 2003 check reimbursement. It was agreed that the check could be placed in the savings account for use at later time. He also submitted an updated budget vs. actual report. Only expenses since the last general meeting was the repeater phone bill and liability insurance premium from Marsh. The treasurer's report was accepted for audit.

VP OPERATION'S REPORT

Repeater: The repeater has been moved to UTD. Parts of the remote base were used so the main repeater could be put on the air. The remote base will be fixed when the replacement parts are available.

HF Station: Maintenance has run the new cable for the Butternut Vertical into the building. It is located above the ceiling by the clubroom door. Mark plans to get the cable routed to the HF station in the next few days.

VHF / UHF Station: The installation for the VHF / UHF antennas are on hold. Maintenance wants to make sure the HF antenna isn't causing any interference before the VHF / UHF antennas are installed.

Internet: IS has assigned two of our PC's a static IP address. These IP addresses are allowed to go out through Alcatel's firewall to the Internet but not to anywhere within the firewall. Miguel Ylagan is working to setup accounts on these computers so members can use them to access the Internet. Remote access is not presently available.

General: Maintenance is reviewing its lightning protection for PB-7. Mark will try to work with maintenance to make sure are future antenna installation are taken into account.

EXECUTIVE VP'S REPORT

(Miguel was unavailable.) An email from Miguel reported his n getting Internet access on the two computers

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as reported above and his efforts to get future programs.

Future programs: August 24th – Telecom Corridor Meeting – Bob Kellow, W5LT - SteppIR Antenna

September 28 – K5UTD HF Remote Base (K5TCP) - [tentative]

Other suggestions: Winlink2000, Balloon Project, Plano Balloon Festival – John Beadles.

November 16 – Elections/Annual Meeting – Need a short program

December 14th?? – Joint Telecom Corridor clubs Christmas Dinner.

No information on Telecom Corridor programs for Oct 26.

September 12th & 19th are Corporate Challenge – Contact Jonathan Sennetti

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Frank announced that he would not be available for the August GMM, the September Bod and possibly the September GMM. Appropriate leadership will run the appropriate meetings. Frank said he would still be available by email or by leaving a message on his home phone.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

2004 Operating Budget: Frank made a MOTION: To leave the operating budget as revised on August 6, 2004 and place the Company reimbursement for 2003 in the club savings account. Al SECONDED. Motion PASSED.

Frank recommended that the board discuss projects and items needed at the September board meeting. Getting a laptop was discussed. This would help various projects in and away

from the clubroom on community projects.

There was a query of what the IRS limit was for nonprofit clubs. Al is to check of what it is.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Clarence MOVED that the meeting be adjourned. Al SECONDED. The motion was APPROVED and the meeting was adjourned at 6:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Clarence Sebesta, K5YO - Secretary

Minutes of the July 2004 AARA General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, July 27, 2004
Alcatel USA, Plano, TX PB11-1204

OPENING AND ROLL CALL

Executive Vice President Miguel Ylagan KC5FVJ called the meeting to order at 1745 CDST. Other officers attending the meeting were, Vice President of Operations Mark Dempsky, N5MD, Treasurer Al Koch KB5VSL, and Secretary Clarence Sebesta K5YO. Also attending were Keith Parris WB5RBA and guest program speaker Bill Fell KK5PB. President Frank Krizan KR1ZAN was absent.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

There was not a GMM in June due to the dinner meeting. The minutes for the May GMM were published in the newsletter. Clarence noted that he found one correction for an incorrect date for the June dinner meeting. There being no other corrections, Miguel declared that the minutes were APPROVED.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Al Koch submitted the current credit union transaction register report and proposed operating budget. The report did not include the 2003 funding. Al asked the members whether he should deposit it into the savings account to keep it out of the operating budget. Most felt that either way he wanted to do it was fine but it would add to the financial report.

The financial report was submitted for audit.

VP OPERATION'S REPORT

Repeater: The repeater has been moved to UTD. Parts from the remote base were used so the main repeater could be put on the air. The remote base will be fixed when the replacements parts are available.

HF Station: Maintenance has the new cable for the Butternut Vertical. Mark is working on setting up a date to install the cable. Mark reported that he doesn't see the cable that they say was put down our feed pipe.

VHF / UHF Station: The installation for the VHF / UHF antennas are on hold. Maintenance wants to make sure the HF antenna isn't causing any interference before the VHF / UHF antennas are installed.

Internet: See Miguel's report for Internet access.

General: Maintenance is reviewing its lightning protection for PB-7. Mark will try to work with maintenance to make sure are future antenna installation are taken into account.

EXECUTIVE VP'S REPORT

Miguel Ylagan reported that IT has agreed to give us Static IP addresses for the PCs in the Clubroom and allow us Internet access without LAN access. Miguel will need to set-up the PCs and arrange for IT to come set the IP addresses. He indicated that the system would have firewall protection but nothing was mentioned about remote access yet.

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Shortly after Miguel's memo to Pat Voegler, VP of Human Resources, the check was issued for our 2003 check requests. The requests were submitted several times but no action was taken. We thank Miguel for resolving this issue.

Miguel reported that Alcatel has committed to several more years hosting the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure on the Alcatel campus. The club looks forward to the continued good working relationship with Alcatel and the event.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President Frank Krizan was on vacation out west.

NEW BUSINESS - none

OLD BUSINESS

Miguel presented the motion from Al for approving the 2004 Operating Budget:

MOTION: The AARA Board of Directors recommends the Revision to the AARA Budget dated June 8, 2004 in order to properly carry out the business of the Club.

Mark **SECONDED** the motion and the **MOTION** was **APPROVED**.

The budget did not include the 2003 funding just received. The board will revise the budget at next month board meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS -none

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Al **MOVED** that the meeting be adjourned. Mark **SECONDED**. The motion was **APPROVED** and the meeting was adjourned at 1800 CDST.

Respectfully submitted,
Clarence Sebesta K5YO Secretary

PROGRAM

Bill Fell KK5PB presented a program showing off his ARES BOOMBOX. This is a grab-n-go VHF/UHF command post built into an easily

transportable field carrying case. It was an interesting presentation of how to quickly set up a field station with radios, power supplies, antennas and all the many things needed in an emergency. He also is adding HF capability.

[Your article here!]

Extra:

For Sale: Heathkit DX100 transmitter
\$50 214-437-7100 McKinney

AARA Club Information

AARA General Meetings are held at 5:30 pm of the 4th Tuesday except for November, which meets on the 3rd Tuesday. On odd numbered months, the club meets in PB11-1204 southwest corner of Plano Parkway and Independence, Plano. On even number months, the club meets with the Telecom Corridor ham clubs at the MCI Campbell Creek Bldg, 2400 N Glenville Dr, Richardson. In June and December, the club joins the Telecom Corridor clubs for a dinner party.

AARA Board Meetings are held at 5:30 pm on the 2nd Tuesday in the AARA clubroom in PB7. AARA members welcome.

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