

The May Meeting of the Valley Amateur Radio Association, Inc. was held at Armstrong's Restaurant in Verona, Virginia.

The Membership meeting of the Valley Amateur Radio Association, Inc. was called to order at 7 p.m., Tuesday, May 6, 2025, by John Lasher, N3GLZ Vice-president. Sixteen members and two guests attended.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report was previously submitted to the membership via email and as presented, was approved. The first reading of the membership application of John Schlabach, KI4FDG was made.

Secretary's Report

The Secretary's report was previously submitted to the membership via email. The secretary sought the name of the winner of the second 50/50 drawing, the ball cap, to be added to the April minutes Rowan Hildreth, KQ4GWY confirmed that he won the cap. His name was added to the minutes. The minutes, as amended, were accepted.

ARES Report

David Tanks, AD4TJ, ARES Coordinator, gave the ARES Report. He announced that in lieu of an ARES net this month, a foxhunt would be held. It was scheduled for Thursday, May 8 to begin at 6:45 and end at 7:45. The frequency to be used for the foxhunt will be 146.565. Time spent participating in the foxhunt can be reported as ARES activity hours.

Contests

An Italian RTTY contest was held May 3 and 4. There will be an EU PSK DX Conest from 1200 (UTC) May 17 to 1200 (UTC) May 18. The CQ WW PX CW contest will be held 0000 (UTC) May 24 to 2359 (UTC) May 25.

Special Events

The following special events were reported:

8th-18th: 80th Anniversary of the Victory in Europe: VE Day.

9 am to 8 pm EDT, W2V of Gastonia, NC.

7.245, 14.245, 21.345, 28.445. QSL.

10th: Jamestown VA, near the site of the first fort built on Jamestown Island in 1607, 418 yrs ago.

10 am to 4 pm EDT, K4RC.

7.265, 14.265. Certificate and QSL.

10th: Golden Spike S.E. station, Ogden Utah, 156th anniversary of the event (1869).

11 am to 7 pm EDT, W7G.

7.235, 14.255, 21.330, 28.385, 7.040 (possible), 14.040 (possible). QSL.

10th: Armed Forces Day (see my email of yesterday for details)

11th-18th: National Police Week: Honoring Our Fallen Heroes.

8 pm to 8 pm EDT, K3FBI/0 through K3FBI/9 from various locations.
7.030, 7.250, 14.050, 14.275. Certificate.

31st: Commemorating 1971 Plane Crash on Brush Mountain, near New Castle, VA that killed Audie Murphy.
10 am to 5 pm EDT, W2A. Audie Murphy: most decorated US soldier of WWII, movie actor, American hero.
3.860, 7.200, 14.240. QSL.

SkyWarn

Dave Beebe, K4UEK, Skywarn subnet coordinator, announced that the next Skywarn net would take place on May 14 at 9 p.m. on 146.820. There will be a basic Skywarn class offered on-line from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on May 8.

Old Business

The Vice-president stated that he still needed speakers for the September and November Membership Meetings. Riley Chandler, KF4EMZ, volunteered to give his presentation, originally scheduled for the January meeting, at the September meeting. The January meeting was canceled due to inclement weather.

New Business

The Vice-president mentioned that there had been some discussion concerning moving the Membership meeting location to Golden Coral. He asked the membership to consider it and discuss the matter at a future meeting.

The next Field Day Planning Committee meeting will be 6 p.m. May 13 at the Burger King in Mount Crawford.

The Lee Warren Queen City Bike Tour will be held on June 14. The tour will have four loops. Colin Hester, N4ZFQ will serve as net control for the event. A Ride Liaison is needed.

There was mention of a new repeater serving the area. Its frequency is 147.000 And it has a digital tone of 065.

The 50/50 drawing was held. Rowan Hildreth, KQ4GWY won the cash prize and donated it back to the Association.

After the business portion of the meeting was over, Riley Chandler, KF4EMZ, made a presentation on AREDN-MESH.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick J. Morgan

Secretary