



WAARC April 8 2025 meeting minutes

The Hour of Power session and general meeting were performed via ZOOM video and in-person at the JCC Bruton Fire Station. The HOP was presented by Jack, KY4EA, discussing the Spring-Wire on air event and the 6m and 10m antenna build plan.

President Kerry, NH2A, called the general meeting to order. He welcomed visitors and new members. There were 53 attending. The minutes from the last meeting (posted on the groups.io site and the club web site) were approved by motion and vote. The treasurer's report was posted on the Groups.io web site. Kerry reported that Bruce Burkett, KN4DRB/sk, had passed away recently. Kerry also reported that he was appointing Chuck, AI4WU, to fill the Director at Large officer position while Randy, W4YSN, recovers from his serious illness. We all wish Randy a speedy recovery.

Kerry introduced the idea of the club purchasing tee shirts with the club logo and make them available to members at cost. He also mentioned polo shirts. The tee shirts would be blue to eliminate the need for an extra color in the logo, helping to keep the cost down. The back would have an image of the reverse side of the club anniversary coin. Kerry presented the quantity and cost figures, and it was moved and passed that the club would spend \$1400. For an order of 100 tee shirts of varying sizes. Possible give aways would be evaluated later. Kerry discussed the polo shirts with a small order of 12 costing about \$21.89.

ARES: Chuck, AI4WU, discussed the VOPEX exercise that will be conducted this summer. Chris, KC4CMR, mentioned the antenna was up on the new Warhill school facility and he would see about checking it out during the next Coffee and Radio net.

There was some discussion about trying to operate CW over the 2m repeater. Steve, KQ4NFI, discussed the idea he and Sean, N0OEP, had been thinking about, not to teach code but raise interest in the mode. There were questions and suggestions and comments.

Testing resulted in two new technician licenses. On Saturday April 5, eight operators assisted the Bike the Bridge event with 134 riders and a couple minor injuries. The club Jamestown Special Event will be May 10 at Jamestown Beach. Note that for the club anniversary there will be a special contact certificate for contacting all three special events in 2025.

Announcements and discussions:

- There will be an open license test session April 19 after the current class.

- The YL and Friends lunch (was) April 17.
- The Bush Gardens Food and Wine 5K will be May 4.
- The Bike MS event will be May 31-June 1.
- The SpringWire operating event is April 16-30.
- The Patriot's Triathlon will be September 6 and 7.

The Presentation for the meeting was by Jack, KY4EA performing antenna testing for spurious harmonics. Jack presented some background and then demonstrated testing several antennas. Members were able to run the test on their own antennas.

Attendees:

AI4KJ	Dan		KC3PCS	Scott		KN4ZME	Fred		N4WTL	Bill
AI4WU	Chuck		KC4CMR	Chris		KO4ENU	Steve		N8VBN	Andrea
AJ4XV	Dave		KD4EAP	Dale		KO4GLN	Kenzie		NH2A	Kerry
AK4MV	Rick		KD8TGA	Quinton		KO4JPR	DJ		no call	Bob N
K1NUH	Ed		KE4WMF	Scott		KQ4BEE	Karen		no call	Ann
K4CEF	Cynthia		KG4SMV	Steve		KQ4NFI	Steve		W1RVR	Ron
K4GTG	George		KH2FX	Anita		KQ4ZON	Mike		W4DSR	David
K4JST	Gil		KI4IZF	Rhona		KR4CIR	Al		W4RWP	Ray
K4MI	Will		KK4R	Rob		KY4EA	Jack		W4YVA	Joe
K4MRO	Michael		KL0S	Dino		KY4RQ	Gerald		W6OAY	Diana
K4PJN	Philip		KL0SS	Toby		N1PAX	Rob		W9DSE	Russell
K4RAA	Dean		KN4EE	Mike		N1SFR	Bob		WA3RWP	Wally
K4RVR	Tracy		KN4UUT	Robert		N3FER	Rick		WG4F	Dan
									WZ4BRB	Barbara

Respectfully submitted, Dan, WG4F. Please send any corrections or additions to me.