

WAARC June 10 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 used to prepare equipment for Field Day. Each container of equipment was assigned a color code and all equipment in that container was tagged with tape of that color. Everyone attending in person had a chance to view the equipment and get familiar with this organization. This should help with packing everything up after Field Day.

President Kerry, NH2A, called the general meeting to order. He welcomed visitors and new members. There were 50 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 the passing of Marie, K3MEV/sk and gave a brief review of her extensive participation in Amateur Radio. Kerry also reported on the passing of Jeanne Frey, XYL of Gil, K4JST. Kerry shared the good news that Randy, W4YSN, is now starting his recovery at home after his long stay in the hospital and Jack, KY4EA, reported having a QSO with Randy on the Coffee and Radio Net. Kerry also reported that Abby, KQ4LTR, plans to join the Air Force. Kerry mentioned the club Field Day guide by Chuck, AI4WU, which is a very good and extensive plan for the club Field Day event. Finally, Kerry reminded us that club officer elections are 7 months away.

ARES: Chuck, AI4WU, and Chris, KC4CMR, both discussed the recent Surry VOPEX dress rehearsal.

Kerry gave a rundown of the club plans for Field Day weekend, starting with breakfast (of course) on Friday at Sandy's. Friday will involve setting up antennas and lights and some area cleanup. Then Saturday morning after breakfast at Sandy's, the rest of the stations will be set up in time to get on the air by 2:00pm. There was some discussion on insect protection.

Joe, W4YVA, reported there will be license testing available at Field Day and also at the Colonial Williamsburg Special Event July 5.

Robert, KN4UUT, reported on the JCC Color Ride event with 122 riders and the Bike MS event which hosted 450 riders.

Barbara, WZ4BRB, reported on the Field Day food menu. She noted there was no member cost but desserts with individual wrapping and no nuts would be welcome.

Announcements and events:

- Club tee shirts are still available but there may be limited availability of a couple of sizes.
- There won't be a YL and Friends lunch for June.
- The Patriot's Triathlon will be September 6 and 7.
- The Bush Fiends Frenzy will be September 28
- The Bush Christmas town dash will be December 7
- The JCC Parks and Recreation Color Ride (was) June 7

The Presentation for the meeting was by Chuck, AI4WU, providing a look into using the N1MM logging software that the club uses for Field Day. While this software is also used at club special events, some additional features are available to assist in Field Day operation. Chuck talked about the integration of these features with the club FT-710 radio. A good logger tip provided was to not "press enter" to log the QSO until the operator completes the QSO so the operator can still easily see the call sign of the contact.

AI4WU	Chuck	KD4SGC	Mari Ann	KQ4NFI	Steve	NH2A	Kerry
AJ4XV	Dave	KD8TGA	Quinton	KQ4ZON	Mike	NY4B	Jaylene
K3RM	Greg	KE4WMF	Scott	KR4CIR	Al	W2JF	John
K4JST	Gil	KG4SMV	Steve	KR4DCS	Robert	W40NH	Owen
K4MI	Will	KH2FX	Anita	KY4DZ	Dennis	W4RWP	Ray
K4PJN	Philip	KI4IZF	Rhona	KY4EA	Jack	W4YVA	Joe
K4PQL	Steve	KLOS	Dino	KZ4EP	Hei ko	W6OAY	Diana
K8LF	Jerome	KLOSS	Toby	NOOEP	Sean	W8BC	Bill
KC3LVS	Tyler	KN4UUT	Robert	N1PAX	Rob	W9DSE	Russell
KC3PCS	Scott	KO4GLO	Donna	N2OP	Bob	WG4F	Dan
KC4CMR	Chris	KQ4LTR	Abby	N4MSC	Mike	WZ4BRB	Barbara
KD4NIV	Rick	KQ4MPH	Martin	N4SOL	Solanna	zoom	Fredick
				N8VBN	Andrea	zoom	Hank

Attendees:

Respectfully submitted, Dan, WG4F. Please send any corrections or additions to me. NOTE: if you are on ZOOM and have a call sign, make sure it shows in your name.