

Minutes of the Coconino Amateur Radio Club Meeting 5/14/2026

The Zoom business meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Secretary John Nelson. The following members and guests participated:

John Nelson, Secretary	N7MLS
Al Simmons	AB6VO
Joe Hobart	W7LUX
Jeff Harth	WA6TPO
Mark Christian	WB8VWC
Trevor Poirier	KM7CTW
Bob Wertz	NF7E NADXA guest
Mike Hanks	W7QS NADXA guest

Vice President's Message: Jeff was on travel to the Dayton Hamvention so was not present. He had said that he would do a technical presentation at our June club meeting on the use of artificial intelligence tools for amateur radio.

Secretary's Report: The minutes for the April meeting were previously distributed via the email list. Mark made a motion to accept as distributed. Joe seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Ken sent us the Treasurer's report for the end of April. Beginning balance was \$6193.50. We had no income. We had expenses of \$189.89 for the STEM bookmarks, resulting in a month ending balance of \$6003.61. We currently have 26 paid members plus 2 life members. Joe made a motion to accept the report and Jeff seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

- Field Day, June 27 at the Home Depot parking lot – The club has previously agreed to join the Northern Arizona DX Association (NADXA) for a joint Field Day "open house" event on June 27. Bob Wertz provided a great overview of event objectives, plans, and action items. The goal is to have both the CARC trailer and the NADXA trailer on the air, and to interact as much as possible with the public. NADXA will host a BBQ for both clubs and their families on Saturday evening. Al will take the lead for CARC for event coordination and planning. Mark will take care of inviting local officials, and will assist with set-up and tear-down. Joe will set up a STEM-like table with Morse code activities for the kids. He will also plan to copy the W1AW bulletins.

Mark suggested that we develop a common online location for anyone taking Field Day photos to upload their pictures. John will set up a Google Drive folder for this purpose.

We need as many club members as possible to attend and participate. Bob provided some graphics for distribution, and they are included at the end of this document.

New Business and Upcoming Events

- **Sacred Mountain Prayer Run, June 6** – Joe has 5 volunteers signed up so far. This is enough to provide essential support for the event, but additional volunteers would be much appreciated. Anyone volunteering should let Jeff or Joe know. Jeff will notify the event coordinator that we are GO for this event. The club was invited to participate at a Fire Safety Day at Mormon Lake on the same day, but we will decline due to the SMPR conflict.

- **Stagecoach 100** – club members would welcome any support for this event offered by other organizations, such as the Maricopa County Emergency Communications Group. However, CARC's role still depends on identifying someone to volunteer as overall coordinator.

- **Rimlink Ragchew** – the consensus was to continue to meet on the Rimlink repeater system on Monday evenings at 7:30. This is a brief “meet-up”, not a directed net. Mike will inform NADXA members as well. Future participants may wish to change the scheduled day and time.

- **Flagstaff Hamfest June 20** – Jeff has procured a table skirt for use on our club table at the hamfest. The design looks great! It will come in handy for our field day event as well. Jeff has also developed a trifold brochure and business cards that can be used at both events.

Several club members plan to attend the hamfest and help staff our club table. Mike said that any assistance that CARC members can provide on the day of the event will be greatly appreciated.

- **CARC 50th Anniversary (1976-2026)** - The group previously discussed planning a special event to celebrate the Coconino Amateur Radio Club's 50th anniversary, coinciding with the country's 250th anniversary and Route 66's 100th anniversary. Trevor Poirier (KM7CTW) is opening a new gun range facility and has invited the club to participate in a one-of-a-kind Radio Range Day at Prevail Training Center as part of our 50th Anniversary celebration.

- Activities: Shooting course controlled via handheld radio instructions from net control, antenna launching contest, multi-day camping option
- Cost: ~\$30/person for shooting participation, ~\$10 for facility access only
- Timing: Likely September due to Trevor's rotation schedule (2 months Somalia, 2 months Flagstaff) and pending birth of second child

Trevor was on Zoom call and reiterated his invitation. He mentioned that the site is surrounded by national forest with good locations for camping.

ARES Report – Joe reported 201 total hours for April. Most of those hours were for radio monitoring during the APS planned power outage. There was also ARES participation in the Southwest Utah healthcare net.

Joe also reported on the Ponderosa Wildfire Preparedness Conference held on May 2. The event was very well attended, with participants from many local public service agencies. CERT training and availability are an important element of our emergency response capability. Joe reported that there will be a 2-1/2 day training opportunity coming up in the fall. Anyone interested should contact Joe.

Grand Canyon Hike: Scott Hammond KK5PP had contacted the club regarding HF radio operations inside the Grand Canyon. No club members thought this was a good idea, and there is no plan for communication with this ham during his hike.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be on Thursday, June 11, via Zoom. The 7pm meeting will be preceded by a technical presentation at 6pm.

Adjournment: Joe made a motion to adjourn and AI seconded. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.

For additional upcoming events, please see the club newsletter

*Respectfully Submitted,
John Nelson – N7MLS, Secretary*

[See photos on following pages.]



ANNUAL HAM RADIO FIELD DAY OPEN HOUSE



TWO LOCAL CLUBS • ONE GREAT EVENT • EVERYONE WELCOME!



**JUNE
27-28**



**STARTS SATURDAY
AT 11:00 AM
RUNS 24 HOURS
THROUGH SUNDAY
AT 11:00 AM**



**HOME DEPOT
EAST FLAGSTAFF
PARKING LOT**



**LIVE RADIO
CONTACTS
ACROSS THE U.S.
AND AROUND
THE WORLD!**

WHAT IS FIELD DAY?

Field Day is a nationwide emergency preparedness exercise with over 31,000 amateur radio operators participating across the United States. Stations operate off-grid using:

- ☀ Solar Power
- 🔋 12-Volt Batteries
- 📻 High Frequency (HF) Radios

Signals are bounced off the ionosphere to communicate with other states and countries—no internet required!

WHY HAM RADIO?

- ✔ Science & Electronics
- ✔ Communication Skills
- ✔ Emergency Communications
- ✔ Geography & Global Connections
- ✔ Technical and Practical Skills

**LICENSE REQUIRED -
BUT NO AGE LIMIT!**

**A VALUABLE COMMUNITY SERVICE
THE ABSOLUTE BEST HOBBY
ON THE PLANET!**



FUN FOR EVERYONE!

- See live radio operations
- Meet friendly, knowledgeable hams
- Learn about equipment & antennas
- Kids activities & hands-on projects
- Tour the trailers and ask questions
- Great for all ages and experience levels!



COME VISIT US! • LEARN SOMETHING NEW! • HAVE FUN! • GET ON THE AIR!

SEE YOU AT FIELD DAY!



FLAGSTAFF HAMFEST

SATURDAY, JUNE 20TH, 2025

COCONINO HIGH SCHOOL
2901 N IZABEL ST, FLAGSTAFF, AZ

**FUN!
PRIZES!
HAM RADIO!
SEE YOU
THERE!**



PROGRAMS & EVENTS



ARRL Forum
by Rick Paquette, W7RAP
Arizona Section Manager



"Better DX"
by Bill Mader, K8TE
New Mexico Section Manager



**"Antennas and Towers:
How they go up"**
by Vicki, N6KLS & Tom Schiller, N6BT



**"Electromagnetic interference
and cardiac pacemakers"**
by David Grauman, K7QOL, Retired MD



**"Is this Antenna Worth
the Money?"**
by Tom Schiller, N6BT



**"Bug Collecting, Restoration,
and Use"**
by Jim Zimmerman, N6KZ



VE Testing
by the White Mountain VET



OVER \$2000 IN DOOR PRIZES! ★ OVER \$7000 IN RAFFLE ITEMS! ★



FULL DETAILS:
<https://www.flagstaffhamfest.org>



TAKE YOUR V E EXAM at the **FLAGSTAFF HAMFEST!**

Pass a test or tests and receive **ONE FREE** raffle ticket for our **\$7000 RAFFLE!**

SATURDAY

**JUNE 20th,
2026**

Raffle prizes totaling \$7000 will be given away during the Hamfest!



The White Mountain VET will be conducting tests starting at **10:00 a.m.** in Room 800 at Coconino High School.

Be sure to bring the following **REQUIRED** items for any ham license testing:



FCC Registration Number (FRN):

You must register in the FCC CORES system to get an FRN before testing. The FCC requires this for all license applications.



Valid Photo ID:

Bring a government-issued photo ID (e.g., driver's license, passport, or military ID).

**PASS A TEST – GET
ONE FREE RAFFLE TICKET
for our \$7000 Raffle Prizes!**

You must pass a test or tests to receive your free raffle ticket.



**COMFORTABLE
WAITING AREA!**

Lots of people are waiting their turn. Don't miss your opportunity!

TAKE THE NEXT STEP IN YOUR HAM RADIO JOURNEY!

Whether you're just getting started or upgrading your license, we're here to help. The White Mountain VET team is ready to assist you in a comfortable, friendly environment.



We look forward to seeing you at our **ARRL Approved Arizona Section Convention and Hamfest!**

