

Richmond County Amateur Radio Club

April 11, 2026

Meeting called to order by President Fred Lathan, at 9:31 a.m. at the RCEM training room

Minutes were read by Michael Litty.

Old Business

- STEM was addressed by Mark Gibson.
 - Mark talked about an 11-yr old who recently got his amateur license.
 - Mark is working on publicizing the STEM program, including HAM radio and astrology.
 - They had been invited to a middle school but the event was cancelled.
 - New Stem event is April 21, 5:15 at Cole auditorium. Tends to last about 3 hours.
 - Mark suggesting inside table and outside. Asking for volunteers.
 - Artemus Mission was about more than the moon trip. They had communications issues and goals as well.
 - They had to resort to a tube-based radio from ages past to solve a communications break down.
 - Three of the astronauts are HAMs
 - MarkGibson6822@gmail.com
- Mark announced Next exam June 13, 9:30 a.m.
 - CORRECTION: Olivia noted that this is a regular meeting day and that we'll need to move the test session later. Michael texted Mark Gibson about 11 a.m.
- Fred announced GMRS & Ham meet up.
 - Donnie getting GMRS & Ham together, May 16, 9:00 a.m. with setup before
 - Need volunteers to get people together
 - Contact Donnie Nuttal, donnien1952@uahoo.com, 910-206-4088
 - Chance to know each other in person
 - Chance to invite the community to see the hobby.
 - Meeting at 1:00 at the church to evaluate the site.
 - Mt. Calvary Rock of Ages, at 464 County Home Rd., Rockingham NC
 - 21 Hams RSVP'd
 - Fox hunt planned
- Fred brought up Field Day, June 27 at Freedom Baptist Church

- Power will be on site.
- Mark Gibson registered us last year and will be asked to handle it next year.
- Site had trouble with carpenter bees and asks us to remove our trash after the event to avoid attracting carpenter bees.
- Fred offered to meet with anyone interested in making at tape measure antennas.

New Business

- Fred thanked Mark Dawkins for setting up: Club enjoyed listening to the Artemus live stream raw feed from mission control over the repeater.
 - Mark linked in through the AllStar node on the repeater.

Minutes were read and approved.

Motion was made and seconded to close the meeting. All were in favor

Meeting closed at 10:02 by President Fred Lathan

New Business for next meeting.

- Club swap meet idea