

# Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of April 1, 2024

The monthly meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was called to order on Monday, April 1, 2024, at 1830 by President Larry Mohundro, KEØTGI, with 25 members and 10 guests present. Guests were Jim Haney, NØLZS; Bonnie Haney; Wayne Kinder; William Weaver; Heather Wallenbrock; Andra Allen, KK6HOO; Kevin Allen, KK6QCM; Susan Fowlkes; Rick Crabb; and Leechia Wilder.

Minutes of the last meeting were read by Secretary Patty Chiles, ACØCU, and were approved as read.

Treasurer Judy Bradley, KCØWXS, reported a beginning balance of \$20,765.88. There were no March disbursements. She deposited \$81 for 3 memberships and 2 club patches, leaving a balance of \$20,846.88.

## **New Business**

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, reported 3 weekly nets were held in March, totaling 7 man hours. Repeater maintenance for the 146.685 repeater was 3.5 hours; Skywarn nets totaled 27 hours; and Skywarn training by National Weather Service totaled 40.75 hours, totaling 78.25 man hours for ARES. One Skywarn net was held. Barry performed the normal tests on the 440.200 and 146.685 repeaters, and both were operating normally. The generator started on the first try and was run for 25 minutes; its fuel level was at 58%.

Barry also reported that the S-COM controller failed during the scheduled reboot of the system. When it came back up, it keyed the repeater and transmitted its model and software version numbers but never unkeyed. Barry rebooted several times to no avail, so it is currently down until further notice to avoid burning the final transistors in the repeater.

There was no report from the Office of Emergency Management.

## **Old Business**

Larry Mohundro, KEØTGI, reminded everyone of the elite Skywarn spotter training session that will be held on Tuesday, April 2, at 6 p.m. at the Osage Center in Cape Girardeau. The session will last 3 to 4 hours, and registration is required:  
[www.weather.gov/pah/spottertraining](http://www.weather.gov/pah/spottertraining).

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, reported that, due to a scheduling conflict, he did not attend the Godfrey hamfest. The next hamfest is the Memphis Freefest in Bartlett, Tennessee, on April 6, followed by the River Hills club hamfest in Perryville, Missouri, on April 20.

Ernie announced that the Missouri QSO party will be held on April 6 – 7, and he made copies of the Missouri county identifiers to be used in the event. Some of the stations will be 1x1 calls; the suffixes of these may be used to spell SHOWME or MISSOURI for certificates. Ernie also made copies of Patty's Top Secret List of Ham Radio Events for anyone interested.

Larry Mohundro, KEØTGI, asked if there was interest in an informal members-only tailgate event, and by show of hands, it was agreed that we will hold the tailgate before our May 6 club meeting from 5:30 – 6:15 p.m. on the east side of the Jackson Civic Center. If it is raining on May 6, the tailgate will be postponed until our June 3 club meeting.

Larry also mentioned that he has been in contact with S-COM regarding the controller and that we are working on a solution to the problem.

Neil LaVanchy, ACØUT, announced that he had some handheld radios for anyone who wanted them. Neil reported that he attended yesterday's Health Department Meeting and learned we are expecting 30,000 people for Monday's solar eclipse event. Neil also reminded everyone to vote tomorrow.

Larry Mohundro, KEØTGI, announced that our next club meeting will be held on Monday, May 6, 2024.

The April meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was adjourned at 1904.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Chiles, ACØCU  
Secretary, SEMOARC