

Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of December 1, 2025

The monthly meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was called to order on Monday, December 1, 2025, at 1830 by President Larry Mohundro, KEØTGI, with 15 members present.

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

Larry Mohundro, KEØTGI, read the report from Treasurer Karen Brewington, KDØJMO. Beginning with a balance of \$18,102.06, Karen deposited \$150 in membership fees, leaving a balance of \$18,252.06.

Old Business

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, reported three weekly ARES nets were held in November, totaling 14.75 hours. Maintenance on the 146.685 repeater totaled 24.5 hours, and 0.25 hour was logged for one Skywarn net, making a grand total of 39.5 man hours reported for November.

Barry performed the normal maintenance on the 146.685 repeater and there were no problems. The generator started on the first try and ran for 26 minutes; its fuel level was at 75%, which equates to 15 days of run time. Both the Tripp Lite UPS and deep cycle battery for the 444.200 repeater are functioning normally.

Barry reported that the repeater linking project is almost complete. The two repeaters are linked and functioning properly. Kirk Barks, WTØU, has made custom cables for the repeaters, and Russell Goss, KD9FAL, has done the programming. We are getting less crackling and better signal reports; Barry reports that he hit the 146.685 repeater at mile marker 150.

Announcements on the 146.685 repeater are not currently going over the link, to make sure the link is performing properly before adding them. There is also currently no timeout timer on the link radios, but it will be set to three minutes just like the two repeaters are.

Two requests were made regarding the radios: 1) For ARES or Skywarn nets, please do not use the 146.820 repeater if you can reach the 146.685 repeater; and 2) When you key up the radio, count to 1 before transmitting.

Barry also noted that Cape Girardeau and Bollinger Counties are the only counties in our district that have any reports to turn in to the District Emergency Coordinator, but at this time, due to a resignation, there is no one to send those reports to. Barry is going to hold his reports until such time as the Section Emergency Coordinator position is filled.

There was no report from the Office of Emergency Management.

New Business

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, reported that the next hamfest will be at Collinsville, Illinois, in January. He also announced that he has a Henry radio 3K Classic RF deck, including the final tube, if anyone is interested in it; it needs a power supply.

Larry Mohundro, KEØTGI, reported that Karla Kiefner, AEØYA, has asked for permission to use the club logo on t-shirt/hat merchandise. Barry Doyle, ACØWL, moved that Karla present this at our next meeting, and Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, seconded the motion; the motion carried.

Larry reminded everyone of our Christmas party on Saturday, December 6, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Golden Corral in Cape Girardeau. We will hold an optional gift exchange (\$10 or less), and if the gift is gender specific, please write male or female prominently on the gift.

Stan Sides, KØQMV, moved that we retain the present slate of officers, with the addition of Russell Goss, KD9FAL, as President, and elect them by acclamation for 2026. Henry Clark, KEØON, seconded the motion, and the motion carried. The 2026 officers are:

President	Russell Goss, KD9FAL
1 st Vice President	Larry Rickman, KDØLBL
2 nd Vice President	Ed Myers, ADØWN
Treasurer	Karen Brewington, KDØJMO
Secretary	Patty Chiles, ACØCU

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, made a request to buy the two Daiwa 2-meter/440 dual band SWR power meters for \$100. Henry Clark, KEØON, moved to agree to this request, and Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, seconded the motion; the motion carried.

Jake Ruebel, KCØUXP, reported that he has become interested in a GMRS repeater, which could be of potential interest to younger hams. He would like information on any available towers in the Cape Girardeau/Jackson area.

Our next club meeting will be held on Monday, January 5, 2025.

The December meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was adjourned at 1920.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Chiles, ACØCU
Secretary, SMOARC