

# Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of June 5, 2023

The monthly meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was called to order on Monday, June 5, 2023, at 1830 by President Larry Mohundro, KEØTGI, with 17 members present.

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 \$20,542.52. She deposited \$25 for one membership and \$65 for sales of patches. She wrote one check in the amount of \$20 for the Missouri Repeater Council registration and a check for \$271.69 for equipment insurance, leaving a balance of \$20,340.83.

## **Old Business**

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, reported three ARES nets were held in May, totaling 5.5 man hours. The 146.685 repeater maintenance totaled 1 man hour, the 440.820 repeater maintenance totaled 2 man hours, and Skywarn nets, one on May 5 and a second one on May 15, totaled 42 man hours. Yearly ARES nets to date have totaled 233.75 man hours: 27 hours for nets, 7 hours for training, 9 hours for tower/repeater work, and 190.75 hours for Skywarn. There have been 17 ARES nets to date with 110 check-ins, with the maximum check-ins of 9 and minimum of 3. Barry noted that there will be no ARES nets from June through August, but Skywarn nets will be called as needed.

Barry performed the normal tests on the 440.200 and 146.685 repeaters, and both were operating normally. He ran the generator – it started on the first try – for 20 minutes, and the fuel level was at 65%. The 146.820 repeater is also operating normally.

Barry also reported that there is a repeater near Anna, Illinois, that is interfering with our nets on the 146.685 repeater because it is so close to that frequency that our Illinois club members cannot hear the weather reporting. Carolyn Cremeens, KD9BUY, has contacted the owner of the repeater and asked him to help remedy this problem. Many thanks to Dave Golightly, NØIAM, for finding the source of this rogue repeater.

Barry noted several potential solutions to the problem on our end. 1) We can put our old repeater back on the air; 2) We can get a better antenna; or 3) we can live with it. He suggests we live with it. Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, added a fourth potential solution: add a 200 W amplifier, because FM receivers lock onto the strongest signal. Barry suggested that we run the repeater at 5 W and get an amp to boost it to 50 W. Ernie suggested that Barry contact the Missouri Repeater Association before anything else is done, and Barry said he would also contact the 146.850 folks to ask what kind of amp they are using.

## **New Business**

Larry Mohundro, KEØTGI, reminded everyone that our club patches are available at \$3 each.

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, noted that the next hamfest will be the Egyptian hamfest at Granite City, Illinois, on June 11. The Washington and St. Charles hamfests are upcoming summer hamfests.

Ernie also announced that there is a fun contest, the 13 Colonies Special Event, coming up on July 1 – 7. There are 13 1X1 calls for each of the original colonies, K2A through K2M, plus three extra calls, GB13COL, TM13COL, and WM3PEN, to honor the three nations involved in the American Revolution. The call signs can be tracked on [www.dxsummit.fi](http://www.dxsummit.fi), and the 13 Colonies website is on <http://www.13colonies.us>. Ernie offered a checklist to those who are interested in this special event, and he promises that anyone who gives him the checklist showing contacts with all 13 colonies will get a free (McDonald's) ice cream. If the hunter also works the three extra calls, Ernie will buy him/her lunch (at McDonald's).

Ernie again offered his Worked All States check list to anyone who is interested.

Larry Rickman, KDØLBL, read a report from OEM Director Mark Winkler. The only major update is that earth leveling began last week at the new OEM facility location. The work can be seen along the east side of I-55 right before the Main/LaSalle exit as one is heading north. Mark also announced that he is retiring on July 11 and will officially turn over the directorship to Sam Herndon on July 12.

Larry Mohundro, KEØTGI, reminded everyone of Field Day to be held on June 24 at the home of Larry, KDØLBL, and Debbie Rickman, KDØLBM. Bring a dish to share and your own drinks. This is a social event, but the radio will be available for those wanting to participate in Field Day.

Larry also announced that if anyone has anything that they would like to demonstrate, or any tech/safety questions to bring up, mention it during the meeting – or send an email to Larry at [ltmemohundro@yahoo.com](mailto:ltmemohundro@yahoo.com). We will then address the demonstrations or questions after the meeting.

Neil LaVanchy, ACØUT, announced that We The People has asked him to hold a presentation in October regarding amateur radio, and he asked if someone would be willing to help with that presentation. It will be on a Tuesday night, from 6:30 – 7 p.m.

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, commented that he would like our monthly meetings to be as fun and as social as our Thursday club meetings are.

Larry Mohundro, KEØTGI, announced that our next club meeting will be held on Monday, July 3.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Chiles, ACØCU  
Secretary, SEMOARC