

Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of June 2, 2025

The monthly meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was called to order on Monday, June 2, 2025, at 1830 by President Larry Mohundro, KEØTGI, with 18 members present.

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

Treasurer Karen Brewington, KDØJMO, lost her mother last Friday; please keep her in your prayers. The May treasurer's report will be added to the June report at next month's meeting.

Old Business

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, reported that four weekly nets were held in May, totaling 11.25 hours; maintenance on the 146.685 repeater totaled 9.5 hours; and Skywarn nets totaled 13.5 hours, for a grand total of 34.25 man hours reported for ARES. Barry did not perform repeater maintenance on the 146.820 repeater but hopes to do so this month. He reminded everyone that Skywarn nets are on hiatus until after Labor Day, but we will still activate Skywarn whenever necessary.

Barry reported that our Diamond X300 replacement antenna is at his home, still in the box. Tower climber Dennis Karnes, N9TAK, has forwarded his insurance paperwork to David Obergöenner, but the antenna replacement is on hold. One of the guy wires on the tower is bad, and for safety reasons, it must be replaced before Dennis can climb the tower.

Barry also announced that when he performed repeater maintenance, the generator was dead. He notified David Obergöenner, who suspected that a breaker had tripped, and he will check on it tonight. The KRCU tower site has some voltage issues, which may be a reason that our surge protectors keep having to be replaced.

Larry Mohundro, KEØTGI, did not receive an EOC report this month.

New Business

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, reported that the next hamfest will be at Granite City, Illinois, on Sunday, June 8, from 7 a.m. to noon. First, second, and third prizes will be \$300, \$200, and \$100, respectively. Other hamfests coming up are at OFallon and Washington, and in the fall, Kirkwood, all of which are in Missouri.

Russell Goss, KD9FAL, announced that on Tuesday, June 2, there will be a large Scouting event at Southeast Missouri State University, Boys and girls aged 10 to 17 will be earning their radio merit badges at this event, and hams are needed to be on the air to help them achieve this. There will be two sessions; they will be on the air at 10 a.m. and again at 3 p.m. on 146.685. Any available hams are asked to check in ten minutes early so that an order of rotation to work the Scouts may be set up.

Larry Mohundro, KEØTGI, asked members if they would be interested in having another tailgate like we had last year. The consensus was favorable, so he will check to see if the Jackson Civic Center would still be agreeable to a pre-meeting tailgate in September.

Larry also asked if there was any interest in the June 28 Field Day or a variant such as a fox hunt or potluck only. It was agreed that we will skip Field Day this year, but Barry Doyle, ACØWL, reported that if anyone does want the experience of a Field Day, the River Hills Amateur Radio Club will be holding theirs at the soccer park in Perryville. Larry will make a reservation at the Jackson City Park for a September fox hunt.

Kirk Barks, WTØU, announced that he had a spectrum analyzer hooked up to his laptop, for anyone who wished to check their handheld.

Our next club meeting will be held on Monday, July 7, 2025.

The June meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was adjourned at 1931.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Chiles, ACØCU
Secretary, SEMOARC