

Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of March 3, 2025

The monthly meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was called to order on Monday, March 3, 2025, at 1830 by President Larry Mohundro, KEØTGI, with 20 members and three guests present. Guests were Mitch Ely, N8OIP, Christopher Wilson, WY9S, and Danica Miller.

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

Treasurer Karen Brewington, KDØJMO, reported a beginning balance of \$17,821.19. She wrote two checks: \$192.05 to Barry Doyle, ACØWL, as reimbursement for power strips, and \$22.99 to GoDaddy for our semoarc.org domain name. She deposited \$375 in membership dues, leaving a balance of \$17,981.15.

Old Business

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, reported that three ARES nets were held in February, totaling 6 man hours. David Obergoenner is planning on replacing the 25-year-old KRCU generator, though there is no date set as yet, and if the power goes out again we will be on our battery backups. Barry installed a backup battery on the 146.685 repeater on March 1. He plans to test our repeater equipment at the end of March. Barry also said our new 146.685 repeater is working great, but that the fan on the 444.200 repeater is rattling and may need to be replaced.

Barry reported we have a level 1 risk for severe weather on Tuesday, March 4.

Larry Rickman, KDØLBL, read an email from OEM Director Sam Herndon. In August there will be a large communication exercise, and they would like to engage the ham radio operators in that event. He said they are settling into their new building and have a few things to do yet, but are slowly working on those items.

New Business

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, reminded everyone of the Godfrey, Illinois, hamfest on Saturday, March 15, starting at 7 a.m. Christopher Wilson, WY9S, announced that the Perryville hamfest will be held on Saturday, April 12, at the Eagles building from 8 a.m. to noon. There will be a drawing at 11 a.m. for a Yaesu FT-300. VE testing, food, and drink will be available. Admission is \$5 and tables are \$10. There will also be a raffle of 75 tickets at \$10 each, for two prizes: a Yaesu FT-300 DR radio and an FT-70 handheld.

Larry Mohundro, KEØTGI, reported that the feasibility study for a health and safety net is still in progress.

Larry also reported that he, Barry Doyle, ACØWL, Karla Kiefner, AEØYA, and Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, will be attending the Guardians of Liberty meeting on Tuesday, March 4, to present a program and answer questions about ham radio.

Larry announced that after the meeting there will be a presentation on how to get on Echolink by Russell Goss, KD9FAL, and Bob Stone, KEØYJG.

After a brief discussion, it was agreed that we will hold a spring fox hunt (walking, not driving) at the Jackson City Park on Saturday, May 3, at Shelter No. 5. Bring a sack lunch at noon; the hunt will begin at 1 p.m. As expected, the Silver Fox noted that desserts – any desserts – would be most welcome.

Larry reminded everyone of the Earthquake Summit on Tuesday, March 18. It will be held at the Osage Center in Cape Girardeau and will start at 7:30 a.m., ending at 4 p.m. Part of the meeting will include ham radio's role in such an event. [Register at https://sema.dps.mo.gov/earthquake_preparedness/summit.php]

Henry Clark, KEØON, announced that he would like to expand the presence of amateur radio at the University. He doesn't have all the details at this time, but an event is expected sometime during the first week of June, and it would be similar to the January Scout event that we participated in. Henry will let us know details as the date nears.

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

The March meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was adjourned at 1900.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Chiles, ACØCU
Secretary, SEMOARC