

Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of November 3, 2025

The monthly meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was called to order on Monday, November 3, 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, reported a beginning balance of \$18,292.06. She wrote one check in the amount of \$240 to the City of Jackson for the 2026 club meeting room rental of the Civic Center, and she deposited \$50 for two memberships, leaving a balance of \$18,102.06.

Old Business

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, reported three weekly ARES nets were held in October, totaling 6.25 hours, and one Skywarn net was held, totaling 1 hour. Maintenance on the 146.685 repeater totaled 19 hours, and maintenance on the 146.820 repeater totaled 6.5 hours, for a grand total of 32.75 man hours reported for October.

Barry performed the normal maintenance on the 146.685 repeater and there were no problems. The generator started on the first try and was run for almost 18 minutes; its fuel level was at 74%. Both the Tripp Lite UPS and deep cycle battery for the 444.200 repeater are functioning normally.

Barry reported that Kirk Barks, WTØU, has ordered the new Kenwood repeater and controller for the 146.820 site; it is on the truck and headed to his house. Kirk will upgrade the firmware and upload the club's file, then modify it for the 146.82 MHz frequency, at which point he, Barry, and Russell Goss, KD9FAL, will install and test it. If it goes well, the two repeaters should be linked in a week or so.

Kirk and Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, configured one of the Yaesu DR1 Fusion repeaters to operate as our 444.200 repeater and installed it in the cabinet at the 146.685 site. The Motorola repeater is still in the rack and serves as a backup repeater.

Barry also announced that our Missouri Section Emergency Coordinator Jeff Young, KB3HF, is stepping down from his position and looking for a younger person to take his place.

Barry also mentioned that the door between our room and the commercial repeater room is now locked. He noted that many radio and cell phone towers are upping security at their sites to prevent copper theft.

There was no report from the Office of Emergency Management.

New Business

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, reported that although the Kirkwood hamfest was not as good as in previous years, it was certainly decent, and eight of our club members attended the event. He announced that there will be no Memphis Freefest in 2026. The rent was raised enough that the local club could no longer host the event. Word is that another club may hold a hamfest to take its place, but it will no longer be free. The next hamfest will be at Collinsville, Illinois, in January.

Ernie Chiles delivered the Special Trophy to the successful fox hunter of the September 20 hunt, Russell Goss, KD9FAL. Russell mentioned that fox hunting has a useful purpose and that everyone should work on that skill; just since he began his ham radio journey in Illinois, there have been three jammers found using fox hunting techniques.

Larry Mohundro, KEØTGI, reported that he spoke with a local attorney regarding the question of what to do with our club assets upon the potential dissolution of our club. The attorney said we should continue with our normal procedure of securing a committee to write the Constitutional change, broadcast it to the membership, and vote on it. The important part of this is that the recipient of the assets must also be a non-profit organization.

Larry also asked members to consider volunteering as a substitute net control for those who need to be away from their nets for any reason. Art Myracle, KFØOYW, and Russell Goss, KD9FAL, volunteered; if any other club members would like to volunteer to help out our faithful net controls, please let Larry know.

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. He also announced that the Jackson Civic Center has been booked for our 2026 club meetings. The monthly meetings will be held on the first Monday of every month, with the exception of September. Due to the Civic Center being closed on Labor Day, in 2026 we will hold our meeting on the second Monday, on September 14. Mark your calendars.

Larry also reminded everyone that we will hold officer elections at the December meeting. Ham of the Year balloting was conducted this evening, with the recipient to be revealed at our Christmas party.

Remember: Next month is December, and 2026 club dues are due!

Our next club meeting will be held on Monday, December 1, 2025.

The November meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was adjourned at 1916.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Chiles, ACØCU
Secretary, SMOARC