

Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of October 2, 2023

The monthly meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was called to order on Monday, October 2, 2023, at 1830 by President Larry Mohundro, KEØTGI, with 24 members and 1 guest, James Meghrion, present.

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

Treasurer Judy Bradley, KCØWXS, reported that there were no deposits or disbursements, so the beginning and ending balance remains at \$20,350.99.

Old Business

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, reported that there were two ARES nets in September, totaling 3.25 hours. Maintenance on the 146.685 repeater was 1 hour, and maintenance on the 146.820 repeater was 2 hours. A total of 11.25 man hours was reported.

Barry reported that Larry Ford, the ARES district coordinator, had contacted him because the Bootheel Amateur Radio Club would like to hold a Little River Drainage special event station (SES), and Larry wanted to know if our club would have any interest in assisting them. Planning is in the early stages at the moment, but they are considering holding the SES during the same weekend as the Missouri QSO party. Barry will ask Larry for more details.

Barry also reported that the repeaters are working properly, and all tests were normal. The generator fuel level at the 146.685 repeater site is up to 65%.

Larry Mohundro, KEØTGI, received no report from OEM Director Sam Herndon.

New Business

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, reported that the Kirkwood hamfest will be held on Saturday, October 28, at the Kirkwood Community Center. This is the final hamfest of the year, and he considers it the best one in Missouri. The first hamfest of 2024 is Winterfest in Collinsville, Illinois, on January 27.

Ernie announced that the fox hunt that was held on September 30 was another fun time. There were 18 attendees, 8 of whom hunted with several observers. David Golightly, NØIAM, Stan Sides, KØQMV, Russell Goss, KD9FAL, Will Klipfel, KFØJQD, and Karla Kiefner were on the winning team. Each received the Official Drink of the foxhunt, a can of Mountain Dew, and a 1st place trophy was awarded to the team for finding the fox buried underground in pea gravel. Mention was also made of the fantastic array of desserts that covered one entire table! Ernie mentioned that the spring fox hunt may be a mobile hunt within the city limits of Jackson.

Larry Mohundro, KEØTGI, announced that the HF noise finder has not yet arrived, but it is expected to arrive sometime this month. He also noted that no decision has yet been made by the FCC regarding the Shortwave Modernization Coalition's petition to allow data communications on multiple bands within the HF 2 – 25 MHz range with up to 20 KW.

Ed Myers, ADØWN, announced that he has reserved Saturday, December 2, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at BG's Deli for our Christmas party. He said it was an excellent location with plenty of room, and the food is very good. We had two options for service: we could choose from a menu, or the deli could set up platters with an assortment of salads and sandwiches. A show of hands agreed that we will individually choose from a menu, which should be around \$15 – this includes drinks. For those who were not at the meeting, please let Larry Mohundro, KEØTGI, know if you plan to attend the party so we can estimate a head count for BG's.

Neal LaVanchy, ACØUT, announced that our club patch will be seen on the electronic billboard at Kingshighway and Lexington. We the People will be meeting at Delmonico's on Tuesday, November 7, at 5 p.m. for a demonstration from the radio club. Barry Doyle, ACØWL, and Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, will be helping out, and Neal invited other hams to come to the meeting to help answer questions regarding all the various aspects of ham radio.

Larry Mohundro, KEØTGI, announced that we will be voting for the Ham of the Year at the November meeting, so come prepared. These previous five years' honorees are not eligible: Larry Rickman, LDØLBL, Ed Myers, ADØWN, Ron Morris, ADØBY, Bill Brown, KEØJDD, and Judy Bradley, KCØWXS. Larry also noted that we will hold the election of officers at the December meeting.

Larry mentioned that Skywarn members were called out to help last month when Hurricane Lee roared through, again showing the importance of Skywarn.

Larry also announced that the Senate has voted to confirm Anna Gomez as a commissioner on the Federal Communications Commission (FCC).

Larry reminded everyone that our next club meeting will be held on Monday, November 6.

The October meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was adjourned at 1921.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Chiles, ACØCU
Secretary, SEMOARC