

Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of September 9, 2024

Just prior to the September SMOARC meeting, Stan Sides, KØQMV, discussed the reasons we should use a linear power supply for our repeaters.

The monthly meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was called to order on Monday, September 9, 2024, at 1830 by President Larry Mohundro, KEØTGI, with 20 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 \$20,438.08. There were two automatic payments deducted by GoDaddy for our website domains, one for \$22.17 and one for \$25.17, leaving a balance of \$20,390.74.

Old Business

Larry Rickman, KDØLBL, read a report from Director Sam Herndon from the Office of Emergency Management. Sam said that they are moving into the new building this week, and when they have settled in, he will let us know when we can discuss their ham radio needs.

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, reported there were no Skywarn nets last month. Repeater maintenance on the 146.685 repeater totaled 1 hour; he did not visit the 146.820 repeater but plans to do that this month. He ran the generator for 27 minutes. The fuel level was at 88%, which would allow it to run about 18 days; a load of fuel had been obtained during June.

Barry disconnected the 440.200 repeater from the battery side so that there is no longer a battery backup on it. If the repeater is off, we will know the site is down. This will also avoid draining the battery, which will allow for more run time for the 2-meter repeater during Skywarn events. We can run approximately two days on the deep cycle batteries.

Barry reported that there are no problems with our repeaters. There will be no changes in the 146.685 repeater until we get our new system installed. Larry Mohundro, KEØTGI, will bring up the question at our October meeting on whether we should sell one of our three backup Yaesu systems.

New Business

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, reported that the OFallon hamfest was a success; it was well attended, with sold-out tables and an overflow outside. The Kirkwood Halloween hamfest facility is being remodeled, so there will be no event this year. The next hamfest will be Winterfest at Collinsville at the end of January.

Ernie announced that the Route 66 special event began yesterday, and he has handouts for anyone interested in participating. There are 23 stations along the route, and they are celebrating their 25th anniversary this year.

Ernie also reminded everyone of our fox hunt on Saturday, September 21, at 1 p.m. at Shelter No. 5 in the Jackson City Park. Everyone should bring a sack lunch to eat at noon, and desserts to share are encouraged. There will be two foxes and two groups hunting them, and the hunt will be restricted to the grounds of the Jackson City Park.

Larry Mohundro, KEØTGI, reported that our new repeater system is expected to arrive in early October. Kirk Barks, WTØU, reported that he had emailed Arcom, who told him the repeater package had shipped on the 4th and arrived at the shop today, so it's possible we could get it before October.

Ed Myers, ADØWN, reminded everyone that our Christmas party will be held on Saturday, December 7, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at BG's Deli in Cape Girardeau.

Ed also commented on a special event commemorating the Trail of Tears. If anyone would like to work this SES, watch for K4T on your spotting sites.

Larry Mohundro, KEØTGI, reminded everyone that on Tuesday, September 10, the ARES nets will begin again. The nets will be held every Tuesday at 8 p.m. on 146.820. Barry Doyle, ACØWL, added that everyone should add 146.550 simplex into his radio as a backup frequency in case 146.820 goes down.

Barry commented on his Huntsville hamfest trip. He highly recommended the hamfest and urged everyone to take extra time to see the many sights at Huntsville.

Larry Mohundro, KEØTGI, announced that our next club meeting will be held on Monday, October 7, 2024.

The September meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was adjourned at 1922.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Chiles, ACØCU
Secretary, SEMOARC