

# Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of September 8, 2025

The monthly meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was called to order on Monday, September 8, 2025, at 1830 by President Larry Mohundro, KEØTGI, with 22 members and 5 guests present. Guests were Laura Johnson, KFØTVU; Patrick Meyer, KBØYIA; Jake Ruebel, KCØUXP; David Sullivan, KC9DVF; and Christopher Wilson, WY9S.

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 \$18,446.97. She deposited \$24.50 (\$12 for patches and \$12.50 for a membership) and paid for two domain renewals (\$22.19 for semoarc.com and \$25.19 for semoarc.net), leaving a balance of \$18,424.09.

## **Old Business**

Barry Doyle, ACØWL, reported a total of 6 man hours for ARES, 3 for each repeater. He performed the normal maintenance on the 146.685 repeater and there were no problems. The generator started on the first try, and the fuel level was still at 80%. The deep cycle batteries were fine on both the 146.685 and 444.200 repeaters.

Barry reported that tower climber Dennis Karnes, N9TAK, will be replacing the upper antenna at the 146.685 repeater, but at this point there is no specific date.

Barry also reported that the Huntsville, Alabama, hamfest had a record-breaking attendance this year with over 5000 attendees, including Barry; Will Klipfel, KFØJQD; and Russell Goss, KD9FAL, and his father. A barbeque on site raised \$5000 to support ham radio instructors at the ARRL instructor program in Connecticut. Barry spoke with David Minster, CEO of ARRL, regarding the potential of the United States receiving access to the 4-meter band but was told that this probably will not happen. He also learned that the new ICOM IC-7300 MK2 was released at the Tokyo hamfest.

There was no report from the Office of Emergency Management.

## **New Business**

Ernie Chiles, WØRMS, reported that the O'Fallon hamfest was well attended. The next hamfest is at Kirkwood, Missouri, on October 25, followed by Winterfest in Collinsville, Illinois, in January 2026. Ken Nesslein, KEØYY, noted that Sedalia, Missouri, is hosting the Midwest Division Convention on October 10 – 11, and this would be a good opportunity to attend since this convention is held in Missouri only once every 7 years.

Larry Mohundro, KEØTGI, reminded everyone of our September 20 fox hunt at Shelter No. 5 at the Jackson City Park. Remember the sack lunch will begin at noon, with the fox hunt to follow – and don't forget the desserts!

Kirk Barks, WTØU, reported that the 146.685 repeater antenna has to be in place before he can work on linking the 146.685 and 146.820 repeaters. He also needs to get into the 146.820 repeater to check it out as well.

Russell Goss, KD9FAL, reported that our community Facebook page has been getting visits, and that he has posted this evening's club meeting and the September fox hunt information onto the site. Karla Kiefner, AEØYA, added that it would be nice if we had a closed group where we could post equipment photos and other things that would be of help for those who would like to learn more.

Ed Myers, ADØWN, reminded us of our annual Christmas dinner on Saturday, December 6, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Golden Corral has been scheduled as our new location, and the menu is a buffet so that you can choose what you want to eat.

Larry Mohundro, KEØTGI, brought up the subject of a Constitutional amendment to handle the potential problem of what to do with our funds upon the dissolution of our club. While this is not likely in the near future – we have a strong club – our Constitution has no directive if this should ever happen, and all things do eventually come to an end. After much discussion, it was proposed that our funds could go to the ARRL and our equipment could go to a local club. Stan Sides, KØQMV, moved that we take this matter to an attorney and have him review it for correctness; Barry Doyle, ACØWL, seconded the motion, and the motion passed. Ken Nesslein, KEØYY, reported that we should contact the ARRL Missouri Section Manager, who can provide us with ARRL no-fee legal counsel.

Our next club meeting will be held on Monday, October 6, 2025.

The September meeting of the Southeast Missouri Amateur Radio Club was adjourned at 1915.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Chiles, ACØCU  
Secretary, SEMOARC