



# Murray State University Amateur Radio Club

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## MSU ARC Meeting – October 1, 2024

The meeting was called to order by President John Coyle, W4PJC, at 7:00 p.m.

He estimates that this meeting is approximately the 766th meeting of the MSU Amateur Radio Club.

**Roll Call & Question of the Night:** Name, call sign, and Will You Foxhunt on 10/05/2024?

**Avoid Transmitting on the Following Frequencies:** Being used for Disaster Service Nets

40m 7.232 MHz

80 m 3.923 MHz

**Programs:** Bill Call, KJ4W, did a quick program on Fox-Hunting. This is a hunt for a hidden transmitter (the Fox) and the hunters (the Hounds). Lots of competitive fun. We keep our hunt to Calloway County, public lands. Good training for tracking down interference, whether intentional, non-intentional or non-radio interference. Also good for searching for a lost person.

**Vice President's Report:** Diana Mishica, K4IRU, Thanks to Bill, waiting to hear from next month's proposed presenter.

**Secretary's Report:** Bill Call, KJ4W, moved for approval of the September minutes. Todd Hackathorn, seconded. All in favor, motion passed.

**Advisor's Report:** Michael Inman, K4MWI, absent. No report.

**QSL Manager's Report:** Debbie Barton, W8IBT, had no report.

**Treasurer's Report:** Bill Call, KJ4W, There were no bank deposits last month. There was one payment of \$70.00 by Debit Card to renew the Trailer Tower insurance coverage with the ARRL Insurance program, and one check also of \$70.00 to Brad Hale for the sign for the Trailer Tower. Bank balance is \$3,430.05 currently and we remain at 75 paid members as of this afternoon.

**Systems' Report:** Bill Call, KJ4W, did not have to restart either the 2m or the HF Winlink computers last month! The new computer used for 2m Winlink and EchoLink seems to be running fine, once MSU opened the EchoLink port for it. He has not yet replaced the HF Winlink computer. He has monitored for the reported distortion on the Hamlin repeater but it seems to have cleared up on its own—or when it happens, he does not hear it. So as far as he knows all the Club systems are working OK.

**VE Report:** We did not have a VE session after the September club meeting. As of Tuesday afternoon, no one has requested one for tonight. The Fall Technician Class license course will begin on Thursday evening November 7. Information about the course will be sent before then.

**CERT Report:** Josh Kerr, WV4O, had several items.

**PAARS Report:** No PAARS report.

**Net Manager Report:** John Coyle, W4PJC, presented the September 2024 Net Report as Net Manager, Chuck Williams, K4CHW, is not present tonight.



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- **5 Sessions**
  - 132 operators
  - 224 minutes
  - 492.8 operator hours
- **Details**
  - 9/02 26 stations for 41 minutes
  - 9/09 22 stations for 39 minutes
  - 9/16 24 stations for 41 minutes
  - 9/23 23 stations for 48 minutes
  - 9/30 30 stations for 55 minutes
- **SKYWARN Net**
  - None for September

**Web Manager Report:** No report

**Field Day Report:** Josh Kerr, WV40, said we had a few more areas than 2023. Total points in 2023 were 3801. In 2024 there were 3038 for a decrease of 763 points (105 QSOs).

3rd Place: Debbie Barton, W8IBT, 62 points

2nd Place: Josh Kerr, WV40, 65 points

1st Place: Bob Aldrich, WD8OWA, 340 points all CW

**Special Events:**

- Fall Fox Hunt: September 28. American Legion Hall, 1:30pm. Pot luck dinner will follow
- Christmas party December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6pm at the Hop Hound Restaurant
- Christmas parade, December 7<sup>th</sup>

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Rescheduled Fox Hunt for 10/5/2024

- **Santa Project:** Collecting now until next meeting. Toys for kids in Murray-Calloway Schools
- **Christmas Party Venue:** Hop Hound, Buffet Style, under \$20 person and it has a Dirty Santa area
- **Elmer Day:** Tennis Ball Launchers, Richard is checking on cost of making them. Will update next meeting.

**Nominations for Ham of the Year:**

**Randall Winchester:** **Bob Aldrich**, WD8OWA, getting 340 points for Field Day is amazing

**Tracy McKinney:** **Mitchell Moss**, KN4KYU, Coordinated Tower work  
and has helped several ham radio operator widows.

**Joe Wray for Mitchell Moss:** **Jack Ellis** for all his help on the trailer and tower.

**Bob Atkinson, K9OIM:** **Debbie Barton**, declined nomination.



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## Nominations for Ham of the Year (Continued):

**Bill Call, KJ4W:** Mitchell Moss and Jack Ellis to share the award.

**George James: Candy Aldrich** for her pineapple cake and sense of humor. Nomination declined.

**New Members:** Clay Rekow, W3TAK, General Class, motion to accept by Josh Kerr, WV4O, seconded by Jana Hackathorn, KN4MWE.

Jana Hackathorn, KN4MWE, moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:20PM. , seconded.



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**Attendance: 34 people**

John Coyle, W4PJC

Bob Atkinson, K9OIM

Helen Atkinson, no call sign

Charles Isele, N1CDK

Diana Mishica, K4IRU

Bill Call, KJ4W

Brenda Call, WA4IJU

Bob Aldrich, WD8OWA

Candy Aldrich, KJ4OZU

Don Edwards, K4MKY

Tracy McKinney, W4IRT

Robin Bracken, K4MNM

Brad Hale, KQ4SLK

Jack Ellis, K9JLE

Clay Rekow, W3TAK

Matt Freeman, WX4WKY

James Flood, KJ4TKL

Bill Barley, KO4TVH

Jana Hackathorn, KN4MWE

Todd Hackathorn, W4GV

George Rob, KK4SRR

Debbie Barton, W8IBT

Denis Barton, WB8SKP

George James, KY4GMJ

Stuart Naulty, KN4RGB

Dale Peer, KF7ZBK

Larry Call, KD6UNL

Mark Germain, KC9FOC

Randall Winchester, WD4HVA

Steven Dabbs, KN4IRN

Josh Kerr, WV4O

Dale Barrett, WB7D

Valerie Barrett, KG4OCJ

Joe Wray, WD4GXI

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Donna Pursifull, K4DPE, Secretary*

*With Many Thanks to Debbie  
Barton, W8IBT*