



# Murray State University Amateur Radio Club

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## MSU ARC Meeting – February 4, 2025

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

He noted that it was the 770<sup>th</sup> meeting of the MSU Amateur Radio Club.

**Roll Call & Question of the Night:** Name, call sign, and did you participate in the Winter Field Day?

**Programs:** Josh Kerr, WV40, spoke about SigTrax which has a \$3.99 one-time fee, and which is a good app for tracking/triangulating signals. It's handy for Fox Hunts and uses the phone GPS.

**PAARS and KYPOTA:** Tracy McKinney, W4IRT, reported that the first Simplex Net was run on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. It will continue to run Monday nights at 7:00pm on 146.55. Volunteers are needed for Net Control.

Tracy also noted that a committee has been formed for KYPOTA 2025 planning. The committee members are John Coyle, Todd Hackathorn, Josh Kerr, Bob Aldrich, Denis Barton, Diana Mishica, and Bill Call. If anyone else is interested, please let Tracy know. A goal is to include extra clubs. KYPOTA will be held August 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Vice President's Report:** Diana Mishica, K4IRU, has programs planned through April.

**Secretary's Report:** Bill Call, KJ4W, moved for approval of the January minutes. Larry Call, KD6UNL, seconded. Motion passed.

**Advisor's Report:** Michael Inman, K4MWI, was absent. No report. Jana Hackathorn, KN4MWE, reported that there was a call from Jamie Rogers, MSU IT Department, that they were bringing a Cyber Security program to campus and they are looking at our club house for their offices. The FBI is coming this week to check out that space. She doesn't have a lot of information, but they have already taken the classroom across the hall for their use. MSU has a new president and huge budget cuts looming.

**QSL Manager's Report:** Debbie Barton, W8IBT, said that no QSL cards have been received.

**Treasurer's Report:** Bill Call, KJ4W, made one deposit for \$269.00, which is mostly 2025 dues received. We had two disbursements in January: \$7 to W5YI Licensing for VE fees and \$35 for annual SERA dues. Bank balance is \$3,558.05. As of tonight's meeting, 36 members have paid their 2025 dues.

**Systems' Report:** Bill Call, KJ4W, noted that the HF Winlink system computer crashed a couple of weeks ago, and he took time then to replace the computer with one that Stuart, KN4RGB, upgraded from CFSB's donation. It has worked fine since then. We have not made any decision on moving the 2m Winlink gateway to be at the same location with the HF gateway. The repeaters, digipeaters and gateways are all working OK as far as he knows, with the Hamlin repeater still on reduced power due to the amplifier failure.

**VE Report:** Bill Call, KJ4W, reported that we had a license exam session after last month's club meeting, at which Julie Lambert passed her Technician Class exam and has been issued KR4AIH. Julie is Debbie, W8IBT's sister and was a student in the Fall Technician Class course. She is the 9<sup>th</sup> student from that class to pass her exam. He hopes for one or two more to eventually take and pass the exam. So far no one has asked for an exam session tonight. Bill and Josh Kerr, WV40, have discussed whether or not they would offer a General Class study course this Spring, and at this point they do not plan to do that.



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**CERT Report:** Josh Kerr, WV4O, noted that they had one CERT volunteer helping with the VFW Warming Shelter. He was thankful to the VFW for offering their location for this purpose.

The SkyWarn Weather Spotter training is February 18 and will be provided by the National Weather Service. It will be at the CFSB on Sycamore, second floor, at 6PM. Preregistration is required but the course is free and highly recommended. See the link on [WWW.K4MSU](http://WWW.K4MSU) or the Calloway County Emergency Management Facebook page. If you register through the [weather.gov/PAH](http://weather.gov/PAH) page, be sure to select the MURRAY training in the dropdown.

**Net Manager Report:** John Coyle, W4PJC, presented the January 2025 Net Report as Net Manager, Chuck Williams, K4CHW, is not present tonight.

- **4 Sessions**
  - 110 operators
  - 181 minutes
  - 331.83 operator hours
- **Details**
  - 01/06 25 stations for 46 minutes
  - 01/13 26 stations for 55 minutes
  - 01/20 27 stations for 38 minutes
  - 01/27 32 stations for 42 minutes
- **SKYWARN Net**
  - None for January

**Web Manager Report:** No report.

### **Special Events:**

- Weather spotter free class February 18 (prior registration required)
- NWS is offering a Spring Severe Weather Training on March 25
- Cave City Ham Fest March 22
- Spring Foxhunt April 5<sup>th</sup>
- Kentucky QSO Party June 7-8
- Field Day June 28-29
- Kentucky POTA August 9

### **Old Business:**

Still working to plan an Elmer session for building tennis ball launchers or something similar, maybe with a smaller barrel design.

The trailer tower ARDC grant request was resubmitted through PAARS by John Coyle.

### **New Business:**

None. But Diana Mishica, K4IRU, mentioned that there would be a DMR/Fusion call for Saturdays and if anyone was interested, they could contact her for more information.



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**New Members:** A new member application was submitted by Christopher Kunkel, KR4AHT, Technician license. Bill Call, KJ4W, moved for approval. Seconded by Jana Hackathorn, KN4MWE. Motion passed.

Adjournment:

Jana Hackathorn, KN4MWE, moved for adjournment. Seconded by Debbie Barton, W8IBT. Meeting adjourned at 7:55PM.

**Attendance: 28 people**

John Coyle, W4PJC

Charles Isele, N1CDK

Matt Freeman, WX4WKY

Tracy McKinney, W4IRT

Bob Atkinson, K9OIM

Helen Atkinson, no call sign

Diana Mishica, K4IRU

Bill Call, KJ4W

Brenda Call, WA4IJU

James Flood, KJ4TKL

Bob Aldrich, WD8OWA

Candy Aldrich, KJ4OZU

Jana Hackathorn, KN4MWE

Todd Hackathorn, W4GV

Robin Bracken, K4MNM

Bill Barley, KO4TVH

Don Edwards, K4MKY

Debbie Barton, W8IBT

Denis Barton, WB8SKP

Stuart Naulty, KN4RGB

Joe Thweatt, KO4ASK

Larry Call, KD6UNL

Todd Carr, W4TZX

Mark Germain, KC9FOC

Josh Kerr, WV4O

Joe Wray, WD4GX1

Brent H. Brown, KQ4ZZI

Chris Kunkel, KR4AHT

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Donna Pursifull, K4DPE, Secretary  
with appreciation to Debbie Barton,  
W8IBT, for recording this month's  
minutes.*