



Murray State University Amateur Radio Club

Address: MSUARC
2580 University Station
Murray, Kentucky 42071

Website: www.k4msu.com

MSU ARC Meeting – August 5, 2025

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

He noted that it was the 777th meeting of the MSU Amateur Radio Club

Roll Call & Question of the Night: Name, call sign, and “Do you plan to participate in KYPOTA?”

Programs: John Coyle presented on KYPOTA

POTA provides an opportunity for people in parks to contact others who are set up in the parks. The MSU club sponsors KYPOTA, and this is its 6th year of operation.

The goal is to earn points by making contacts with operators who are set up in Kentucky parks. Bonus points are granted to all who contact each of our three KYPOTA stations.

MSU ARC members will be set up in 3 parks:

- LBL at Jenny Ridge
- Cherokee Park
- Kentucky Dam Village

Rules and unique park identifiers can be found at www.k4msu.com/kypota

- 20m and 40m tend to be the most productive frequencies
- ADIF and Cabrillo format logs are used
- Like POTA but want Kentucky POTA IDs
 - Operators can participate in both contests at once but will need POTA and KYPOTA ids

Exchange example:

- CQ CQ Kentucky Parks on the Air
- This is bonus station K4MSU, Kilo 4 Mike Sierra Uniform
- Park ID KLR
- CQ CQ

Operation is from 9 to 5pm

TAKE PHOTOS and send them to jcoyle347@gmail.com

W4GZ KDV will be Bill, KJ4W, and Brenda, WA4IJU at Kentucky Dam Village

KQ4KRS LBL will be Matt Freeman, WX4WKY, at Jenny Ridge in LBL

K4MSU KLR will be John, W4PJC, at Cherokee Park (turn right at the rangers house and he will be set up at Iroquois Pavilion)

Please visit with any/all of them if you can.



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Vice President's Report: None

Secretary's Report: The minutes were emailed by John and no changes or corrections were offered. Bill Call, KJ4W, moved for approval. Jana Hackathorn, KN4MWE, seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Advisor's Report: No report.

QSL Manager's Report: Debbie Barton, W8IBT, has received no mail. Jana offered to follow up with the university to see if/where the mail was being delivered and placed.

Treasurer's Report: Bill Call, KJ4W, hasn't made any deposits since the last meeting. One check was written to reimburse PAARS for the food purchase for the Field Day potluck for \$95.99. Bank balance is \$3,305.41. As of this afternoon 76 members have paid their 2025 dues.

Systems' Report: Bill Call, KJ4W, said that The HF Winlink system's computer has crashed 9 times in July. He swapped computers to another of the donated/refurbished CFSB mini computers and that helped slow the pace only a little. But he thinks he has found the problem. The 2m Winlink gateway and the repeaters and digipeaters are all working OK as far as he knows, with the Hamlin repeater still on reduced power due to the amplifier failure which he has not had a chance to work on yet.

VE Report: Bill Call, KJ4W, reported that we did not have a license exam session after last month's club meeting. No exams have been requested for tonight but he knows of some folks who are studying.

CERT Report: Bill Call, KJ4W, reported that the fall CERT class was full with pre-registrants and a couple of alternates. The training will again be held at the Calloway County Fire and Rescue facility.

Josh Kerr, WV40, noted that a limited group of 6 had participated in CPR training.

Donna Pursifull, K4DPE, reported that the next quarterly CERT meeting would be September 4th. More information will be sent before the meeting.

Net Manager Report: John Coyle, W4PJC, presented the July statistics from Chuck Williams, K4CHW, who was absent.

- **4 Sessions**
 - 105 operators.
 - 156 minutes
 - 273 operator hours
- **Details**
 - 07/07 26 stations for 44 minutes
 - 07/14 27 stations for 50 minutes
 - 07/21 22 stations for 35 minutes
 - 07/28 30 stations for 27 minutes
- **SKYWARN Nets**
 - None reported



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Web Manager Report: No report.

Special Events:

- Kentucky POTA, August 9
- Huntsville Hamfest, August 16-17
- Fall MSUARC Fox Hunt, October 4

Old Business:

John Coyle, W4PJC, said that he was finally able to locate the pvc pipe that he wanted for the launcher project. This pipe will enable the use of tennis balls instead of bean bags. If you worked with him on the Elmer launcher build, just contact him to arrange for getting some of the pvc pipe.

New Business:

Bill Call, KJ4W, noted that the city sirens test was scheduled for September 5.

John Coyle, W4PJC, said that he needed volunteers for the following positions:

- Field Day Task Manager
- Elmer Day Coordinator
- KYPOTA Coordinator

Please contact John if you can help with any of those.

Also John asked if we were in agreement to hold the Christmas Party at Hop Hound again this year. Everyone agreed that this would be a good move.

New Members: We had several visitors but no applications to vote on tonight.

Adjournment: Jana Hackathorn, KN4MWE, moved for adjournment. Debbie Barton, W8IBT, seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:35.



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Attendance: 30 People

John Coyle, W4PJC

James Flood, KJ4TKL

Charles Isele, N1CDK

Debbie Barton, W8IBT

Denis Barton, WB8SKP

Brian Walker, KC4FIE

Sierra Walker, Guest

Todd Hackathorn, W4GV

Jana Hackathorn, KN4MWE

Larry Call, KD6UNL

Diana Mishica, K4IRU

Mark Germain, KC9FOC

Brad Rogers, KR4DVK

Bill Call, KJ4W

Brenda Call, WA4IJU

Donna Pursifull, K4DPE

Josh Kerr, WV4O

Jessica Hendrix, KQ4ADS

Paul Hendrix, KJ4BCF

Bob Atkinson, K9OIM

Helen Atkinson, Guest

Clay Rekow, W3TAK

Megan Larson, Guest

Kris Larson, Guest

Nora Davis, Guest

Alin Esper? Hard to read, no call sign

Joel Weinberger? Hard to read, no call sign

Chris Kunkel, KR4AHT

Tim Bradshaw, K4TGB

Joe Wray, WD4GXI

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Pursifull, K4DPE, Secretary