



# Murray State University Amateur Radio Club

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## MSU ARC Meeting – July 1, 2025

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

He noted that it was the 776th meeting of the MSU Amateur Radio Club.

**Roll Call & Question of the Night:** Name, call sign, and “What was your favorite Field Day activity?”

John acknowledged the passing of longtime club member Gary Cooper, KJ4EBQ. He also offered recognition and condolences on behalf of the club to Charles Isele, NICDK, on the loss of his daughter, and to Steven Dabbs, KN4IRN, on the loss of his father.

**Programs:** There was no formal program tonight due to field day and technical difficulties.

Josh Kerr, WV4O, was asked for a Field Day Recap. He noted that we earned 1150 Bonus points. We missed a few but these came from being on 100% emergency power, having media publicity (Bob’s a STAR!), a site visit from a served agency, having a Safety Officer, Social media coverage, and more.

We had 151 QSOs on CW, 83 on Digital, and 242 on Phone and received 710 points which were hit by a power multiplier to give us 1420 points for contacts made. That gives us a total of 2570 points for the day.

When asked about comparison to last year, Josh noted that he will give a more thorough Field Day briefing in a future meeting.

**PAARS and KYPOTA:**

No report.

**Vice President’s Report:** Matt Freeman, WX4WKY, noted that programs were in the works but he wants to know what we want to hear about. Joe Wray, WD4GXI, said that it had been a long while since we had a presentation on EchoLink so that will be on the list. Please send ideas to Matt at [Matt.Freeman88@gmail.com](mailto:Matt.Freeman88@gmail.com) and/or bring suggestions to our next meeting.

**Secretary’s Report:** The minutes were emailed by John and no changes or corrections were offered. Larry Call, KD6UNL, moved for approval. Joe Wray, WD4GXI, seconded the motion. Motion passed.

**Advisor’s Report:** No report.

**QSL Manager’s Report:** Debbie Barton, W8IBT, was absent, so no report.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Bill Call, KJ4W, made one deposit today, July 1, for \$360.00. This consists of \$110 of dues & exam fees (including one check from April that had been overlooked previously); \$100 from an anonymous donation for the tower trailer tire replacement; and \$150 proceeds from the Field Day raffle. We had one disbursement of \$7.00 to W5YI Licensing Services for VE fees, a reimbursement to Bill for a motor starter switch replacement for the tower trailer for \$130.77, and he is waiting on reimbursing PAARS for the food purchase for the Field Day potluck. Bank balance is \$3,401.40. As of this afternoon 75 members have paid their 2025 dues.



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**Systems' Report:** Bill Call, KJ4W, said that the HF Winlink system's computer crashed 4 times in June. And there may be a radio or antenna problem with it too, as its performance seems to be weak when he tests it from home, so there is more testing he needs to do on it. The 2m Winlink gateway and the repeaters and digipeaters are all working OK as far as Bill knows, with the Hamlin repeater still on reduced power due to the amplifier failure which he has not worked on yet. Bill built a new 10 & 15 meter trap dipole for Field Day which replaced the vertical antennas we had been using for the past several years, and it seemed to work well.

**VE Report:** Bill Call, KJ4W, reported that he led a license exam session after last month's club meeting, at which Tim Bradshaw, KR4CWR, upgraded to General Class; he has now taken the Vanity callsign K4TGB. No exams have been requested for tonight.

**CERT Report:** Bill Call, KJ4W, said that he took 3 new signups at Field Day so the Fall class is almost full. The CERT classes will begin on September 11.

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

- **5 Sessions**
  - 131 operators.
  - 180 minutes
  - 393 operator hours
- **Details**
  - 06/02 31 stations for 42 minutes
  - 06/09 28 stations for 36 minutes
  - 06/16 28 stations for 40 minutes
  - 06/23 26 stations for 45 minutes
  - 06/30 18 stations for 17 minutes
- **SKYWARN Nets**
  - None reported

**Web Manager Report:** No report.

### **Special Events:**

- Middle Tennessee Ham Quest, July 19
- Kentucky POTA, August 9
- Huntsville Hamfest, August 16-17
- Fall Fox Hunt, October 4

### **Old Business:**

John Coyle, W4PJC, said that his launcher building Elmer Day was a success. The group built 5 new launchers.

Bill Call, KJ4W, said that the GMRS frequency he was checking on for a local repeater was in use by Hopkinsville. So he is listening in on another one to verify its availability for our purposes.



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John Coyle said that he saw where a club in Daytona had sent QSL cards to local GMRS licensees to invite them to ham radio events and trainings. He suggested that we send them to the 96 licensees in our area for a similar recruiting move.

**New Business:**

John Coyle said that we need club help/volunteers. Specifically, we need:

Field Day Task Manager for 2026 – you can use the checklist that Debbie used this year, and it involves a couple of meetings and keeping the list updated to ensure that everyone knows their Field Day roles.

Elmer Day Coordinator – Someone to coordinate ideas and presenters

**New Members:** We had one application from Michael Phelps, KE8FCJ. Bill Call, KJ4W, moved for approval. Larry Call, KD6UNL, seconded. Michael was approved – welcome!

**Announcement:** John will be out of pocket for most of July. He will send net reminders but otherwise won't be available.

**Adjournment:** Josh Kerr, WV40, moved to move. Seconded by Bill Barley, KO4TVH. Meeting adjourned at 7:50.



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**Attendance: 25 people**

**John Coyle, W4PJC**

**James Flood, KJ4TKL**

**Charles Isele, N1CDK**

**Don Edwards, K4MKY**

**Matt Freeman, WX4WKY**

**Larry Call, KD6UNL**

**Diana Mishica, K4IRU**

**Mark Germain, KC9FOC**

**Ward Adams, KQ4OPJ**

**Bill Call, KJ4W**

**George James, KY4GMJ**

**Donna Pursifull, K4DPE**

**Bob Aldrich, WD8OWA**

**Candy Aldrich, KJ4OZU**

**Robin Bracken, K4MNM**

**Josh Kerr, WV4O**

**Bill Barley, KO4TVH**

**Brett H. Brown, KQ4ZZI**

**Jack Ellis, K9JLE**

**David Barr, KA5JDO**

**Randall Winchester, WD4HVA**

**Joe Wray, WD4GXI**

**Jeff Steen, KR4ACO**

**Amberly Steen, Guest**

**Derek Ferguson, license lapsed**

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Donna Pursifull, K4DPE, Secretary*