



Murray State University Amateur Radio Club

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MSU ARC Meeting – September 2, 2025

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

He noted that it was the 789th meeting of the MSU Amateur Radio Clubs

Roll Call & Question of the Night: Name, call sign, and “Will you join the fox hunt on October 4?”

He noted that arrival time is 1:30 with departures starting at 2:00.

John also shared that Raymond M Powell III, N4NP, (390pts) was announced as the winner of the 2025 KYPOTA event. Mr. Powell last won the event in 2023. Congratulations to Raymond and thanks for his continued participation. KY POTA is sponsored by the Murray State University Amateur Radio Club. Results:

Email	Name	Park	QSO Points	# Bonus Stations	# Unique Parks	Total Score
KYPOTA@murray-ky.net	John Coyle	KLR	98	1	4	404
rayiii@yahoo.com	RAYMOND M POWELL III	WWH	195	0	2	390
matt.freeman88@gmail.com	Matt Freeman	LBL	66	2	5	360
allankdavis@gmail.com	Allan Davis	Hunter	264	0	0	264
dlsmith@harlanonline.net	David Smith	KC	53	2	3	177
hilliardcontestgroup@gmail.com	Hilliard Contest Group	KL	138	0	1	138
wcall@mchsi.com	MSU Amateur Radio Club	KDV	30	1	2	66
kayn3kn@gmail.com	Kay Craigie	Hunter	4	2	4	40
bkwdsman@hotmail.com	Paul Hendrix	LBL	22	0	0	22
wb9hfk@yahoo.com	Mark A. Prather	Hunter	2	0	2	4
pierre_jolin@hotmail.com	Pierre Jolin	Hunter	1	0	0	1

Programs: Matt Freeman, WX4WKY, spoke on Demystifying 6 meters. The Magic Band – Exploring 6 meters. Matt’s presentation items included the Magic and Tragic sides of the 6 meter bands, and covered:

- Basics
- Propagation
- Antennas
- Awards
- Contests
- Dominance of FT8
- Signal to noise advantage
- PSK Reporter – see traffic on any bands within the last 24 hours. Allows you to see where the band is open currently.

Vice President’s Report: Matt Freeman, WX4WKY, noted that the Echolink program has been suggested as a presentation topic for October or November.



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Secretary's Report: The minutes were emailed by John and no changes or corrections were offered. Bill Call, KJ4W, moved for approval. Todd Hackathorn, W4GV, seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Advisor's Report: No report.

QSL Manager's Report: Debbie Barton, W8IBT, noted that Jana Hackathorn, KN4MWE, will see that our mail is delivered to her office. Jana will represent us at a meeting with other MSU clubs. No cards have been received. All contest logs have been uploaded to Logbook of the World.

Treasurer's Report: Bill Call, KJ4W, made one deposit of dues and exam fees of \$95.00. One debit card payment of \$7.00 was made to W5YI Licensing. Bank balance is \$3,393.41. As of this afternoon 77 members have paid their 2025 dues.

Systems' Report: Bill Call, KJ4W, said that the repairs to the HF Winlink system appear to have been successful—it hasn't crashed since August 3! He found a problem in the radio power supply which apparently was crashing the Winlink program when the radio would go into transmit sometimes. He also changed the computer once again to one that Tracy, W4IRT, donated. The system seems to be working better as well as being stable. The 146.940 repeater is having some noise problems, at least on the last two Monday night nets the noise has been bad—but in between the nets the repeater has seemed to be OK. He will try to work on it this next weekend. The 2m Winlink gateway and the other 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 worked on yet. Doyan, KA4BLZ, has programmed the Kenwood repeater he is donating for the GMRS project and Bill has tuned its duplexer which was also donated. But this repeater doesn't have a built-in CW identifier. Doyan has also loaned an external device that should work for that, and the next step is that Bill will have to figure out how to program it and connect it to the repeater. He might have the repeater on the air in a few days, probably at his house for testing at first. He has received his GMRS license and the repeater will carry that callsign, which is WSJV431.

VE Report: Bill Call, KJ4W, reported that we had a license exam session after last month's club meeting, at which Sierra Walker from Madisonville passed her Technician Class exam and has been issued KR4GBO. Sierra's father is Brian Walker, KC4FIE, a long-time active ham in Madisonville who has also submitted a membership application to MSUARC. No exams have been requested for tonight but he knows of some folks who are studying.

CERT Report: Bill Call, KJ4W, reported the Fall 2025 CERT course will begin on Thursday night September 11. It is full with 20 signed up. 3 MSUARC members (Brent Brown KQ4ZZI, Clay Rekow W3TAK, and David Barr KA5JDO) and one other ham (Gene Kissiar KI4EQX) are in the group. CERT will also have a training meeting this Thursday evening, September 4. And CERT hams will be reporting on siren testing results this Friday morning, September 5.

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

- **4 Sessions of the 2 meter nets**
 - 92 operators.
 - 139 minutes
 - 213.13 operator hours



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- **Details**
 - 08/04 22 stations for 31 minutes
 - 08/11 21 stations for 37 minutes
 - 08/18 31 stations for 45 minutes
 - 08/25 18 stations for 26 minutes
- **SKYWARN Nets**
 - None reported

Web Manager Report: No report.

Special Events:

- Fall MSUARC Fox Hunt, October 4
- Christmas Party – John Coyle has reserved the Hop Hound party room for December 2

Old Business:

Bill Call, KJ4W, reported on the KyQSO party results from June. We won the KY Multi-Operator category. The trophy was a special wooden plaque and Bill noted that we might want to consider a better award for our KYPOTA contest.

Mark Germain, KC9FOC, will be the Field Day Task Manager for 2026.

New Business: Note that the date has been set for the Christmas Party at Hop Hound – Tuesday, December 9.

New Members: Applications were received from Nora Davis and Brian Walker. Jana Hackathorn, KN4MWE, moved for approval of Nora's application. Todd Hackathorn, W4GV, seconded. Motion carried. Bill Call, KJ4W, moved for approval of Brian Walker and Todd Hackathorn, W4GV, seconded. Motion carried.

Adjournment: Jana Hackathorn, KN4MWE, moved for adjournment. Debbie Barton, W8IBT, seconded.



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Attendance: 25 People

John Coyle, W4PJC

Brad Boggess, KR4DVK

Charles Isele, N1CDK

Debbie Barton, W8IBT

Denis Barton, WB8SKP

Todd Hackathorn, W4GV

Jana Hackathorn, KN4MWE

Brenda Call, WA4IJU

Candy Aldrich, KJ4OZU

Bob Aldrich, WO8OWA

Stuart Naulty, KN4RGB

Bill Call, KJ4W

Don Edwards, K4MKY

Matt Freeman, WX4WKY

Mark Germain, KC9FOC

Dale Barrett, WB7D

Valerie Barrett, KG4OCJ

Bob Atkinson, K9OIM

Helen Atkinson, Guest

Clay Rekow, W3TAK

Nora Davis, Guest

Jellen (?) Fisk, Guest

Dale Peer, KF7ZBK

Colleen Pulcifer, Guest

David Barr, KA5JDO

Respectfully submitted,

*Donna Pursifull, K4DPE, Secretary
with thanks to Debbie Barton,
W8IBT, for taking notes*