



Murray State University Amateur Radio Club

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MSU ARC Meeting – October 6, 2025

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

He noted that it was the 790th meeting of the MSU Amateur Radio Club

Roll Call & Question of the Night: Name, call sign, and “Would you consider being Net Control Officer on November 24?”

We got two strong maybes with Tim Bradshaw, K4TGB sounding likely and getting offers of help with logging, and Mark Germain, KC9FOC, willing to consider it in future times.

John presented winners and numbers from the Fox Hunt, with thanks to Josh Kerr, WV40, and Robin Bracken, K4MNM, doing a great job of finding the perfect spot. Results are as follows:

Team 5, Michael, KG4QPO, Corbie, KO4ARX, and family, 21 minutes

Team 2, George, KY4GMJ, and Don, K4MKY, 31 minutes

Team 8, John, W4PJC, 45 minutes

Team 6, Bill, KJ4W, and Brenda, W4IJU, 51 minutes

Team 4, Bob, WD8OWA, and Candy, KJ4OZU, 1:38 minutes

Team 3, Bill, KO4TVH, and Billy, 1:52 minutes

Teams 1 and 7 were unsuccessful, No Time (they remain anonymous)

Thanks to Debbie, W8IBT, for coordinating the potluck!

John proposed that we consider making a standard donation to the American Legion when we use their building. Tracy, W4IRT, moved that we donate \$50 per event. Robin, K4MNM, seconded. Motion passed.

John also noted that he attended the mandatory MSU Student Re-recognition event for all student organizations. He picked up a copy of the anti-hazing rules for anyone interested.

Joe, WD4GXI, reminded everyone to get their parking pass permission from MSU’s Police Office. You can go online to register at no cost. [Parking Permits | Murray State University](#)

Program: Bill Call, KJ4W, presented on and demonstrated the use of Echolink. His detailed presentation can be found on www.k4msu.com.

Highlights: software can be downloaded from <https://echolink.org>. That site includes excellent directions for use.



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Echolink allows the sending and receipt of transmissions via computer or mobile stations or phone apps. Echolink is tied to our 443.800 repeater.

You can dial in and can look up node numbers. Our node is 207370.

In addition to helping people call into a net, it allows you to CQ through a repeater. One way to call for anyone is to enter 00. Entering 01 is a call to repeaters or links. Disconnect with #.

Check out the full presentation on the web site to learn how to check your audio and do much more.

Protocol is that you ID before and after contact and state “using Echolink”.

Do see Bill’s presentation for a more thorough description of all that you can do via Echolink.

Vice President’s Report: Matt Freeman, WX4WKY, no report.

Secretary’s Report: The minutes were emailed by John and no changes or corrections were offered. Bill Call, KJ4W, moved for approval. Larry Call, KD6UNL, seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Advisor’s Report: No report.

QSL Manager’s Report: Debbie Barton, W8IBT, noted that we are finally receiving mail through MSU! We received a QSL card confirming a contact made during the Kentucky QSO Party.

Treasurer’s Report: Bill Call, KJ4W, made no deposits this past month. One debit card payment of \$70.00 was made for renewing the insurance policy on the tower trailer, and he sent a check for \$100.00 for MSU Arboretum dues. Bank balance is \$3,223.41. As of this afternoon our paid membership remained at 77 members.

Systems’ Report: Bill Call, KJ4W, had to restart the HF Winlink computer once, and also the computer on the 443.800 repeater once because its scheduler messed up and didn’t connect EchoLink to the 146.940 repeater one Monday night. The 146.940 repeater noise problem was gone last night, for some reason, and he hasn’t worked on it at all. Maybe it liked the rainy afternoon? 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 I have not worked on yet. The GMRS repeater has been installed at the Fine Arts building and seems to be working fairly well. The GMRS repeater is 462.625, Tone 123.

VE Report: Bill Call, KJ4W, reported that we have not had a license exam session since the August meeting. No exams have been requested for tonight. We will be starting the Technician Class license study course on Thursday evening November 6, at 6:00pm at CCFR Station 1. At the moment, the FCC is not processing any license applications because of the government shutdown. There is a procedure to deal with that for new applicants, so we will have the study course whether or not the shutdown ends soon.

CERT Report: Bill Call, KJ4W, reported the Fall 2025 CERT course is underway with 19 students. 3 MSUARC members (Brent Brown KQ4ZZI, Clay Rekow W3TAK, and David Barr KA5JDO) and one other



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ham (Gene Kissiar KI4EQX) are in the group. So are two college students (Christine Robinson and Natalie Wielgos) who were first interested in the ham radio club and then also became interested in CERT.

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

- **5 Sessions of the 2 meter nets**
 - 107 operators.
 - 173 minutes
 - 308.51 operator hours
- **Details**
 - 09/01 23 stations for 40 minutes
 - 09/08 19 stations for 35 minutes
 - 09/15 21 stations for 35 minutes
 - 09/22 19 stations for 28 minutes
 - 09/29 25 stations for 35 minutes
- **SKYWARN Nets**
 - None reported

Web Manager Report: No report.

Special Events:

- Christmas Party – John Coyle has reserved the Hop Hound party room for December 2 at 6pm. There will be a “dirty Santa” gift exchange.

Old Business:

We still need a volunteer to coordinate Elmer days.

New Business:

Josh Kerr, WV40, shared that we had a 16 foot trailer donated and waiting for us to pick up in Fulton. CCFR has granted permission for us to park it on their site.

Debbie Barton, W8IBT, asked for a vote on whether or not we would repeat our Christmas family sponsorship. Tim Bradshaw moved that we once again donate \$250 from the club for this effort. Tracy McKinney seconded. Motion passed. NOTE that there will be a collection from the members at the November meeting to add to these funds for the families in need.

Ham of the Year Nominations:

Tracy McKinney, W4IRT, nominated Donna Pursifull, K4DPE. Seconded by Debbie Barton, W8IBT



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Donna nominated Debbie, seconded by Larry, KD6UNL

Bob Atkinson, K9OIM, nominated Matt Freeman, WX4WKY, seconded by Denis Barton, WB8SKP.

Joe Wray, WD4GXI, shared that Diana Mishica, W4IRU, was listed as a silent key in the latest copy of the QST Magazine.

New Members: No applications

Adjournment: Debbie Barton, W8IBT, moved to adjourn. Tracy McKinney, W4IRT, seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

Attendance: 28 People

John Coyle, W4PJC

Charles Isele, N1CDK

Debbie Barton, W8IBT

Denis Barton, WB8SKP

Josh Kerr, WV40

Ben Rudy, KO4LFZ

Will Rudy, KO4VLV

Alex Rudy, KO4YFI

Jessie Rudy, KO4ZBV

Brenda Call, WA4IJU

Candy Aldrich, KJ4OZU

Bob Aldrich, WO8OWA

Larry Call, KD6UNL

Bill Call, KJ4W

Matt Freeman, WX4WKY

Mark Germain, KC9FOC

Bob Atkinson, K9OIM

Helen Atkinson, Guest

Joel Weinberger, Guest

Bill Barley, KO4TVH

Joe Wray, WD4GXI

Ward Adams, KQ4OPJ

George James, KY4GMJ

James Flood, KJ4TKL

Donna Pursifull, K4DPE

Tracy McKinney, W4IRT

Robin Bracken, K4MNM

Tim Bradshaw, K4TGB

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Pursifull, K4DPE, Secretary