



Murray State University Amateur Radio Club

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MSU ARC Meeting – June 2, 2026

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

He noted that it was the 798th meeting of the MSU Amateur Radio Club

Roll Call & Question of the Night: Name, call sign, and “Do you plan to participate in the Kentucky QSO Party this weekend?”

John gave an update on the upcoming Field Day. He shared a diagram of the setup and said that we would have access to the facilities after 4:00pm on Friday June 26. The field day contest officially opens at 1pm on June 27 and continues for 24 hours. There will be presentations by club members to the Extension Service staff and all interested guests on that Saturday beginning at 2:30. Speakers include:

- Bill Call, KJ4W, What is Amateur Radio
- Tracy McKinney, W4IRT and John Coyle, W4PJC, explanation of our active local clubs
- Josh Kerr, WV40, Field Day Value for Disaster Preparedness and Introduction to CERT

The potluck meal will be served around 5:00pm.

Robin Bracken, K4MNM, has flyers for anyone able to distribute them around town. Please share the Facebook posts too.

Members need to sign up at K4MSU.COM, both for the potluck (include yourself in your count of guests) and for times to staff the radios. There are three operator positions, as well as positions at the tower trailer and the GOTA station.

Help will also be needed on Sunday for take-down and cleanup.

Program: Pat Compton, KF4FMZ, and former MSU Amateur Radio Club President, was our special guest speaker. Josh Kerr, WV40, introduced him and noted that he is the Kentucky Comm Supervisor for the Kentucky Division for Emergency Management and he is in town from Frankfort (along with the Big Blue Bus) for emergency exercises this week in Murray.

The Murray exercises will be a Cyber event/Mass Casualty/Mass Fatality drill, held in conjunction with the state Emergency Management office, Murray-Calloway County Hospital, the Kentucky State Police, the National Guard, and local emergency units and volunteers. There will be tabletop and full-scale exercises on Thursday.

Pat presented on “Kentucky Emergency Management Deployable Communication Resources.” He is responsible for coordinating state emergency communications across all state agencies.

He spoke about the KYEM Mobile Command Vehicle which is parked in front of the building tonight and available for tours after adjournment tonight. It is packed with comm equipment, including SAT internet and phones, multiple ham radios, pre-programmed mobile radios, cache radios, WINLINK, 2 generators, printer, scanner, kitchenette, etc.



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The bus has been at disasters going back to Hurricane Katrina, and most recently was used at the UPS crash area in Louisville.

Pat elaborated on the shared resources across emergency groups in-state, cross-state, and with the federal government.

Vice President's Report: Welcome and thank you to our new Vice President, David Barr, KA5JDO. He asked for members to send him suggestions for programs.

Secretary's Report: The minutes were emailed by John. Bill Call, KJ4W, moved for approval, Tracy McKinney, W4IRT, seconded. Motion passed.

Advisor's Report: No report. But John noted that he helped get the forms completed to ensure that we could continue as an MSU club for the coming year.

QSL Manager's Report: No report.

Treasurer's Report: Bill Call, KJ4W, made two deposits, one of \$40.00 and one of \$25.00. He paid W5YI Licensing by debit card for VE fees of \$7.00. Bank balance is \$3,588.89. As of this afternoon we had received 2026 dues from 76 members. 2026 dues are now past due, and only those who are current members should be voting on club decisions.

Systems' Report: Bill Call, KJ4W, noted that the only equipment failure during this month has been the K4MSU-3 APRS Digipeater. That's the one on the Fine Arts building. It apparently failed Saturday and Denis told him about it today. Allen is to bring Bill the radio tonight. He still needs to replace the 443.800 repeater's bent mast. Otherwise, system things have worked OK and the repeaters, the LBL digipeater, EchoLink and the Winlink nodes are all working OK now as far as he knows.

VE Report: Bill Call, KJ4W, had a license exam session after the May 5 club meeting, at which Joe Thweatt KO4ASK upgraded to General Class. Congratulations, Joe!

Technical note about cybersecurity: one of Bill's email addresses, CallowayEM2@gmail.com, was hacked yesterday and sent some scam emails about an "Invitation via Connect From Robert". **If you received that email and clicked on the included link, you may have become infected with a corrupted "Screenconnect" app. If you did click on the link, you should do a search on your computer for that app, and Uninstall it if it is there or you will be doing the same as he did.** That may also be why his PayPal account and a credit card have been attacked.

CERT Report: The next CERT class will start on September 3 – the first Thursday in September.

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



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- **4 Sessions of the 2 meter net**
 - 87 operators
 - 138 minutes
 - 200.1 operator hours
- **Details**
 - 05/04 22 stations for 29 minutes
 - 05/11 23 stations for 44 minutes
 - 05/18 21 stations for 32 minutes
 - 05/25 21 stations for 33 minutes
- **SKYWARN Nets**
 - None reported

Web Manager Report: No report.

Special Events:

- June 6-7, Kentucky QSO Party
- June 6, Princeton Tailgate
- June 20 Field Day prep
- June 27-28 Field Day
- July 7 – Club Meeting
- August 8, KYPOTA
- Kentucky POTA Campout, Taylorsville Lake State Park, September 25-27

Old Business:

We still need a volunteer to coordinate Elmer days.

New Business: Donna Pursifull, K4DPE, had two presentations.

The first was for the new K4MSU Wily Fox traveling trophy which will go to the winner of our Fox Hunts. Names and times will be noted on the back and the recipient agrees to pass it on to the next winner. Congratulations go to the first winner, Josh Kerr, WV40, and his daughter, Emma.

The second presentation was also to Josh Kerr, WV40, who is Kentucky's newest Kentucky Colonel. Josh was recommended by Colonel Donna Pursifull and the submission noted: There are few people in Calloway County who have impacted so many others. He has given countless uncompensated hours to training Community Emergency Response Team members, helping teach students studying for ham radio licenses, providing first aid and CPR training, etc. In addition to his busy job as Emergency Management Director, Josh just completed training to become one of our newest Volunteer



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Firefighters. His can-do attitude and enthusiasm for sharing his passion for ham radio, emergency response, etc., make him a perfect candidate to be recognized as a Kentucky Colonel.

Profession: Director, Calloway County Office of Emergency Management

Charitable organization or community service: Calloway County Emergency Management Director

Calloway County Local Emergency Planning Committee Chairperson

Calloway County Search & Rescue Coordinator

Calloway County CERT Instructor

American Heart Association BLS Instructor

Amateur Radio Operator/Instructor

Murray Lions Club Member

Selective Service Board – Local Chairperson

Murray State University EMT Program - Teaching Assistant

National Weather Service Storm Spotter

Calloway County Volunteer Firefighter

Donna noted that calling him honorable or Colonel was completely optional, but both titles are now officially noted on his new certificate.

New Members: No applications

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:05 with members invited to tour the bus as they left the building.



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Attendance: 32 People

John Coyle, W4PJC

Tracy McKinney, W4IRT

James Flood, KJ4TKL

Joe Thweatt, KO4ASK

Derek Ferguson, NA4BK

Mark Germain, KC9FOC

Joe Wray, WD4GXI

Clay Rekow, W3TAK

Larry Call, KD6UNL

Bill Call, KJ4W

Patrick Compton, KF4FMZ

Todd Hackathorn, W4GV

Donna Pursifull, K4DPE

Josh Kerr, WV40

Don Edwards, K4MKY

Paul Hendrix, KJ4BCF

Jessica Hendrix, KQ4FDS

Bob Atkinson, K9OIM

Helen Atkinson, Guest

David Henderson, WS4DAV

Phillip Wright, NJ3J

Denis Barton, WB8SKP

Debbie Barton, W8IBT

Bob Aldrich, WD8OWA

Candy Aldrich, KJ4OZU

Dale Peer, KF7ZBK

Colleen Pulcifer, Guest

Robin Bracken, K4MNM

Sherry Keller-Hudgins, KR4IJG

Ben Rudy, KO4LFZ

Will Rudy, KO4VLV

George Rob, KK4SRR

Respectfully submitted,

*Donna Pursifull, K4DPE,
Secretary*