



Murray State University Amateur Radio Club

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2580 University Station
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Website: www.k4msu.com

MSU ARC Meeting – August 4, 2026

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

He noted that it was the 800th meeting of the MSU Amateur Radio Club

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

Program: John Coyle, W4PJC, presented about KYPOTA which is this weekend.

- It's the 7th annual event and the only statewide event sponsored by MSUARC
- WWW.K4MSU.COM/POTA website has information and there is a link on the WA7BNM contest calendar
 - There are 50+ park IDs on the website
- 20m and 40m are the most productive wavelengths
- Use ADIF and Cabrillo Format logs for submission
- Similar to POTA
 - K4MSU.COM has a cross reference to POTA
 - Can work both at once
 - Based on OSPOTA – Ohio State
- Call CQ CQ Kentucky Parks on the Air this is bonus station “K4MSU”, Park ID____, CQ CQ
- Log the response with their park ID
- Send photos to johncoyle347@gmail.com
- Our host stations:
 - KY Dam Village, W4GZ, Bill
 - LBL Jenny Ridge, K4IRU, Tracy
 - Kenlake Cherokee Park, K4MSU, John (will have food!)
 - Note there are “Campground Closed” signs – just drive around them as Cherokee park is past the campground and that's where he will be
 - New bonus station, K9OIM, where Bob will be a hunter. People get bonus points for contacting him
 - Others can participate at home as hunters but hunters should not call CQ POTA but you can call CQ KYPOTA
- Visit all the sites you want to use/share their equipment or bring you own
- Event runs 9-5

Vice President's Report: David Barr, KA5JDO, reported that we have Ben Rudy speaking in September on AllStar but we need speaker ideas for the October meeting.

Secretary's Report: Donna Pursifull, K4DPE noted that the minutes were emailed by John and no corrections had been noted. Bill Call, KJ4W, moved for approval, Bill Barley, KO4TVH, seconded. Motion passed.



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Advisor's Report: No report.

QSL Manager's Report: No report.

Treasurer's Report: Bill Call, KJ4W, made one deposit, of \$20.00. There were no disbursements. Bank balance is \$3,736.19. As of this afternoon we had received 2026 dues from 82 members.

Systems' Report: Bill Call, KJ4W, worked on the HF Winlink system computer after the Winlink Elmer Day Workshop Saturday, and then Brad helped him Sunday, and they got the ARDOP mode working again. The K4MSU-3 APRS digipeater has been returned to Allen's office in Fine Arts building, and is working properly. He still needs to replace the 443.800 repeater's bent mast. Currently the repeaters, the digipeaters, EchoLink and the Winlink nodes are all working OK other than the noise issue on the 146.940 repeater.

VE Report: Bill Call, KJ4W, reported that we did not have a license exam session after the July club meeting, and no one has requested one for tonight. Reminder that the Technician Class license exam Question Pool changed on July 1, and the old study books are now out of date. We do not have any of the new License Manuals that we loan out yet. We are planning another Technician Class License study course for this Fall, following the CERT course. It will meet on Thursday nights beginning October 29. We are not sure which study book we will use.

CERT Report: The starting date for the Fall 2026 CERT course is the first Thursday night in September, which is the 3rd. Bill Call, KJ4W, is taking requests to participate now. Donna Pursifull, K4DPE, asked for all CERT members to reply ASAP to her email if interested in CPR/First aid certification. She needs to know interest and preferred dates.

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

- **4 Sessions of the 2 meter net**
 - 85 operators
 - 106 minutes
 - 150.16 operator hours
- **Details**
 - 07/06 20 stations for 30 minutes
 - 07/13 24 stations for 28 minutes
 - 07/20 24 stations for 26 minutes
 - 07/27 17 stations for 32 minutes
- **SKYWARN Nets**
 - No nets

Web Manager Report: No report.



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Special Events:

- August 8, KYPOTA
- August 22-23, Huntsville Hamfest
- September 1, next MSUARC meeting
- Kentucky POTA Campout, Taylorsville Lake State Park, September 25-27
- October 3, MSUARC Foxhunt

Old Business:

The Elmer Day Workshop for Winlink went well. We had 7 participants and 3 facilitators. Thanks to Denis Barton, WB8SKP, and Josh Kerr, WV4O, for helping and to Bill Call, KJ4W, for coordinating this event! John Coyle, W4PJC, noted that AF4Y and K7ACT offer weekly trivia questions for people wanting more Winlink experience. Just send them a message to add you to their weekly quizzes.

Thank you NA4BK for volunteering as NCO on 8/24.

New Business:

It's time to renew your car registration with Murray State. You just need to register as a visitor and note that you will be on campus for MSU Amateur Radio Club meetings.

<https://www.murraystate.edu/about/Offices/police/ParkingServices/permits.aspx> You can indicate an immediate start date and end date of July 31, 2027. You need your vehicle license number. There is no cost to register as a visitor.

Stuart, KN4RGB, said that if you have a DMR ID number you need to verify it even if you use it. You may have received an email that you can reply to for verification or go to Radioid.net and click to verify your number. Apparently they are running out of numbers and will inactivate those who do not respond to an annual verification.

Bill, KJ4W, suggested a new Elmer day in October on "Digital Modes" and several members confirmed their interest.

Joe Wray, WD4GXI, shared a new favorite radio of his, the VGC Radio

- No display
- 50watts on 2meter
- Dual band
- Great for running satellites – has auto Doppler shift
- Has speaker in microphone or can add one
- Has compass and GPS
- Costs around \$289
- Has AI Noise that cuts out background noises
- Let him know if you want more information



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New Members: There are two applicants for membership tonight. David Smith and Jamie Brown do not yet have callsigns but are interested in the club and in getting their licenses. Bill Call, KJ4W, moved for approval. Joe Wray, WD4GXI, seconded. Motion passed.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:49pm

Attendance: 26 People

John Coyle, W4PJC

Bill Barley, KO4TVH

Joe Thweatt, KO4ASK

Charles Isele, N1CDK

Joe Wray, WD4GXI

Larry Call, KD6UNL

Bill Call, KJ4W

Donna Pursifull, K4DPE

Stuart Naulty, KN4RGB

Don Edwards, K4MKY

Larry Morris, AD6QJ

Jamie Brown, Guest

David Smith, Guest

Bob Atkinson, K9OIM

Helen Atkinson, Guest

David Barr, KA5JDO

Todd Carr, W4TZX

Bob Aldrich, WD8OWA

Candy Aldrich, KJ4OZU

Chad Hulsizer, KR4HRC

Robin Bracken, K4MNM

Sherry Keller-Hudgins, KR4IJG

Dale Peer, KF7ZBK

Colleen Pulcifer, Guest

Mark Germain, KC9FOC

James Flood, KJ4TKL

Respectfully submitted,

*Donna Pursifull, K4DPE,
Secretary*