



# MURRAY STATE UNIVERSITY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB



## MSU ARC Meeting – February 7, 2023

Meeting was called to order by President, Tracy McKinney, W4IRT, at 7:00 p.m.

**Roll Call & Question of the Night:** Roll call with the question of the night being “Are you registered? Sky Warn Class Tuesday, February 21, 2023

**Program:** Bill Call, KJ4W, presented an informative and interesting program: ***Introduction to Winlink – A radio based, Worldwide Email System***

- VHF/UHF, Packet (Pactor, RDOP, VARA, Pactor 4)
- To see Bill’s complete program, please go to K4MSU’s Facebook page to view tonight’s meeting.
- Elmer Day will be Saturday, February 11, 2023, in IT 237 (Collins Building, 1509 Chestnut St.) at 9:00 am. Training will be on Winlink. Bring your laptop, radio gear, cables and power supply and you will get help setting up Winlink. Please email Bill Call, KJ4W, at [wcall@mchsi.com](mailto:wcall@mchsi.com) or [wcall@murraystate.edu](mailto:wcall@murraystate.edu) to let him know if you are planning to attend and what equipment you will be bringing.

**Vice President Report:** Todd Hackathorn, W4GV, had nothing new to report but, Tracy McKinney, W4IRT, suggested a program on the IC-7300.

**Secretary’s Report:** Jana Hackatorn, KN4MWE, moved to accept the minutes from last meeting; motion was seconded by Steven Dabbs, W4IRN. Motion approved.

**Advisor Report:** Jana Hackathorn, KN4MWE, had nothing to report other than MSU Mail Department said we have received no mail.

- Bill Barley, KO4TVH, asked if we need to change the club address.
- Bill Call, KJ4W, will send a test mailing to our mailbox.
- For now, we will continue as is.

**QSL Manager Report:** Debbie Barton, W8IBT, nothing to report, no mail.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Bill Call, KJ4W, reports that a check was written to W5YI-VEC for VE fees for \$28.00 and other check to SERA for our annual dues of \$35.00. He also used the new debit card to pay \$24.00 for K4MSU to be a supporting member of Winlink and \$69.00 to purchase a VARA license. There were 2 deposits, \$470.00 and \$140.00. Current bank balance is \$4,555.86. He has not yet calculated the amount of reimbursement for the HF Winlink parts. Current membership is 52 members.

Dues are currently due and payable to Bill Call before the April meeting. Dues can be paid at the March meeting or mailed to Bill Call, 1515 Coles Campground Road, Murray, KY 42071. \$15.00 for first member of a household and \$5.00 for each additional member of said household.

**System’s Report:** Bill Call, KJ4W, reported that he moved the new HF Winlink system to the Radio Lab the first week of January. It has been working fine. He also cut some holes in the back of the shelving



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units in the Radio Lab so we can more easily access receptacles. The 3 club repeaters, the 2 APRS digipeaters and both Winlink systems are all working okay.

**VE Report:** Bill Call, KJ4W, advised we conducted a VE session after the January club meeting which resulted in 3 new Technician Class hams: Richard Holt of Paris, TN was issued KQ4FJI; Dennis Pitman of Fulton, TN was issued KQ4FJB and Stephen Smith of Mayfield, KY was issued KQ4FJU. Stephen Mizell, KQ4FDG, of Murray upgraded to General Class. A VE session will be held after tonight's meeting. There are 13 people attending the General Class course on Thursday nights, 6:00-9:00 pm, meeting in Room 237 of the IT (Collins) Building (just down the hall).

**CERT Report:** Bill Call, KJ4W, reported that CERT members have helped with staffing the Severe Storm Shelter and is grateful for their support. Jeff is planning a special training session for CERT members on March 16<sup>th</sup>. Bill has emailed the CERT graduates since 2014, which totaled 150, giving them that information and asking them to respond with updates as to their interest. So far he has only received 32 answers, some of you here need to send a response.

**Skywarn Class Registration:** Don't forget to register for the Skywarn Class on February 21, 2023, in the MSU Freed Curd Auditorium (2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Collins Buildings, just down from the elevator, 1509 Chestnut Street) at 6:00 pm. <https://www.weather.gov/pah/spottertraining>

**Net Manager Report:** Tracy McKinney, W4IRT, presented the net reports as submitted by net manager: Chuck Williams, K4CHW, (not in attendance):

*January 2023 Net Report:*

- 5 sessions
- 165 stations
- 274 minutes
- 753.5 operator hours.

*Skywarn Net Report, January 3, 2023*

- 1 session
- 17 stations
- 38 minutes
- 10.6 operator hours.

**Web Manager Report** – Josh Kerr, WV4O, reported he paid the website fee of \$65.00.

- **Announcements:** Tracy McKinney, W4IRT, brought up advertising for Racer Nation in a book handed out to new students. Ad sizes were discussed and the fact that we really need to advertise for more students to join our club. James Flood, KJ4TKL, motioned that we purchase a ½ page ad at \$225, Larry Call seconded the motion, motion passed unanimously.



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- **501c3 Report:** Tracy McKinney, W4IRT, reported that the Steering Committee (10 members) have met with the following results. The non-profit organization will be called the Purchase Area Amateur Radio Society (PAARS). This will be a separate organization that will support MSU ARC and allow us to apply for grants through ARRL, avoid having to pay taxes on purchases, make donations tax deductible and provide a safety net for MSU ARC. Nothing will change as far as MSU ARC is concerned, at this time. Membership will have its own dues and members (you can be a member of both organizations if you wish) PAARS will operate independently in the background.

## **Old Business:**

- **Club Surplus Equipment** - Tracy McKinney, W4IRT, nothing has been done yet with the surplus equipment. Tracy and Todd Hackathorn, W4GV will get something planned soon.
- **New Business:** Bill Call, KJ4W, made a motion to amend earlier approved motions (from April 2022 and an earlier date I could not locate, here is the transcript from the April 2022 meeting - ***Bill advised that the FCC has announced that the \$35 License Application Fee will begin on April 19<sup>th</sup> 2022. However, license modifications including address changes and UPGRADES will not be charged the fee. Remember, the MSUARC has voted to pay the \$35 fee for any applicants who test with us who are under 18 years of age. We have also voted to match the ARRL program to reduce the Exam Fee for applicants under 18 to only \$5. Bill Call, KJ4W, motioned that the club make the reduction in the exam fee to \$5 effective immediately and not wait until April 19<sup>th</sup> 2022 for those under the age of 18 who take the exam with us; Chuck Williams, K4CHW seconded the motion. Motion carried to be effective today.*** Bill's motion this evening was to amend our policy of waiving the Application Fee and reducing the Exam Fee to \$5.00 for applicants under 18 years old to ***under 18 years old and/or an MSU student.*** Jana Hackathorn, KJ4MWE, seconded the motion and motion carried unanimously.

## **Upcoming Events:**

- KY DMR Net, TG3121 Thursdays at 7:00 pm
- Cave City Hamfest, March 4, 2023
- Memphis Free Fest, April 8, 2023
- WK Polar Plunge, March 4, 2023. KY Dam Village, 8:45 am to Noon, 4-6 volunteers are needed, please call Chuck Williams, K4CHW, at 270-293-9552 to volunteer.

**New Members:** Debbie Barton, W8IBT, reported that there was one new member application tonight from Steve Fricker, KQ4FCI. Bob Aldrich, WD8OWA, motioned to approve the new members and Bill Call, KJ4W, seconded the motion. The new member was approved unanimously.

Please keep Corbie Gomez, KO4ARX, and Scott Holt, KN4IRQ in your thoughts and prayers. Scott lost his father this past week. Visitation will be Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at Collier Funeral Home in Benton from 4:00 – 7:00 pm, with the service on Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 pm as per Scott's uncle. Corbie's grandmother, Joyce "Jody" Johnson, age 86, of Hopkinsville, passed away on Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>.



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Visitation will be at Maddux-Fuqua-Hinton Funeral Home from 11:00 AM until the service hour at 1:00 PM on Wednesday, February 8, 2023 (Taken from Corbie's Facebook page).

Jana Hackathorn, KN4MWE moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded by Josh Kerr, WV4O. Meeting adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Debbie Barton, W8IBT,  
Acting Secretary in  
Corbie's absence.*

**Attendance:** 32 people

Tracy McKinney, W4IRT

Bill Call, KJ4W

Brenda Call, WA4IJU

Larry Call, KD6UNL

Josh Kerr, WV4O

Stuart Naulty, KN4RGB

John Coyle, W4PJC

Bob Aldrich, WD8OWA

Candy Aldrich, KJ4OZU

Todd Hackathorn, W4GV

Jana Hackathorn, KN4MWE

Denis Barton, WB8SKP

Debbie Barton, W8IBT

Don Edwards, KK4MKY

Joe Wray, WD4GXI

Angela Wray, "Hamette", no callsign

James Flood, KJ4TKL

Ben Rudy, KO4LFZ

Will Rudy, KO4VLL

Alex Rudy, KO4YFI

Steven Dabbs, KN4IRN

Bill Barley, KO4TVH

Charles Isele, N1CDK

Gary Cooper, KJ4EBQ

Jessica Hendrix, KQ4FDS

Mike Duvall, KQ4JMD

Bob Atkinson, K9OIM

Helen Atkinson, no callsign

Diana Mishica, K4IRU

Jeff Bigelow, KQ4DBJ

Steve Fricker, KQ4FCI

Dave Thomas, KO4QZA