



# Murray State University Amateur Radio Club

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Murray, Kentucky 42071

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## MSU ARC Meeting – July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023

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

**Roll Call & Question of the Night:** Roll call was done and the question of the night was “Are you going to participate in KYPOTA?”

**Program:** Jana Hackathorn, KN4MWE, presented an interesting program on “HAM Radio in the Movies: The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly.” She covered the history of HAM radio in movies, it’s reputation and perception, how radio is depicted in movies, and common radio mistakes found in movies.

She found that the first “known” instance of HAM radio in the movies was in the movie “Love Finds Andy Hardy” (1938). Jana played a clip of the HAM radio scene for the club to see.

Other early depictions were in “Battle of the Bulge” (1960), “Hawaii Five-Oh” (1980), “Twilight Zone” (1964). She shared about how some of the early reputations of HAM radio operators were depicted as more of a nuisance causing TV interference for their neighbors.

Jana went on to provide other examples of more modern depictions of HAM radio in movies or television such as: “Independence Day” (1996), “Making Waves” (2004), “Super Eight” (2011), “A Quiet Place” (2018), “Greenland” (2020), “The Walking Dead: Season 10” (2021), and “Stranger Things: Season 3” (2022). In many depictions, HAM radios are an apocalyptic must as seen in “Love and Monsters” (2020) and “Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines” (2003). Often morse code is used with the HAM radios, and is depicted as a universal language that anyone can easily pick up and understand.

Jana pointed one of the current, good depictions of HAM radio is on the show “Last Man Standing” (2011 – current).

She then went over the 5 common HAM radio mistakes she found in the movies:

- # 5: Radios have paranormal abilities.
- #4: Anyone can operate HAM radios.
- #3: The technicalities of radio operations don’t matter.
- #2: Any old Walkie-Talkie will do.
- #1: Buttons Schmuttons – Improper use of the transmit button when operating the radio.

**Vice President’s Report:** Diana Mishica, K4IRU, advised that John Coyle, W4PJC, will have a program for us at the August meeting covering KYPOTA.

**Secretary’s Report:** Bill Call, KJ4W, moved that the June meeting minutes be accepted as submitted. Todd Hackathorn, W4GV, seconded the motion. Motion was carried.

**Advisor Report:** Jana Hackathorn, KN4MWE, reported that the club has received other people’s mail but that we are receiving mail.

**QSL Manager Report:** Debbie Barton, W8IBT, was not present to report anything tonight.



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**Treasurer's Report:** Bill Call, KJ4W, advised that a debit card payment was made to W5YI-VEC for VE fees for \$7.00. One check was written to Debbie Barton, W8IBT, for \$66.31 for stamps and envelopes, and one to Food Giant for \$101.75 for Field Day food. There was one deposit for \$341.00; \$255.00 of that was proceeds from the Field Day Raffle, the remaining \$86.00 was dues and VE fees received. Current bank balance is \$3,705.56. Prior to the meeting we have 88 paid members for 2023.

**System's Report:** Bill Call, KJ4W, reported that he spent some time last week doing tests on the 443.800 repeater system, and all seems reasonably proper for it. He found that MSU had reset the circuit breaker for the outlet next to the repeater cabinet, so he plugged the repeater back into that outlet and removed his long extension cord. Bill had to restart the HF Winlink gateway station last night, due to a power interruption at the building. He set the HF station back up in the club station following Field Day where we had hauled a bunch of things out. Bill advised that a couple of weeks ago he was up on Fine Arts Building roof helping Allen Fowler with a WKMS project and checked the guy ropes on the 94 repeater antenna, and all were OK this time. The 3 Club repeaters, the 2 APRS digipeaters and the two Winlink systems are all working OK at the moment as far as Bill is aware.

**VE Report:** Bill Call, KJ4W, reported that an exam session was held after the June meeting, at which Sean Rife, KM4DMG, upgraded to General Class! A VE session can be held tonight after the meeting if needed.

**CERT Report:** Bill Call, KJ4W, advised that the June siren test finally took place on the 23<sup>rd</sup>, and 3 CERT members participated in monitoring the sirens. Larry Morris AD6QJ, set up a CERT and Ham Radio information table at Field Day, and several visitors inquired about the CERT program. Tentative starting date for the Fall 2023 CERT course is Thursday night September 14, 2023.

**Net Manager Report:** Tracy McKinney, W4IRT, presented the net reports as Net Manager, Chuck Williams, K4CHW, was not present tonight:

- *June Net Report:*
  - 4 sessions
  - 105 stations
  - 211 minutes
  - 369.25 operator hours

**Web Manager Report:** Josh Kerr, WV4O, reported that the club scored 3,801 points at this year's Field Day event; which is up 755 points from last years results.



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## Special Events:

- KY DMR Net, TG3121 Thursdays at 7:00 pm
- KYPOTA is August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2023
  - The main location will be at Cherokee Park/Kenlake State Park activated by John Coyle, W4PJC and operating under the club callsign **K4MSU**
  - There will be additional locations
    - LBL is being activated by Tracy McKinney, W4IRT and Steven Dabbs, KN4IRN operating under the special event callsign **K4Y**
    - Columbus-Belmont State Park is being activated by Michael Knight, KG4QPO operating under the special event callsign **K4E**
    - KY Dam Village is being activated by Bill Call, KJ4W, and Brenda Call, WA4IJU, operating under the club callsign **W4GZ**
- Huntsville HAMFest is August 19 & 20, 2023.

## Announcements:

- **Fulton County Amateur Radio Club** – The Fulton County club has their NET on Sundays at 7:30 p.m. on 145.270 (-) with PL Tone of 100 H
- **John Coyle, W4PJC**, has an antenna analyzer for sale for \$150

Old Business: Tracy McKinney, W4IRT, advised that there is no old business to address tonight.

New Business: Tracy McKinney, W4IRT, advised that there is no new business to address tonight.

New Members: Corbie Orten, KO4ARX reported that there are no new member applications tonight.



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**Attendance:** 24 people

Tracy McKinney, W4IRT

Bill Call, KJ4W

Brenda Call, WA4IJU

Todd Hackathorn, W4GV

Jana Hackathorn, KN4MWE

Corbie Orten, KO4ARX

Josh Kerr, WV4O

Steven Dabbs, KN4IRN

Stuart Naulty, KN4RGB

John Coyle, W4PJC

Gary Cooper, KJ4EBQ

Charles Isele, N1CDK

Bob Aldrich, WD8OWA

Candy Aldrich, KJ4OZU

Don Edwards, K4MKY

James Flood, KJ4TKL

Diana Mishica, K4IRU

Michael Inman, K4MWI

George Rob, KK4SRR

Sean Rife, KM4DMG

Jerry Holt, N1BLH

Bob Atkinson, K9OIM

Helen Atkinson, no callsign

Joe Wray, WD4GXI

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Corbie Orten, KO4ARX, Secretary*