



# Murray State University Amateur Radio Club

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## MSU ARC Meeting – June 6<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 “What is your favorite part of Field Day?”

**Program:** Josh Kerr, WV4O, presented a thorough and informative program about ARRL Field Day. He explained that it is always the 4<sup>th</sup> full weekend in June. Josh went over the purpose, basic rules, the contact exchange, scoring, station set-up, and strategies of Field Day. Josh explained how the club usually prepares and sets up for Field Day and shared pictures and stories of past Field Days. He gave hints for how to operate during Field Day since it is such a large event and encouraged everyone to sign up and participate. Josh reminded everyone to just have fun and enjoy the friendship and fellowship that comes along with HAM radio and Field Day. He advised the club that his entire presentation can be found on the club website at [www.k4msu.com](http://www.k4msu.com) under “Meeting Presentations.”

**Vice President’s Report:** Diana Mishica, K4IRU, expressed her thanks to Josh Kerr, WV4O, for the presentation tonight and advised that Jana Hackathorn, KN4MWE, will have a program for us at the July meeting.

**Secretary’s Report:** Bill Call, KJ4W, moved that the May meeting minutes be accepted as submitted. John Coyle, W4PJC, seconded the motion. Motion was carried.

**Advisor Report:** Jana Hackathorn, KN4MWE, reported that the club received one piece of junk mail and that was all.

**QSL Manager Report:** Debbie Barton, W8IBT, did not have anything to report.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Bill Call, KJ4W, reported that a debit card payment was made to W5YI-VEC for VE fees for \$7.00. One check was written to The Murray State News for the ad from last Homecoming for \$40.00. There was one deposit for \$60.00. Current bank balance is \$3,539.62. Prior to the meeting we have 86 paid members for 2023.

**System’s Report:** Bill Call, KJ4W, advised that EchoLink and the 2m Winlink node were offline yesterday which meant that the EchoLink hookup to the 94 repeater didn't work for the Monday night net. Bill restarted the computer this morning and it all works again. He doesn't think it was a power failure, but rather a forced restart by MSU for a security update. That repeater system is still running on the long extension cord to a good outlet. He also has had to restart the HF Winlink gateway station a couple of times after a computer shutdown. Bill thinks the problem there is with the battery backup system, and he has taken that back home to test. Bill reported that we borrowed the Broadband Dipole antenna from the HF Winlink station last Saturday for the KyQSO Party, and it and the IC-7300 station worked well. Also last month he had to repair 2 of the guy ropes on the 94 repeater antenna on Fine Arts building, again. He believes that birds have been attacking the ropes. Bill bought a new type of rope at Dayton Hamvention that he will try at some point. The 3 Club repeaters, the 2 APRS digipeaters and the two Winlink systems are all working OK at the moment as far as he is aware.



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**VE Report:** Bill Call, KJ4W, reports that an exam session was held after the May meeting, at which Nathan Knight, KQ4BVS, upgraded to General Class! A VE session can be held tonight after the meeting if needed.

**CERT Report:** Bill Call, KJ4W, advised that the usual siren test for the first Friday in June was postponed, and there were no CERT activities during the month. Bill also added that he had a major computer malfunction which deleted his HAM radio and CERT Contacts, and most of his recent e-mails. He has rebuilt some of the contact lists but most likely have lost some information. The only group that he e-mailed a meeting reminder to was his prospects list (persons who are interested in HAM radio and not yet licensed).

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

- *May Net Report:*
  - 5 sessions
  - 139 stations
  - 233 minutes
  - 539.78 operator hours

### **Special Events:**

- KY DMR Net, TG3121 Thursdays at 7:00 pm
- 2023 ARRL Field Day is June 24-25
  - The Field Day committee has already met and is making progress on plans for this year's event.
  - The operating schedule sign-up sheet is on our website at [k4msu.com](http://k4msu.com)
  - The potluck sign-up sheet is on our website as well.
  - Bill Call, KJ4W, was not able to send out an email about ordering event t-shirts due to losing all of his email contacts with the computer malfunction.
- Lewis and Clark Trail On the Air
  - June 3<sup>rd</sup> to June 18<sup>th</sup> 2023
  - Contact one club in each of the 16 states on the historic Lewis and Clark Trail
  - [www.lctota.org](http://www.lctota.org)
- Thirteen Colonies
  - July 1<sup>st</sup> through July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023
  - Three bonus stations
    - TM13COL, France
    - GB13COL, Great Britain
    - WM3PEN, Philadelphia, PA
  - [www.13colonies.us](http://www.13colonies.us)



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- 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
    - KY Dam Village is being activated by Bill Call, KJ4W, Brenda Call, WA4IJU, and Joshua Sloan, KO4EAP, operating under the club callsign **W4GZ**

### **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 Hz

**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 Gomez, KO4ARX reported that there was one new member applications tonight from: **Sean Rife, KM4DMG**. Josh Kerr, WV4O, motioned to approve the new members and Jana Hackathorn, KN4MWE, seconded the motion. The new member was approved unanimously.



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**Attendance:** 26 people

Tracy McKinney, W4IRT

Bill Call, KJ4W

Todd Hackathorn, W4GV

Jana Hackathorn, KN4MWE

Corbie Gómez, KO4ARX

Josh Kerr, WV4O

Stuart Naulty, KN4RGB

John Coyle, W4PJC

Gary Cooper, KJ4EBQ

Charles Isele, N1CDK

Bob Aldrich, WD8OWA

Candy Aldrich, KJ4OZU

Donna Pursifull, KQ4FEU

Jack Ellis, K9JLE

Sean Rife, KM4DMG

Joe Wray, WD4GXI

James Flood, KJ4TKL

Larry Call, KD6UNL

Denis Barton, WB8SKP

Debbie Barton, W8IBT

Steven Dabbs, KN4IRN

Diana Mishica, K4IRU

Michael Inman, KYMWI

Joseph Siedel, KO4ASH

Vickie Siedel, KO4ASI

Baby Caleb Siedel, future HAM

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Corbie Gómez, KO4ARX, Secretary*