Wilson County Amateur Radio Club
Meeting 6/1/2024

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Murff at 6:08 PM. 21 members were present and two guests.

The vice president and secretary were absent. Minutes of May meeting were posted on website.

Treasurer Margaret Ann Trail reported check book balance as of 6/1/2024. The May treasurer's report was corrected. The closing balance was correct, but the starting balance assumed a credit card payment to TN State for franchise tax had been cleared by the state. It had not.

Pat Fitzhugh thanked those who participated at the POTA held at Cedars of Lebanon State Park on May 23. Input on site for next field day: Wilson County Fairgrounds were thought to be too noisy and with too much interference. Pat to obtain cost for use of a pavilion at Long Hunter State Park. Lester's Produce corner is a possibility. Allan Klein will talk with Pat regarding use of the Fall Creek Airport off of Hwy 231 between Lebanon and Murfreesboro. A decision is to be made next week.

The AARL website reported ransomware issue. Parts of the site have been down.

Bill Utoff reported on Ham Fest. (see updates on Website.)

- trying to get more commercial vendors.
- Sales of tables are slow.
- Smith's catering will provide food truck.
- Wrist bands have been purchased and samples were circulated.
- Set-up will be on July 19, The Fest on July 20.
- Volunteers are needed at the four entrance doors, to direct traffic near the gate, and in the tailgate area.
- Ticket stub drafts are completed and will go to printer next week. It was suggested that next year a vendor might do sponsorship.
- Ted Randall reported on the Dayton meeting and felt that the push he provided from his short wave station helped with increased attendance. He will be promoting the July 20 Fest.
- Checking into having a remote monitor simplex.
- TN07 Engineering will bring connectors and some other door prize items since we don't have commercial vendor. They will donate a $500 antenna for

a door prize. Talkpod, which targets youth and is based in Hong Kong has contacted Bill and offered a radio as a prize.

- Bill will check on cost of feather banners to flag the 4 entrances. They can be used for other events.

Glenn Lees gave the program on Writing Code Plugs.

He recommended an article from RadioArena.net "Understanding DMR, A Guide to Digital Radio" and an article from K9NPX "How to Build a Radio Plug". Michael Wright has created a code plug for every repeater in the state grouped by county. Glenn provided a link on BAND.us of the code plug that can be loaded in member's DMR equipment. Glenn@wmBxR.com

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Recorded by Margaret Ann Trail.