

Wilson Amateur Radio Club Minutes September 9, 2024

Present: Jim Murff, Jeff Seligman, Bill Uthoff, Frank Carbonara; John Pannell, Michael Wright, Pat Fitzhugh, Kyla Fitzhugh, Larry Puhl, Cheryl Pull, Holly Kimkowski, Ted Randall, Christe Ray, David Ray, Johnny Lohman, Michael Jordan, Bill Steiner, Phillip Andrews, Glenn Lees, Darrell Wiggans, Jeff Pryor, Mac Reppert, Michael Ramsey.

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Murff at 7:08 PM in the WEMA classroom.

Announcements: Richard Haney is in hospital. Chris Dubois's mother died.

Jeff Seligman suggested a new banner be purchased for the Club. Chris will work on design and secure banner for the next event. Michael moved that we purchase banner with cost not exceeding \$500. Motion passed. Bill will measure the AARL banner and the same size will be ordered.

Members were asked to get notices to Ted Randall of upcoming activities so he can broadcast them on his WRMI Legends station .

Margaret Ann Trail reported the checkbook balance is \$5553.20. .

Pat Fitzhugh reported there will be a joint middle TN POTA rally on Nov. 9 at Standing Stone State Park, Shelter 3 at 9 AM. Lunch will be provided. Camping is available.

Glenn reported that Dudley Pitts will now be our AARL Club Coordinator. He lives north of Crossville.

Bill Uthoff reported for Chris inquiring about an online charge for our domain Ham Quest. Chris will check with Dream Host to see if the request is legitimate. Our domain name doesn't expire until 2025.

Michael Jordan suggested a topic for future meeting: to make kits for transmitter hunting and using attenuator to decrease signal strength. He will work with Glenn on program for October or November meetings. December program will be the holiday dinner.

Bill Uthoff reported on Ham Fest:

- Our goal to break even was exceeded. Net was: \$740. Estimated about 500 attended even with the date change from previous year.
- Flags will be used for future events; more directional signs are needed and some need to be replaced.
- Voted to keep the event the same weekend in July as contracted: Set up Friday 7/18/2025. Take down Sat. 7/19. Is the Fair committed to our third weekend for

years after 2025? The Fair asked if we would consider moving it up a week to July 11-12. It was felt that it was too close to July 4 weekend. Later dates in the fall are not available. We need to be consistent for people to plan.

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- Next year is our 10-year anniversary. What can be done that is special? A two-day event is out of the question. Would need space for workshops which will increase rental cost. Vendors would need overnight accommodation and that would increase their expenses. Vendors started packing at noon.

McMinn County will be the same weekend, but that should not be a problem. We had plenty of vendors; not just commercial vendors. Bill thanked Ted Randall for advertising. Ted suggested a two-hour show focused on Ham Fest.

- Dudley Pitts said to notify ICOM in February or March to start plugging it.

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 PM.

Notes submitted by Margaret Ann Trail