

Wilson County Amateur Radio Club  
Minutes 02/01/2025  
WEMA Training Center

The meeting was called to order at 6 PM by President Jim Murff WW4BEE.

24 people were present: (21 WCAR members; 2 who passed exam today; 1 from Nashville club and 1 from Sumner County club, and 1 visitor.)

Secretary Steven Foe N4FOE was not present.

Treasurer Margaret Ann Trail KQ4KEL reported checking account balance of \$6,135.92. All bills have been paid. As of 2/1/2025 there are 67 members and 2 pending.

VP Jeff Seligman WD4BXU – no report.

Field Day Chairman Bill Uthoff KK4WU reported on the event held January 25 in Cabin 1 Cedars of Lebanon State Park. 4 stations ran at all times. About 20 people came including some visitors. 200+ contacts were made included Canada and Mexico. The computer and the new band filters worked well. The cabin, renting for \$306.22 including the 25% discount, worked well, though parking was inadequate. Bill will reserve the cabin for Winter Field Day next year and investigate the cost of renting the cabin next door to use for parking and sleeping quarters. Other contestants were doing PODA with the field day. Discussed WCAR combining PODA and Field Day and that will allow more bands. It was felt that the cabin is not a good location for Summer Field Day because there are too many trees.

Guest introduced:

- Tony Swindle W1TDS, President of the Nashville Amateur Radio Club. It meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays 6-7 Social Hour and 7 meeting/program. Check their web site for location and other information. <https://nashvilleamateurradio.club/>
- Jon Massako W4JDM, President Sumner County Amateur Radio Association that meets at 255 Airport Road in Madison on 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday. <https://www.scara.net/>

Glenn Lees W4BXR reported on activities for W4EAO. <https://w4eao.org/> . They will be pulling towers out in March. Feb 12: Table Top Deployment Exercise; Apr 19 Hands On Communication Trailer Deployment; May 24 transport to Nashville Superspeedway water tower to setup portable radio towers / tower operation training.

Glenn demonstrated a 1 watt transceiver Kv4p HT he obtained from website <https://www.kv4p.com/> fully assembled for only \$41.00. It plugs into a cell phone for power. Included was an antenna, cable and Velcro to fasten to phone. It also comes with a DIY kit. VHF only.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM. Notes taken by Margaret Ann Trail