



## PATOKA VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

In-Person & via Zoom Meeting

7:00 pm Eastern

January 11, 2022

American Legion, Ferdinand, IN

### MINUTES

1. Legion WIFI password is 8123671241.
2. Roll was taken: 14 in-person and three via Zoom: Ron (KD9KNB), Rick (K9RBH), and Mark (KC9NKI)
3. Joe Smith (KD9QCL) was present as a visitor
4. Dues were collected: \$260 (13 members paid)
5. Ross (KD9QCN) arrived at 19:02 EST
6. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance 19:03.
7. President, Jeff (KM4QLA), stated our club motto: To Foster, Educate, and Mentor Amateur Radio.
8. Treasury report by the President indicated a current balance of \$441.73

### OLD BUSINESS

1. Riverwalk RF survey (looking for noise from power lines) was complicated by so much noise from the power lines. A source could not be located and another survey attempt will be scheduled.
2. VF Testing: Ron is still having issues with the testing software. Covid issues have also complicated courses and testing schedules.

### NEW BUSINESS

1. Ken needs to switch net control dates. He has not yet found a substitute.
2. Ross (KD9QCN) proposed getting a free Google account for all Club E-mail, storage of documents, and real-time document sharing.
3. Mike (KA9GDW) spoke about the upcoming Dubois County STEM and that the Club would like to participate in that. There are currently RF problems from within the museum. We might be able to set up outside, but a public display of HAM radio will be important.
4. Mike (KA9GDW) announced that a QRM competition is continuing through January.
5. Mike (KA9GDW) added that the Winter Field Day will be the last weekend in January (29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>). Because of COVID it will have to be remote and will take place from 2PM Saturday until 2PM Sunday. Submissions should contain PVARC (all caps) so that the Club receives recognition for the contacts made.
6. Joe (KB9UGS) decided to leave the Club.

7. Denny (N9ECY) passed away. A QST notification about a silent key was submitted and should appear in the March issue.

### **ORM (anything)**

1. Mike (KA9GDW) announced that a potential family member of Denny Fritz might join the club.

### **BIRTHDAYS**

No birthdays this month

### **TECHNICAL OR OTHER PRESENTATIONS**

1. Jerry Purcell (KA9ZAR), Ron Sharp (KD9TII), Kevin Mischler (N9TQR), Mike Brewster (KC9BUH), Dave Merkley (N9UIE) from Washington IN, Indiana Link South: Conversion to digital: Why digital?
2. The backbone of the system is the Internet
3. "Once you go digital, you won't want to go back."
4. Wires-X model HRI 200 on display. It enables internet to RF communications
5. Since digital is so much faster, you may need to give others a chance to key in.
6. Two radios recommended by Jerry Purcel are the Yaesu FT70 (approximately \$250) but a better value would be the Yaesu FT3 or FT5 (approximately \$450).

### **DRAWING**

Donations of \$66 were collected. Mike (N9MZF) decided to donate \$32 to the Club.

### **Next Meeting Date**

Tuesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2022 (second Tuesday of the month) at the American Legion in Ferdinand, IN.  
18:00 dinner and meeting at 19:00.

### **ADJOURN**

Gary (WB9LIB) adjourned the meeting prematurely, then everybody got up, it got loud, and Jeff eventually adjourned the meeting, Time: 8:08pm

In an E-mail from Gary (WB9LIB) on January 12:

For those that were unable to attend last night's meeting ..... the video of the presentation covering the features and capabilities of Indiana Link South, provided by Jerry Purcell (KA9ZAR), has been posted on the Patoka Valley Amateur Radio Club web site at <https://patokavalleyarc.org/>.

Jerry (KA9ZAR) and his associates (Mike Brewster, KC9BUH, Kevin Mischler, N9TQR, and Ron Sharp, KD9TII) not only covered Indiana Link South and its features such as WIRES-X, they also set up and demonstrated a Yaesu System Fusion Repeater, FTM-300 Mobile, FT5DR HT, and portable hot spots.

