



PATOKA VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB MEETING MINUTES
December 17, 2024 – 6:00pm EST
The Chicken Shack - Ireland, IN

- The meeting was called to order at 6:10 PM by president Mike Vogler.
- Mike Maffenbeier offered a prayer and the pledge of allegiance was recited.
- Attendance – 16 licensed members (sign-in sheet attached)

OFFICER REPORTS

- President
 - Mike welcomed everyone and re-iterated our mission - “To recruit, foster, educate, and mentor amateur radio.” Mike presented membership certificates to Steve Hemmer and Ron Sharp.
- Secretary/Treasurer
 - The November 2024 meeting minutes were read. Ron Sharp's birthday month was found to be in error. Mike Goodpaster made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected. The motion was seconded by Bud Mann, and the motion passed without opposition.
 - The treasurer reported that the November 30 bank balance was \$1521.79. Fifty dollars is still safe in the petty cash box. The membership was reminded that dues for 2025 are \$20 and are due by the end of February. Mike Maffenbeier made a motion to accept the treasurer's report. The motion was seconded by Bud Mann, and it passed without opposition.

MEETING PRESENTATION

No presentation this month

OLD BUSINESS

- Mike Vogler thanked Ron Hickman and Calvin Mitcham for their service as officers this year. Mike will meet with the 2025 officers soon.
- Our panel discussion with the Dubois county museum organization is January 19th at 1:30 PM EST. The session will last about an hour and a half. The panel members will meet before then to finalize questions, equipment, etc. All club members are encouraged to attend. Please wear your PVARC shirt and name tag.

NEW BUSINESS

- Bud Mann passed out Winterheat explanation sheets. January 1 to January 31 this VHF/UHF/6 meter simplex contest is fun and we all need every available contact.
- Winter field day is January 25 – 27. We'll finalize our plans at the January meeting.
- Gary has produced two ft8 videos and published them to youtube. They showcase our club and more hams helping hams activity.
- After our Christmas diner, Mike Vogler presented his 2024 state of the club address. (attached)

QRM

- Steve Hemmer has over 90 countries on 10 meter ft8 as a technician license holder.
- December deposit - \$42.00 – 50/50, \$180 – dues

DONATIONS

\$42 was collected for the 50/50 prize. Bud Mann was the winner and donated the winnings to the club treasury.



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Meeting Sign-in Sheet – Date: 12-17-24

Name	Call	Member	ARRL Member
Calvin Mitcham	KE8ICE	✓	✓
Mike Vogler	KA9GDW	✓	✓
MIKE Goodpasson	K9MCG	✓	
Mike Hedrick	KD9GYN	✓	✓
Linn Mann	N9NAU	✓	✓
Ron Holman	KD9KNB	✓	✓
Mark Hunted	KC9NKF	✓	✓
Lee Ferrell	N8LF	✓	✓
GARY Smith	KD9WVS	✓	—
CRAIG VOGLER	KD9KNC	✓	
Mike Maffenbeier	N9MZF	✓	✓
Gary Fritz	WB9LIB	✓	✓
Phil S... ✓	KB9JRT	✓	✓
Kelly Adams ✓	KA9JRL	✓	
Ron Sharp	W9TII	✓	✓
16 Stephen Goins	N9PE	✓	



State of the Club

December 17, 2024

PVARC birthday October 15. **Celebrating Nine Years!**

Membership grew from six to thirty two. In 2015 we had two Extras and four technicians.

Membership increased to 32 from 28 in 2023

Technicians -3. Generals – 14, Advanced – 1, Extras – 14 = 32

Attendance – 59%

Treasury – Calvin – KE8ICE was elected in 2023 to a position he never did before and performed with meticulous minutes, name tags, half pot, and caretaker of the club treasury. And kept me on message during meetings!! 2023 balance was \$1457.05 as of 12/04/2024 balance is \$ 1551.79. Half pot – thru Nov \$425.50. N9ECY -\$402.00 to treasury. **Big Thank you Calvin for an outstanding job!**

Award Certificate for Secretary Treasurer outstanding service

Net participation - 64.5 %. Most of the others not checking in work out of town.

9 NC operators – Jody – KC9YIM, John – K4PSE, Linus “Bud” – N9NAU, Phil – KB9IRT, Ron Hickman – KD9KNB, Mike – N9MZF, Gary -WB9LIB, Ryan – KD9CJV, Mike – KA9GDW

Thank you!

Technical presentations – March – Soldering 101 – Ryan, N3FJP logging software and Ham dash - Gary, May - RF noise resolution for Mark NKI. June - Virtual tour of Mike MZF shack. August – RF noise reduction techniques Sept - J-Pole construction -Jody, November – Intro to FT8 - Gary

Contests, QSO parties, SES, WFD and Field Day. etc

Winter heat had twelve members participating with PVARC finishing in this month long event on VHF/UHF. Fantastic! Special thanks to **Bud, John** and Mike MZF! Competitive as anyone and a great

team effort. Need more participants in January. 2025. **Award for Leadership and Perseverance**

WFD – had a few of us working from our home QTH. **Mick reporting** great results. **Thanks Mick**

INQP - six participants operating from three counties. Mick won the half pot award for highest score.

Award for Highest Score in Winter Field Day and Indiana QSO Party

Field Day – Results were a bit lower than last year. However, we had a good turn out and fellowship.

Experimenting with different antennas and the use of **Stephen's Elon Musk's** Star Link internet.

Award for Leadership and use of new Technology for Field Day

Lewis and Clark SES, Route 66. 13 Colonies several participants.

13 Colonies. Route 66, Air Force Mars – GDW sweep

Dubois County Fair – our booth at 4 H fair went well but didn't have many people stop by. Need an attraction or "hook" to attract future hams. Volunteering – **Craig – KD9KNC, Mike – N9MZF, Mick**

– **KD9RPS, Stephen – N9PE, Mike – K9MLG, Steve -KE9APT, Phil – KB9IRT, Wally –**

KA9JML, Mike – GDW. A Big Thank You!

Pizza dinner fellowship get together at Riverside Park – Jasper

2024 club goals were discussed and several ideas heard

- community awareness
- home project get-together, IE antenna/tower installations, etc
- classes for membership and public, IE soldering, kit-building, etc
- demos for public running radios
- more hams helping hams
- March BSA merit badge university in Dubois county. Stephen Goins to see if we can participate.

VE testing – February – four candidates all passed. May – six applicants all passed. August – two applicants – passed. November – none, **VE's are: Stephen – K9PE, John – K4PSE, Linus "Bud" – N9NAU, Phil – KB9IRT, Ron – KB9KNB, Mike – KA9GDW. A BIG Thank you! Certificate for Leadership to Stephen**

Hams helping Hams etc – **Gary – WB9LIB** – Members helped out with cash donations, equipment and empathy to Wally after his home was destroyed by fire. Thanks for helping Wally! Resolved many RF issues for members

Removed TV antenna for a civilian resulting in a \$20.00 donation and \$7.25 for sale of scrap antenna. Several Volunteers stepped up as needed. Gary -LIB, Mike- MZF, Ron – KNB, Calvin- ICE, Phil – IRT, Bud – NAU, others?

A Big Thank You To Gary – WB9LIB for “Hams helping Hams” Certificate of Outstanding Service Award

Election – Mike Vogler-Pres, Ron Hickman, VP, Mike Goodpastor -Sec/Treas officers for 2025.

Summary

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