



PATOKA VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB MEETING MINUTES

June 17, 2025 – 6:00pm EST
Jasper Public Library – Jasper, IN

- The meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM by President Mike Vogler.
- Steve Hemmer offered a prayer, and the pledge of allegiance was recited.
- Attendance – 18 members and 2 guest (sign-in sheet attached)
- President Mike Vogler welcomed everyone and re-iterated our mission - “To recruit, foster, educate, and mentor amateur radio”

GUESTS

- Alan Brown (KG9PN) was in attendance. Alan is from Washington and has been a past member of the club. Alan paid his dues and rejoined the club while at the meeting. Also in attendance was Jeff Nelson (N9IBQ). Jeff is from Petersburg and has had his ham radio license for 37 years. Several of the club members were glad to meet Jeff after speaking with him on the radio.

SECRETARY/TREASURER

- Secretary/Treasurer
 - The May 2025 meetings minutes were read and no corrections were needed.
 - The Treasurer reported that the May 2025 bank balance was \$1,106.15 and fifty dollars is still safe in the petty cash box. Mick Kamman made a motion to accept the minutes as read as well as the treasurer’s report and it was seconded by Lee Ferrell. The motion passed without opposition.

MEETING PRESENTATION

- Gary Fritz (WB9LIB) gave presentations on Logbook of the World and QRZ which are both online logbooks. He also gave a presentation on EQSL which is an electronic QSL card center. He showed how each one of these programs can work together with N3FJP. This presentation along with past presentations are available on our clubs website.

OLD BUSINESS

- Field Day
 - Stephen Goings (N9PE) updated the members on the upcoming Field Day at the 18th Street Park in Ferdinand on Saturday the 28th. Stephen will have a star-link system

and wi-fi router hooked up so everyone can link into it for internet access. He will also have a computer running that will be hooked up as an N3FJP server. This way, when everyone is connected, it will take everyone's contacts and log them into one central file.

- There will be approximately 5 stations set up using electric & battery power.
 - Since Field Day starts at 2:00 pm it was suggested that members show up around 10:00 a.m. to start setting up. KD9LLH is the club callsign and that is what will be used for Field Day. Members were encouraged to bring their own drinks and snacks for use during Field Day.
 - President Vogler said we would have a pitch-in dinner Saturday evening and the club would purchase fried chicken and German fries. Club members would bring other items such as covered dishes, casseroles, or crockpots. Members & potential members as well as their spouses and kids are all invited to attend the Saturday evening meal which starts at 5:30 p.m.
 - Bud Mann (N9NAU) and Gary Fritz (WB9LIB) stated that they have and will bring bacon, sausage, eggs, orange & tomato juice, and donuts for Sunday morning's breakfast.
 - Teardown will take place at approximately noon on Sunday.
 - Both Stephen & President Vogler encouraged all members to attend. It's a great time to get together and to make some contacts. They also told members to remember to bring a lawn chair.
- POTA / Fox Hunt
 - Mike Goodpaster (K9MLG) updated the club on our planned club POTA activation. It will take place on Saturday, August 23rd at the Ferdinand State Forest. It was suggested that members start setting up their stations at 9:00 a.m. and start activating the park at 10:00 a.m. After the club POTA activation we will have a fox hunt for the members. More details on this event will be at the next meeting in July.

NEW BUSINESS

- The July PVARC meeting date will be on Wednesday July 9th and not on the regular third Tuesday. This was changed due to the regular third Tuesday is on the same night as the Dubois County 4-H fair which is where the club will have a booth set up.

DONATIONS

\$58 was collected for the 50/50 prize with \$29 going to the winner. Adam Mann had the winning ticket and donated the winnings to the club treasury.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 7:38 PM by John Kaltenbacher and seconded by Craig Vogler. The motion passed without opposition.