



## PATOKA VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB MEETING MINUTES

July 9, 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 – 13 members (sign-in sheet attached)

President Mike Vogler welcomed everyone and re-iterated our mission - “To recruit, foster, educate, and mentor amateur radio”

### **SECRETARY/TREASURER**

- The June 2025 meetings minutes were read and no corrections were needed.
- The Treasurer reported that the June 2025 bank balance was \$1,023.34 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 Steven Hemmer. The motion passed without opposition.

### **MEETING PRESENTATION**

- Bud Mann gave a presentation on this past May’s Dayton Hamvention. Bud, along with his son Adam, Stephen Goings, and Stephen’s father all attended the Hamvention this year. Bud mentioned that the flow of traffic was much better this year than what he had experienced in the past. He showed a slideshow of several pictures that he had taken while in attendance. There was a large crowd around the Yaesu booth due to their new FTX-1 series radios as everyone was wanting to get a look. He also stopped by the ICOM booth and looked around. Bud did note that most of the new radios being released are Software Defined Radios. Bud also spoke about attending a few forums while there. One forum topic was about digital voice which is similar to C4FM only going out over HF.

### **FIELD DAY REPORT**

- Field Day
  - Stephen Goings, who was the chair of our Field Day activities, was not able to make the meeting to give a report, so President Vogler delivered it. Mike started off by thanking Stephen for being the chair and thanking the following members for operating on location: Stephen Goings, Bud Mann, Alan Brown, Mike Goodpaster,

Adam Mann, Craig Vogler, John Koltenbacher, Owen Wagner, and himself for all operating on Field Day. Mike also thanked Gary Fritz and Steven Hemmer for operating on the club's behalf at their home QTH.

- The PVARC club received 1,770 points in the Field Day Contest from just the on-site participants. This is not the total points for the club as the home QTH operators still need to add their points in.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

- Club POTA Activation & Fox Hunt
  - Mike Goodpaster gave a brief update to the members about the upcoming club Parks on the Air activation. It will be on August 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Ferdinand State Forest's Sycamore shelter house. Members are encouraged to start setting up their gear at 9:00 a.m. and we would start activating at 10:00 a.m. Mike said it is very similar to Field Day, however, it is typically much simpler and easier. It was decided that if a member wants to operate that day then they would use their own call sign and not the clubs. This is being done so the operator can receive POTA credits.
  - After the club POTA activation there will be a fox hunt to introduce the members to another side of the ham radio hobby. Calvin (KE8ICE) has made a transmitter (fox) for us to use. If you have never participated in a fox hunt before and want to learn more about it then this is a must see.
  - Mike invited all the members to attend and even bring a guest if they like. If anyone does not want to set up their equipment to operate they can just bring a lawn chair and enjoy the morning activities. They can even bring a cooler and their lunch. There is parking right beside the shelter house and the shelter house does have electrical outlets. Mike will give more detailed information at the next club meeting on August 19<sup>th</sup>.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- The club will have a booth at the upcoming 2025 Dubois County 4-H fair. Mike (K9MLG) stated that since our booth did not have a lot of people activity last year he is bringing his portable go box set-up with his SDR Play radio and its software and hook it into a 50" tv to show a scope & waterfall. This is basically eye candy in hopes of attracting people to our booth. President Vogler asked for volunteers to help man the booth and a sign-up sheet was passed around. Mike then passed around a notepad that will be given out at our booth. The anonymous donation that the club received last month paid for the notepads.
- Gary Fritz informed the members that the decommissioned 444.675 repeater was awarded to the Crawford County EMA. Their EMA team will be bringing a crane to take down the repeater and then set it back up at their location.

- Gary also mentioned that he has acquired an ICOM IC-R6 handheld and Larson antenna for the Dubois County REC to be able to trace powerline noise down. He showed them how to use it and also did a training session with their engineering manager so he would be familiar with it as well. He will be giving us the same presentation at a future PVARC meeting.

## **DONATIONS**

\$40 was collected for the 50/50 prize with \$20 going to the winner. Calvin (KE8ICE) was the winner and donated the winnings back to the club treasurer. Bud Mann donated a Yaesu hat from Hamvention for our drawing. Owen Wagner was the winner of the hat.

## **ADJOURN**

Motion to adjourn at 7:33 PM by George McCormick and seconded by Mick Kamman. The motion passed without opposition.