



PATOKA VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB MEETING MINUTES

August 19, 2025 – 6:00pm EST
Jasper Public Library – Jasper, IN

- The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by President Mike Vogler.
- Ron Hickman offered a prayer, and the pledge of allegiance was recited.
- Attendance – 23 members were present (sign-in sheet attached)
- President Mike Vogler welcomed everyone and re-iterated our mission - “To recruit, foster, educate, and mentor amateur radio”

OFFICER REPORTS

- Secretary/Treasurer
 - The July 9, 2025 meeting minutes were read with no corrections needed.
 - Treasurer's report – Mike (K9MLG) reported that the July 2025 bank balance was \$900.64 and fifty dollars is still safe in the petty cash box. A second quarter treasurer's report was also given with the balance at the end of the second quarter being \$1,023.34. Jodi Denning made a motion to accept the minutes as well as the treasurer reports and it was seconded by Bud Mann. The motion passed without opposition.

PRESENTATIONS

- Gary Fritz gave a presentation on the new Yaesu FTX-1 transceiver. It was rolled out at the Dayton Hamvention to help fill a gap in their product line after they retired the FT-818. The radio is all band & all mode, and it comes in two different models. The first being their Field model which is a control head QRP unit that has a built-in lithium-ion battery. The next model is called the Optima which is the same control head unit, but it plugs into a main body that has a 100-watt amplifier and an automatic antenna tuner. The Field unit runs around \$1,500 and the Optima is around \$1,900. This radio has a lot of the same filtering features as the FTDX-10.
- Mike Goodpaster gave a presentation on the upcoming club POTA activation which will take place this Saturday the 23rd in the Sycamore shelter house at the Ferdinand State Forest. Mike said members will meet at the shelter house at 9:00 a.m. and will start activating the park around 10:00. After the members are done with the POTA activation there will be a club Fox Hunt. Calvin Mitcham has built a transmitter (fox) that we will use for the hunt. Even if members do not want to bring their radios out, they are encouraged to attend and enjoy the morning with the other members.

OLD BUSINESS

- President Vogler gave a rundown of the PVARC booth at the fair. There were four people that filled out the club sign-in sheet that seemed to be really interested in amateur radio and the club. Mike informed the club that starting next year the fair will start on a Thursday and go over the weekend until Monday. Mike said that the club needs to have some sort of a gimmick or game to draw people to the booth. Or maybe we just don't do it at all. Mike suggested that we take up the topic of participating in next year's fair after the first of the year.

NEW BUSINESS

- President Vogler informed the club that John Kaltenbacher has taken over as the club's Facebook administrator. Mike asked the club members when making a post to please keep the topics to amateur radio only. A discussion ensued about whether to allow non amateur radio topics to be posted to the club's page or not. After a few minutes of discussion President Vogler asked for a show of hands of who wanted only amateur radio topics to be posted to the page and then a show of hands of those that thought other topics should be allowed to be posted. There was a large majority of hands that favored keeping the topics to amateur radio only.
- Last Tuesday President Vogler & Mike Goodpaster attended the Martin County Amateur Radio Club meeting. Paul McFeaters (W9PRM) was the sit-in president for their meeting and did a fantastic job. The MCARC does have a monthly breakfast at Stoll's Lakeview on the first Saturday of each month.

DONATIONS

\$63 was collected for the 50/50 prize with \$31.00 going to the winner. Mike Goodpaster had the winning ticket and donated the winnings to the club treasury.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 7:25 p.m. by Mark Hunefeld and seconded by Jerry Hill. The motion passed without opposition.



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Meeting Sign-in Sheet – Date: 8-19-2025

Name	Call Sign	Member	ARRL Member
John Kattenbacher	KD9JYN	✓	✓
Jody Denning	KC94FM	✓	
Jerry Hill	KD9VDI	✓	✓
Mike Maffentier	N9MZF	✓	✓
Linus Mann	N9NAU	✓	✓
Adam Mann	KB9UYU	✓	✓
GEORGE McCORMICK	W9GMC	✓	✓
Levi Nigg	KE9JAW	✓	
LEE FERRELL	N8LF	✓	✓
MARK HUNGFELD	KC9NKJ	✓	✓
CRAIG VOGLER	KD9KNC	✓	
Ron HICKMAN	KD9KHB	✓	✓
CALVIN MITCHAM	KE8ICE	✓	✓
Derek Lobbat	KE9CNX	✓	✓
Stephen Goins	N9PE	✓	
Ron SHARP	W9TII	✓	✓
PAUL McFEATERS	W9PRM	✓	
Mike Vogler	KA9GOW	✓	✓
Gary Fritze	W39LJB	✓	✓
STEVEN HEMMER	KE9APT	✓	✓
MIMI GOODMAN	K9MCG	✓	
Walley Hollander	KA9JML	✓	
GARRY Smith	KD9WVS	✓	