



PATOKA VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB MEETING MINUTES

September 16, 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 – 19 members were present
- President Mike Vogler welcomed everyone and re-iterated our mission - “To recruit, foster, educate, and mentor amateur radio”.

SECRETARY/TREASURER

- Secretary/Treasurer
 - The August 2025 meetings minutes were read, and no corrections were needed.
 - The Treasurer reported that the September bank balance was \$900.64 and fifty dollars is still safe in the petty cash box. This amount was the same as the August balance due to Mike not being in Dubois County during bank operating hours. Mike stated that he made the August deposit before attending the meeting tonight. George McCormick made a motion to accept the minutes as read as well as the treasurer’s report and it was seconded by Levi Nigg. 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

- POTA / Fox Hunt
 - Mike Goodpaster gave a report on last month’s club POTA activation. There were 12 members that attended and one guest. Mike stated that there were four stations set up and the POTA event was a big success. Alan Brown made contact with another HAM inside the Ferdinand State Forest that was also doing a POTA activation. After the activation Calvin hid the FOX transmitter and a few of the members attempted to locate the FOX. With it being everyone’s first time doing a FOX hunt it took quite a while to find the FOX. Accolades go out to Owen Wagner for finding the FOX. It was discussed that the transmitter might have been too powerful and that members

hunting it should consider getting an attenuator for their directional antenna to help reduce the strong signal. Everyone said they liked the POTA activation as well as the FOX hunt and would like to do it again. Mike said he would work on setting another one up in the future.

NEW BUSINESS

- Facebook
 - John Kaltenbacher gave an update on the club's Facebook page. He said that he posted some rules for the page and if he sees anything that is not associated with amateur radio he would take it down.
- Amateur Radio License Plates
 - President Vogler asked Ron Sharp to update the club on his BMV ordeal. Ron stated that he had been round & round with the license branch in attempting to get his amateur radio call sign on one of the new "Blackout" plates. Even though personalized license plates can be changed over to the new Blackout plates a ham radio callsign is not. Ron contacted State Representative Cindy Ledbetter's office and explained what was going on. Her staff investigated the situation and came back with the same results. It was mentioned for the members to contact their state representatives and state senators to see if we could get this changed.
- VE Testing
 - Stephen Goings stated that he had an individual contact him that heard our Monday evening club net and is going to attempt to get his HAM ticket and hopes to take his test at our November VE testing session.
- October Club Meeting
 - Due to Fall Break the October 21st club meeting will be held at the Chicken Place in Ireland rather than at the Jasper library. We will be in the same room that we were in for last year's Christmas party. Members can come early (4:30-5:00) and have dinner before the meeting just like what we do at Headquarters.
- Club Officers
 - President Vogler let everyone know that October is when we take nominations for next year's club officers. Nominations are taken in October, and voting takes place at the November meeting. We will need at least 17 members to be present at our November meeting to have a quorum to vote.
- December Meeting / Christmas Dinner
 - There was a discussion on where to have our December meeting which is also the club's Christmas dinner. Suggested places were The Chicken Place, Retro, Azul Tequila, and the Schnitzelbank. It was also suggested that the meeting be at the library, and we have a meal catered in. Mike mentioned he would investigate those suggestions and get some ideas together.

DONATIONS

\$49 was collected for the 50/50 prize with \$24.50 going to the winner. Stephen Goings had the winning ticket and donated the winnings to the club treasury.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 7:15 PM by Ron Sharp and seconded by Wally Hollander. The motion passed without opposition.

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