



PATOKA VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

Minutes

January 20, 2026

Jasper Public Library – Hickory Room

- > The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by President Mike Vogler
- > Mike Maffenbeier offered a prayer
- > Attendance was 19 members a with no guests- Welcomed to PVARC member Jake Meisner KE9EFX
- > Our Mission: "To recruit, foster, educate, and mentor amateur radio"
- > Courtesy and Respect to our presenters and those who have the floor. Raise your hand if you want to speak. No side talking please. Disturbances disrupt the flow and slows the meeting We have a 7:30 deadline. Thanks in advance for your consideration.

Officers Reports

Secretary/Treasurer: In the absence of Mike, K9MLG, who is out of town on work, Pres Mike delivered both the November and December meeting minutes & financials. Both passed with no corrections.

VP – John, KD9JYN, shared information about Winter Field Day on January 24-25 and the protocols for participation. John also discussed a logging program from World Radio League. John will also be planning club participation for POTA and other outdoor operating events.

TECHNICAL PRESENTATION

Gary, WB9LIB, presented the technical presentations scheduled for this year. Assuring everyone he would construct Power Point presentations for those by simply answering a ten-question outline. This and all presentations are available on Google Docs. Sign up with Gary to get access to Google Docs.

OLD BUSINESS

An executive meeting was held in December to discuss an aggressive 2026 club program. A review of the Christmas dinner at Retro brought forth two comments. Too expensive and too noisy. Pres Mike assured that we are already looking into a new venue. Mike also asked if we wanted to keep with a Tuesday night Christmas dinner or move it to a weekend night. No comments were made except by Pres Mike. Weekends in December at restaurants are busier than weekdays.

John KD9JYN and Mike KA9GDW attended the Martin County ARC first Saturday breakfast at Stoll's Lakeview restaurant at West Boggs Park near Loogootee. A lot fellowship and ham radio discussions were enjoyed by all. We'll do it again. Wally, KA9JML, mentioned that he is getting an indoor HF antenna suitable for apartments from Isotron.

NEW BUSINESS

Bud N9NAU brought everyone up to speed on the current Winter Heat event. An up-to-date report given to GDW from Steven KE9APT indicated that 13 PVARC members are enjoying this VHF activity in the cold winter.

Stephen N9PE says we have one person for VE testing on Feb 7 which is Derek Libbert's wife! A quick survey indicated we have at least 3 VE's available.

Pres Mike has found another shirt etc vendor. Impressions Printing at 508 Jackson St Jasper. We no longer have to wait up to three months for shirts etc. The products are competitive with brands such as Gilead and Sportex. Baseball caps are also available. The PVARC log is already set up and paid. Simple go there and place your order with the color of your choice.

ORM (anything else)

Mike said that he made contact on fifteen meters with the Military/Amateur cross band on the USS Iowa. Listen on military frequencies and transmit on amateur frequencies. Simple!

DRAWING

Gary Fritz was winner of \$63/31.50. Gary proudly donated it back to the club.

ADJOURN

Mark Hunefeld made a motion to adjourn. It was seconded by Bud Mann and passed with no opposition. Meeting was adjourned at 7:14 pm.