



## **PATOKA VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB MEETING MINUTES**

April 21 – Jasper Public Library – Jasper, IN

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 PM by President Mike Vogler. Steven Hemmer offered a prayer, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Attendance – 14 members and 6 guest

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

### **SECRETARY/TREASURER**

Secretary/Treasurer Mike Goodpaster read the March minutes with two corrections noted. Mike read the March Treasurer’s Reports with the balance at the end of the month being \$945.64 and \$50.00 is still safe in the petty cash box.

Steven Hemmer made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected and the treasurer reports. It was seconded by Bud Mann and passed without opposition.

### **PRESENTATION**

Gary Fritz gave a presentation on FCC RF exposure compliance to both the PVARC club members as well as those members in attendance from the Dubois County EMA. The purpose of the presentation was to confirm that your amateur radio station & equipment are operating within the FCC safe exposure limits and that you are not putting yourself and others at risk. Gary’s presentation covered the history of the FCC exposure rules and human exposure limits for both public and private property. All FCC licensees are required to comply with these regulations. At the conclusion of the presentation Gary made everyone aware that they would be receiving a certificate stating that they participated in the course.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

President Vogler introduced navy veteran Boone Taylor. He informed everyone that his organization has purchased an ambulance which is being turned into a response vehicle for the Veterans Crisis Mobile Intervention Team. This vehicle will respond to situations where

struggling veterans may be in trouble and responding law enforcement officers could call on them to help the veteran in ways that LEO's are not trained. He came to our club meeting to seek input and guidance in equipping this vehicle with radio communication equipment as well as ideas on wireless internet. Some of the club members offered advice and Mr. Tayler thanked the members for their input.

President Vogler informed the club members that Ron Hickman was no longer going to be able to be a net control operator. Mike asked other members to volunteer to take Ron's place. Currently there are only seven net control operators, and we would like to have a few more. Mike & Gary Fritz explained that the more operators there are the less people would have to call the net. Mike asked everyone to keep it in mind and to please help if possible.

Mike went on to let everyone know that the June 16<sup>th</sup> club meeting will still be at the library, but it will be in a different room. We will meet in the Jasper Arts Wing portion of the library in the A Flex B Studio room. We can enter door #11 near the loading docks.

The May meeting will be dedicated to planning for this year's Field Day which is June 27 & 28.

The Indiana QSO Party is coming up on May 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. If you are going to participate please remember to log your contacts under the club name on N3FJP.

Mike asked the members that were also members of the ARRL to make sure he has your ARRL member numbers on file.

Gary Wendholt (WD9CME) was in attendance and asked to join the club. He filled out the membership application and paid his 2026 dues.

## **DONATIONS**

\$48 was collected for the 50/50 prize with \$24 going to the winner. Gary Fritz was the winner, and he donated the winnings back to the club treasury. Thank you Gary.

## **ADJOURN**

Motion to adjourn by Adam Mann and seconded by Steven Hemmer. The motion passed without opposition.



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MATEUR RADIO CLUB



Meeting Sign-in Sheet – Date: 4/21/26

Name	Call Sign	Member	ARRL Member #
Adam Mason	KB9UYU	✓	✓
MIKE GOODMAN	K9MCL	✓	
LINUS MANN	N9NAN @ YAHOO.COM	✓	
Karl A. Smith	KC9KAS	✓	✓
Mike Vogler	KA9GDW	✓	✓
Gary Fritz	WB9LTB	✓	✓
Boon Taylor	taylor2461@gmail.com		
Mark Humboldt	KC9NKI	✓	✓
GARY WENDHOLT	W9CME		✓
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Wally Hollander	KA9JML	✓	
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