



PATOKA VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB MEETING MINUTES

May 19, 2026 – 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 – 11 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 April 2026 meetings minutes were read and two minor corrections needed.
- The Treasurer reported that the April 2026 bank balance was \$818.64 and fifty dollars is still safe in the petty cash box. Bud Mann made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected as well as the treasurer’s report and it was seconded by Lee Ferrell. The motion passed without opposition.

VICE-PRESIDENT

- Field Day
 - Stephen Goins was not able to attend so he asked Vice-President John Kaltenbacher to discuss this year’s Field Day operations. John asked for a show of hands of who would set up their stations at our spot at the park in Ferdinand. Bud Mann suggested that stations be manned as much as possible and not left empty. John and Stephen will both be safety inspectors and John will bring a first-aid kit. We will once again have the Starlink System up and running for internet access and the club network. Antennas need to be marked with safety tape, and all stations should be properly grounded. Set-up time starts at 11:00 on Saturday morning. Bring your own cooler and drinks. Mike Goodpaster volunteered to bring his Blackstone and be the chef for the weekend. It was suggested to have hamburgers for Saturday evening and eggs & sausage for Sunday breakfast. More detailed items will be discussed at the June 16th meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

- VE Testing – there were no candidates wanting to take their license exam, so the VE testing session was cancelled.

- Net Control Operators – President Vogler once again asked for members to help out with the nets. The more operators we have the less times you would have to be the operator.
- Indiana QSO Party – Mike thanked the club members that participated in the contest. He also asked that those members that did participate to make sure they upload their log as a member of the Patoka Valley Amateur Radio Club so the club can receive more points.
- If you have not yet turned in you ARRL number to President Vogler then please do so. Having an ARRL affiliated club is how we get our meeting room at no charge at the library each month.

NEW BUSINESS

- Dubois County 4-H Fair – Mike asked what the members thought about setting up a booth again this year. The consensus from the members was to not do it again. Since we did not get much traction from it, maybe try going a different direction. Steven Hemmer made a motion to not participate at the fair this year. It was seconded by John Kaltenbacher and passed without opposition.
- Club POTA Activation - John Kaltenbacher suggested doing a club POTA activation at Lincoln or Ferdinand State Parks or even going to Patoka Lake and activate the spots right around the lake. A date should be decided on and then weather pending on that date we could do the activation.
- Field Day Location – Vice-President Kaltenbacher suggested that next year's Field Day operation take place at a different location. The Holland Park was suggested as another location. It was also suggested as a location for Winter Field Day. Different locations were suggested as that is the true meaning of Field Day being able to go anywhere and set up your gear for communications. John said he would investigate the Holland Park shelter house or cabin as a Winter Field Day location.
- President Vogler asked about having a club Fox Hunt. Mike Goodpaster suggested having a Fox Hunt during one of the club POTA events. This is because most of the club members are still very new at it and are still in the learning mode. Having it during a POTA activation would allow club members to participate in both activities.
- President Vogler donated a handheld Baofeng radio to be used for club activities including Fox Hunts. Thank you President Vogler.
- President Vogler informed the club that Gary Wendholt (WD9CME) is an Advanced licensed operator from Ferdinand, and he has paid his dues to join the club. Mike Maffenbeier made a motion to accept Gary into the club. It was seconded by Bud Mann and passed without opposition.

DONATIONS

\$32 was collected for the 50/50 prize with \$16 going to the winner. Mike Maffenbeier (N9MZF) was the winner and donated the winnings back to the club treasury.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn by Craig Vogler and seconded by Ron Hickman. President Vogler asked for all those in favor to say Aye and opposed say No. There were 10 members voting Aye and one member voting No. The meeting was then adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

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Meeting Sign-in Sheet – Date: 5/19/2026.

Name	Call Sign	Member	ARRL Member
MIKE GOODPASTER	K9MLG	✓	
Mike Vogler	KA9COW	✓	✓
LINUS MANN	N9NAH	✓	✓
Mike Maffenbeier	N9MZF	✓	✓
STEVEN HEMMER	KE9APT	✓	✓
CALVIN MITCHAM	KEBICE	✓	
PHIL SMITH	KB9IRT	✓	✓
LEE FERRELL	N8LF	✓	✓
RON HICKMAN	KD9KNB	✓	✓
John Maffenbeier	KD9JYN	✓	✓
CRAIG VOGLER	KD9KNC	✓	