PATOKA VALLEY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB MEETING MINUTES

September 15, 2026 – 6:01 pm EST Jasper Public Library – Jasper, IN

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM by President Mike Vogler. Ron Hickman offered a prayer, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Attendance – 15 members and 1 guest; Adam Scherle

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

SECRETARY/TREASURER

Secretary/Treasurer Mike Goodpaster read the August minutes with only a correction needed to the date. Mike also read the August Treasurer's Report with the balance at the end of August being $741.00. Steven Hemmer made a motion to accept the minutes and the treasurer's report. It was seconded by John Kaltenbacher and passed without opposition.

VICE-PRESIDENT

Club vice-president John Kaltenbacher spoke about digital mode FT-2. John said FT-2 is very quick and only takes a couple of seconds each way to complete a contact. John also talked about POTA-CAT. This is a CAT control program that will allow you to control your radio through your phone. When connected to the same network as the program you can make contacts with your phone. John said it is a really cool program that when set up correctly can use cell towers as well as several logging programs.

PRESENTATION

Gary Fritz gave the club members a presentation which was a review of the club's safety plan and also touched on why the club decided to incorporate. Gary said it was very important when we hold any public events that there is an event specific written safety plan in place with a checklist identifying and addressing any risks and hazards for that particular event. Mike Vogler suggested that if there was ever a serious accident that we contact that person's family. Members in the club stated that we should probably let the hospital or law enforcement do that just in case there might be legal ramifications with the club doing it. Mike Goodpaster asked if it was correct to have an even number of club officers. If there is a matter at hand and a vote is needed to decide the situation having an even number could result in a tie vote. Discussion then ensued asking that since the Director of Presentations is appointed by the other three board members if that position is a

voting or non-voting member. It was then suggested that there are three remedies: 1) add another board member, 2) have the Director of Presentations be a non-voting member, or 3) remove the Director or Presentations position as an officer. President Vogler said he would check the original club constitution and tabled the subject until the October meeting.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Ron Hickman said that if you get QST magazine that on page 61 of the most recent issue is an article about having effective club meetings. He said that the article suggested moving the dull parts of the meeting such as minutes, treasurer's reports, and any other regular club business items to the end of the meeting. This is done so that the meeting doesn't start off with the same ole boring items again and again and the new and more interesting parts of the meeting are basically at the beginning. This has shown to keep interest up and helps retain membership.

Mike Goodpaster informed the members that the club POTA activation and fox hunt was a success. The attendance was down due to the Louisville Ham Fest and others being out of town. Regardless, those attending had a fun time. The band conditions were horrible, but the activators all made at least 10 contacts to qualify as an activation. The fox hunt went well, and the members are getting a little more experienced each time we have one. Many thanks go out to Jeff Nelson (N9IBQ) and the Vincennes OPARS club for letting us use their FOX transmitter. Mike said it's a lot of fun and that the club should investigate purchasing one.

President Vogler said that the December 15th meeting will be at Stoll's Lakeview restaurant at West Boggs Park just north of Loogootee. We will have our own room so it will be far less noisy than last year. Since there is more room wives or significant others can attend at their own expense. Member's meals will be covered by the club. More details to follow.

President Vogler stated that the most recent fellowship get together was a success and he would like to see it continue. It was decided to go to Cranberries for breakfast on Saturday morning the 26th at 8:00 a.m.

President Vogler suggested that during our weekly net we add both the Spencer and Orange County net information to our bulletin board items. It was agreed by the members present to do so as it may produce more of our own members checking into other surrounding nets and their members checking into ours.

DONATIONS

$71 was collected for the 50/50 prize with $35.50 going to the winner. Mike Vogler was the winner, and he donated his winnings back to the club. Thank you, Mike.

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn at 7:16 PM by Ron Sharp and seconded by Bud Mann. The motion passed without opposition.

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Meeting Sign-in Sheet – Date: SEPT 15, 2026

Name	Call	Member	ARRL Member
John Kaltenbacher	KD9JYN	✓	✓
Linus MANN	N9NAW	✓	✓
Adam Mann	KB9UYN	✓	✓
MIKE GOODMAN	K9MLG	✓	✓
Mike Vogler	[illegible]	✓	✓
Gary Fritz	WB9LIB	✓	✓
LEE FERRELL	N8LF	✓	✓
RON HICKMAN	KD9KNB	✓	✓
Ron Sharp	W9TII	✓	✓
Wally Haverdon	KA9JML	✓	
STEVEN HEMMER	KE9APT	✓	✓
PHIL SMITH	KB9IRT	✓	✓
Derek Ebbert	KE9CNX	✓	✓
CRAIG VOGLER	KD9KNC	✓	
GARY WENDHOLT	WA9CME	✓	✓
Adam Schoele			✓