

9/9/2025

The Martin County Amateur Radio Club met at 7:00 pm at the Martin County EMA building. There were 11 members and 1 guest in attendance. Cory Brassine, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Minutes from the August meeting were presented for approval. Max made a motion to approve the minutes. Garry made a 2nd to the motion and all voted in favor.

The treasurer's report is as follows: Julia received dues from 22 members and received a \$20 donation. There is \$460 to be deposited as soon as the bank account is opened. Cory reported there is no update on our application for an EIN number.

Cory reported he has changed complexes at his job and will have mandatory overtime starting in the fall and will be unable to attend every meeting. He offered to step down as president if the club thought it was best to elect a new president. The club members felt that with a strong Vice-President, we would be able to carry on with our meetings if Cory was absent. He will complete his current term as President and can revisit the matter at the next election of officers. Reuben had emailed the club stating he could no longer be Vice-President due to health issues. At the last meeting Jay expressed interest in the position. Jay was not in attendance but was nominated for the position of Vice-President by Garry. Max made a 2nd to the motion and all voted in favor.

Andy provided an update on the equipment for the Loogootee repeater. Everything has all been received except coax. Andy went online to place the order and found out that the cost was much higher if you ordered in any length other than 25 foot increments. Andy wanted to confirm lengths before he ordered. Nathan will verify the length of coax needed to complete the link on the Shoals tower and let Andy know so it can be ordered. The City of Loogootee Mayor contacted Andy about our tower being in the way during the water tower painting which is coming up this fall. The engineering company thinks the roan tower section will need to be moved or removed for the painting crew to work. Nathan stated he has the equipment to remove the tower sections if needed but would need additional help from other club members to do it safely. Max said he has a tool to separate the tower sections if needed. Andy will speak to the mayor and find out more details on the painting schedule. Nathan stated he will be out of town October 11th to 18th so the work will need to be done before or after those dates. Andy asked if we needed lightening arrestors added to the line. The consensus was yes.

Garry reserved a space for the club to set up a booth at Hindostan Days October 4th from 10am to 4pm. The plan is to have a station set up with a battery unit since there isn't electricity there. Garry requested to have the booth on the back side of the road near the woods to prevent any accidents from the antenna cables. He has caution tape and will block off that area to try to prevent any issues. Garry has a 12x21 tent and tables that the club can use. Max will bring his vertical antenna, Paul will also bring an antenna and Andy will bring the EMA radio equipment. Anyone wanting to participate in the event should plan to meet at Hindostan at 8:30 am to set up. A reminder for club members to wear their MCARC shirts and bring their hand-held radios that day. Garry stated he would like to have business cards or brochures to hand out at events. It was suggested that we check to see how much it would cost to have them printed. Garry got a banner printed for the club to use at events. He reported that it cost \$42. Paul made a motion to pay for the banner out of club funds. Max made a 2nd to the motion and all voted in favor. Garry reported he would donate \$12 towards the cost of the banner. Julia will get him the remaining \$30 for the cost of the banner. Garry also inquired about the cost to make window stickers with the club logo on them. The cost is around

\$1 each. Paul stated he would like for the Indiana to be a little more prominent in our logo since there are many states with a Martin County. Garry will order some stickers once the logo is revised.

Paul and Jay are planning a jump start testing study day. Date to be scheduled soon.

Garry is thinking ahead to our December meeting. He asked the club if they wanted to have a meal like we did last year. The group was in favor of having the December club meeting be a meal with spouses included. December 9th is our normal meeting date so Garry will make reservations at Lakeview for that night at 6:00 pm. A headcount for the reservation will be made closer to the December meeting.

Paul suggested sending out an agenda prior to the meeting so everyone will know the topics to be discussed. This could be sent out with the meeting reminder email. The group would also like to include a technical presentation on a different topic each month. Everyone was asked to think about the topics they could present or would like to learn about and bring to the next meeting to develop a schedule for the first quarter of 2026.

The topic of radio programming came up. Andy reminded the group that Jay is very good at programming radios and that EMA purchased has several different cables for programing different types of radios.

Paul attended a Patoka Valley ARC club event in Ferdinand recently that included a Fox Hunt in the Ferdinand State Forest area. The POTA event was similar to Field Day but members operated using their own call sign. The fox hunt was designed to introduce members to another side of the ham radio hobby.

Cory received a request from the Warrick County RACES officer requesting a letter of support from our club for their grant application for a new trailer. They currently have a small trailer that they take to events around Southern Indiana but would like to upgrade to a larger trailer. Some of the club members have seen their current trailer and were in favor of writing a letter of support.

Garry has requested a booth space at the Hoosier Hills Ham Club Hamfest and swap meet on November 8th at the Lawrence County Fairgrounds. The club members that have items to sell can attend the event. Ask Garry for more information.

The next meeting of the Martin County Amateur Radio Club will be on October 14th at 7:00 pm at the EMA Building. Garry, Melvin, Nathan and Julia reported they will not be at the next meeting. The Net will be held weekly on Thursday at 9pm on the Shoals repeater and 9:30 pm for the Loogootee repeater. The next Ham breakfast will be October 4th but since the club will be at Hindostan Days Jay will grill that morning.

With no other business to discuss, Andy made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Max made a second to the motion and all voted in favor.