

Mon County Amateur Radio Club
Meeting Minutes
June 21, 2025

The regular monthly meeting of the Mon County Amateur Radio Club met at the Post 174, American Legion, 3470 Earl L Core Rd, Morgantown, WV. The President, Jim Morris KF8BKH, started the meeting at 0901 and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

In attendance was: President Jim Morris KF8BKH, Vice-president Dylan Warren W8DYL, Treasurer Steve Miller K8BBL, Chaplain Chuck Strahin KD8TYQ, Hasith Perera KE8TJE, Jack Martin KC3YLF, Lisa Pessa KF8DQY, Lew Soccorsi K8FAB, Ty Crawford WN3TYC, Peter Billie WA8TGG, Alex Lugo KD8NZX, Alan Blosser KD8YLQ, Linda Marden KE8AMQ, Ernie Hill KD8VME, Secretary Chris Condon N2BNW, Paul White KD8YDO, Rick Faulknier N8DRF, Brad Fansler KE8TDQ, Bob Harding KE8TUZ.

Guests: Randy Crowe N8OZY

Treasurer's report: Given by Steve Miller K8BBL. About \$5300 in the bank currently, and may have expenses for the repeater maintenance soon. He had printed reports if people wanted them, or he could email them depending on people's preferred format. A bank statement was available to look at, but Steve doesn't make copies of that. The club's monthly bills went down due to the trailer and web hosting services. It was \$90 per month for the trailer, which is down to \$50 since we moved locations. The new web hosting price is 10.25 a month which means monthly bills are about \$60 now.

Dues: Dues are due this month, but we will still take money next month since it is a little bit of a short notice. Just make sure you get money to Steve so that he can mark you as paid and current.

Trailer: Steve continued on with trailer information. It is at his house right now and he did all of the electrical in it. There is a generator in it that fired right up for him after putting gas and oil in it. There was also a leak on the right door which caused the wood to disintegrate and needs replaced. There are bolts that hold metal to the wood, which Steve might have some problems getting off. Steve also asked if anyone in the club had some old folding chairs and maybe a box fan that they would be willing to donate to the club so we can put them in the trailer and have them to use.

Merchandise: Dylan Warren W8DYL passed around his sample name tag and told the club about it. It is an aluminum name tag with the Name, Call-sign, and Logo on it. It looks really nice and was passed around for the club members to look at. The name tags are \$10 plus shipping costs. Dylan also passed around the hat that the club decided upon – the FlexFit Delta (non adjustable) hat. Spec sheets are available that talk about the shirts fit and the material and other information like that. If you want anything, let Dylan know, and we will get this order placed next week after the meeting. So, if you haven't already, get your merch money to Dylan so we can place the order.

Repeater Report: Peter Billie WA8TGG talked about the nets/repeaters. 70cm repeater has started working well, despite nothing being done to it. People that manage the link system contacted Peter to see if they could get into the building and work on their equipment or move antennas, while leaving our stuff alone.

Events:

- WV QSO Party – 6/21/2025 Noon to Midnight. Information sheets are available, but may not have enough for everyone. So it may be best to just take a picture of the form.
- Plenty of HamFests and swapmeets in the area to check out: Somerset PA, Uniontown PA, Skyview, WV State Convention, etc. Hopefully we can put them up on the website (monradioclub.com) and maybe send out an email so that the people that want to go have the information needed.

Field Day: Randy Crowe N8OZY from MWA was here to talk about Field Day. Friday set up around 2 or 3 PM at the Boyscout Camp. Saturday morning, be there around 8 AM to make sure everything is set up and ready for the start of the event. There will be no verticals this year – just dipoles - which will be strung out further apart this year. Most bands should be covered. Logging will be done using the N3JFP software. Everyone brings a dish to share, but MWA will provide hot dogs and condiments. Jim KF8BKH wants to split some of the costs with the other club and donate some money to help MWA out. We don't know of a price currently but Randy will let us know soon.

Next Project: Chris Condon N2BNW talked about the next project which will be QRP antennas. Instructions have been found, and will soon be on the website next to the last set of instructions. The kits have been ordered and will be here soon. The max is 10 watts, but that is easy to change by changing the transformer.

POTA Picnic: Dylan W8DYL talked about the second POTA Picnic we will be doing on Sunday July 27th. A week after the Support Your Parks weekend on the 20th. Time will be determined at a later time and will be sent out to everyone. Cooper's Rock overflow lot. Bring a dish for everyone to share please.

Club Anniversary: Jim KF8BKH talked about how it was the 13 year club anniversary and how exciting that is for us. He thanked all of the members, founders, and leaders that have kept it running for that long. Here is to another 13 at least.

Around the Room:

Dylan Warren W8DYL: Dylan got a new job in DC and has training starting in early August. He has one more meeting left in July, and that will be his last one for a while. He has loved working with everyone and helping the club out, so he said it was definitely a bitter-sweet time.

Club Elections: Because of Dylan's departure, Steve K8BBL talked about the elections that will be held next month at July's meeting. Nominations and elections will be done at the same time. If you want to run, but know you won't be there, let Steve know and we can setup a proxy, so you still have your chance to run. We need everyone that can to be there so we get an accurate vote. Jim KF8BKH talked about what a great job Dylan has done over the last year, and said that it was a pleasure working with him. There is a lot that happens in the background, so we definitely need someone to step up and fill this role.

Jim's Absence: Jim KF8BKH will be hiking over the next couple of months and will miss the next two meetings at least. Dylan will lead July's meeting. Steve will lead the August one.

Radio Raffle: Ed donated a radio to the club and the club is going to raffle it off for all that are present. No purchase is required. Chris Condon N2BNW ended up winning the raffle and got the radio.

Black Box: The club did the drawing to see who would win. Lisa Pessa KF8DQY won the box and chose her prize.

With no other business to come before the club, the meeting was adjourned at 9:51.

Somebody asked me what S was in morse code, so I said...