

Clearfield County Amateur Radio Club

Meeting Minutes

Thursday August 28, 2025

The following members were in attendance:

- John N3SPW
- Lars KB3WBT
- Rich N3RBJ
- Mike WB3EQW
- Ed KC3ZAL
- Scott W3EOD

The following guests and/or perspective members were in attendance:

- None

The meeting was called to order by CCARC Vice-President John N3SPW at 7:14 PM

Finances

- Treasurer Ed KC3ZAL reports the current balance is \$600.
- Ed reports there is now a PayPal link for donations to the club. The link is <https://www.paypal.com/ncp/payment/6XYYBLB6TY3KY>.
- Received at today's meeting was \$20 in donations plus \$10 in hamfest table reservations.
- The final balance after today's expenses and donations is \$630.

Membership

- Two membership applications received.
 - Kevin W3XOX
 - Randy KO4WTB
- Both received without objection. Final membership vote will be at the next meeting.

VE Testing

- Rich N3RBJ (General Class) agreed to be the lead testing team member.
- Others on the team are:
 - John N3SPW (General Class)
 - John NA2BA (Extra Class)
 - Steve K3SKS (Extra Class)

Repeaters

- We have been made aware of a new GMRS repeater in the Altoona area. Frequency is 462.725 – channel 22.
- W3CPA 147.255 FM
 - All working as intended.
- WRDV964 462.650 GMRS Repeater
 - All working as intended.
- W3CPA 444.625 DMR repeater
 - All working as intended.
- W3CPA 145.370 D-STAR repeater
 - Delay is caused by waiting for the antenna to be installed. No ETA on this yet.

WinLink Project

- W3CPA 10, Clearfield - functioning as intended.
- W3CPA 11, West Decatur - functioning as intended.

- W3CPA 12 Houtzdale – Planned for 2026.
- W3CPA 13 DuBois – Planned for 2026.

Club Net

- Ed KC3ZAL discussed there were 10 stations checking in last Tuesday.

Hamfest

- Those involved in hamfest preparations have been holding Zoom meetings to keep updated.
- Mike WB3EQW and Caroline are heading up kitchen operations. They will be assisted by Jayda Hamilton (John N3SPW's daughter) and a friend.
- Rich N3RBJ reports he needs one or two more volunteers to help with gate operations. Scott W3EOD volunteered.
- Talk-in station will be maned by Tim K5TEL.
- The club table will be staffed by John N3SPW and Scott K5TEL.
- Tim discussed the small games of chance license issue. We are unable, according to the county, to qualify because we are not an IRS recognized 501c3 organization. It was suggested we contact Jeremy at the Lawrence Twp Fire Co to see if we could use their license and split the profits with the fire company. John N3SPW will follow up with Jerome.

New Business

- ARRL Letter. The ARRL letter has asked affiliated clubs and members to support their efforts to pass the Amateur Radio Emergency Preparedness Act. ARRL needs EVERY radio amateur in the United States to send letters to Washington as we continue our nationwide grassroots campaign to pass the Amateur Radio Emergency Preparedness Act. Follow this link:
w w w . a r r l . o r g / H O A Put in your call sign, and press the red "SEND MY LETTERS" button. It takes mere seconds! You do not have to log in or be an ARRL member to do this. ALL hams are encouraged to do it now.
- The October SET will be conducted on Saturday October 4th. The following members have volunteered to participate:
 - John N3SPW
 - Rich N3RBJ
 - John NA2BA

Next Meeting Date

- Thursday September 18th at 7 PM.

Close of meeting

- With no further business Vice-President John N3SPW closed the meeting 8:18 PM.