

ERARC MEETING

November 3, 2025 |

PRELIMINARIES

Meeting began at 7:00 pm. Twelve people in attendance and no guests on Zoom. Visitors included Aiden Vrenna, Nathan Conner, Johnny Parsons and Fergus the dog.

David Lester, N8VFR, welcomed the group. The pledge to the flag was recited by the group.

A moment of silence was observed for John Riddle, N8RIG who recently passed.

PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

The October meeting minutes were read by David Sexton and accepted by the group. Items included:

Jeff, KE8RAW, mentioned a Wires-X presentation by W0SUN of the Atlanta Radio Club could be viewed on the You Tube channel. The new Buckmaster OCF dipole antenna will be installed soon at the Mercer County 911 Center. Jay, K8CTI, has asked for help to install the new dipole. Matt, KC8LGS, spoke about the Prepper Expo at the State Fairgrounds site on October 3rd and 4th. The show presenters were friendly and knowledgeable covering many topics. Matt has asked the group for help installing a Mosley HF beam and Hazer at his home. David spoke about his latest Meshtastic experiences. He has seen traffic from Lewisburg to Richlands on his Heltec radios. Jay said the remote base unit is on the workbench and will be soon installed to link the 145.49 repeater to the 145.25 repeater as needed. Further discussion for a possible Wires-X node setup for the 145.20 Fusion repeater continued. A Yaesu HRI-200 interface unit and possibly an optional card for the Yaesu controller might connect to the internet to access Wires-X rooms or reflectors temporarily. This discussion will continue as information becomes available.

TREASURER REPORT

Jay Belt, K8CTI, furnished and read a treasurer's report dated November 3, 2025. Total credits were \$50.00 and debits were \$0.00. Current balance to date is \$3421.86 and balance including PayPal account of \$756.83 totals \$4178.69. We are accepting dues for the coming year at \$15/amateur with \$5 per family members. The PayPal link is listed on the website: www.HamclubOnline.com.

OLD BUSINESS

The club still needs to purchase a Yaesu Ft-4X handitalkie to replace the borrowed transceiver from the materials in the box on the front side table.

NEW BUSINESS

Coordination of the 147.06 and 145.25 repeaters is ongoing. Chris Hatcher is the new SERA coordinator for this area and will expedite the process. Carol Riddle may be approached soon for N8RIG's 53.37 repeater possible bequeath and transfer to club ownership. The radio room October Monday meetings were a success with good attendance. Future radio room meetings will be every third Thursday evenings. If possible, Jay and helpers will install the new Buckmaster OCF dipole at the Mercer 911 Center on Friday November 7th after breakfast. The Christmas dinner will be at Culture Grill in Bluefield, Virginia on December 1st. The next VE Exam Session is Saturday morning November 8th at club HQ.

A MOTION WAS MADE AND SECONDED TO ADJOURN AT 7:50PM
