

## **OCRA Membership Meeting Minutes – June 12, 2023**

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**Meeting Attendees** (Total of 23 in-person and on Zoom) – Dee (KU4GC), Jose (KD4JWF), Paul (N2XZF), Boyd (KO4GJO), Joe (K4SAR), John (N4SJW), Bob (W4FK), Laurie (N1YXU), Bruce (N1LN), Dan (KR4UB), Sam (KJ4VWG), Charlie (KD4UCZ), Mark (KR3AM), Dave (W4SAR), Karen (KD4YJZ), Dave (NA4VY), Patrick (KO4QLU), JR (N4JQR), Wilson (W4BOH), John (KM4MDR), Daryl (W4AIR), Ed (W4AEN), and Wilson (W4BOH)

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### **Presentation - OCRA/DFMA Field Day 2023**

- Friday Night Potluck – John (KM4MDR)
- Overall Field Day Planning – Dave (W4SAR)

To view the recording of the overall Field Day presentation (including the discussion regarding the Friday Night Potluck and the overall Field Day planning), please see the video that is posted on the OCRA YouTube channel - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n1GV9GzMz9s&t=4s>

### **Treasurer's Report – Dan (KR4UB)**

- The club's membership is holding stable and solid. Thank you to all the membership.
- Currently, we have 108 members.

### **Repeater Build Update – Dan (KR4UB)**

- There have been a number of work sessions.
- Parts of the repeater build can already be power tested.
- There have been some supply issues related to quality connectors. Sources for the connectors have been found.
- The key priority on the overall project is skills transfer. Eventually, Steve (W3AHL) will be leaving our area. He has been helping in critical areas –
  - Topographic mapping – Dan and Ed (W4AEN) have the training to be able to complete the topographic mapping.
  - Making critical measurements to support the repeater build – Steve has provided the club with a laboratory grade spectrum analyzer.
  - Hopefully, the skills transfer will continue over the next few weeks as Steve is available.

### **Closing Comments – Bruce (N1LN)**

- Bruce has been working with representatives from the Orange County EOC to understand space availability on county owned towers to put the new repeater that Dan and team are building.
- Unfortunately, the response is that the EOC does not have any current space available. Some of the tower space in Orange County is state owned and some is county owned. However, no space is available at this time.

- Based on the July 2022 Tri-County Repeater presentation, the goal is to install the repeater as a low tower implementation. This would allow easier access for maintenance unlike the current high tower location which requires contracting with third-party companies for certified climbers to work on our repeater.
- To tie this to Dan's update on the repeater build and the work the team has been doing – A lot of work has been done to map repeater reachability throughout the tri counties (Orange, Durham, and Chatham) with the goal of understanding the best potential locations for the spare repeater. The team is also working with the goal for the repeaters being internet linked which is easier with low tower implementation.
- Repeater updates will be provided to the club as the work moves forward. Thanks to Dan and the entire team for their work!

Respectfully submitted,  
Laurie Meier, N1YXU  
OCRA Secretary