

## OCRA Membership Meeting – August 12, 2024

Meeting attendees (Total of 27 in person and on Zoom)- Alice (KQ4TCA), Ken (KO4DHJ), Fred (KN4QBZ), Charle (KQ4TNF), Jose (KD4JWF), Jene (KQ4JOJ), Tim (KC1TWR), Patrick (KO4QLU), John (KX4P), Sherri Rapp (WB4OSU), John (KM4MDR), Paul (N2XZF), Chip (KF4WBK), Dave (W4SAR), Karen (KD4YJZ), Bob (W4FK), Dee (KU4GC), Brad (WZ4BSS), Arron (KN4VXB), Randy (KF4O), Steve (KZ1X), Dave (NA4VY), Dan (KR4UB), Wilson (W4BOH), Rusty (KQ4CAN), Boyd (KO4GJO).

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### MEETING TOPICS-

Ham Radio Clock (Randy KF4O )

RFID Outreach Exhibit, demo and discussion (Aurora, KN4VXB )

### Closing Comments:

The 443.475 repeater was installed today at the Siler City Tower site.

It's is connected via AllStar to the Moncure 146.610 repeater and also (in test mode) to the 145.230 machine up and running into a dummy load at my house.

Chatham Auxcomm will be using the linked repeaters tonight for their Tuesday night Auxcomm training net.

It's reach so far looks to be better than expected.. providing mobile coverage into some of the low land regions along the Haw River (and of course with some areas where terrain blocking puts the signal down the the noise floor).

On the return trip home mobile coverage was fairly good on NC 54 west (with some noisy spots as would be expected) and easily accessible from the base station at my QTH.

Site attendance was Steve Newton, Johnathan Bell (EOC radio tech) and interestingly a Chatham Moncure fireman, Charlie Durst, myself and of course... Ted W0SMT, John N4SJW, and Chris K4PVZ from Siler City a Chatham Auxcomm participant (technically skilled with IT back ground, also a volunteer fire fighter) who did all the repeater installation.

Conversation with Steve and Johnathan indicates the Northeast Park tower site should be ready for 145.230 to be installed in about 2 weeks.

Respectfully submitted,

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