OCRA Membership Meeting Minutes – February 10, 2025

Meeting Attendees (Total of 31 in-person and on Zoom) – Bob (W4FK), Paul (N2XZF), Boyd (KO4GJO), Laurie (N1YXU), Bruce (N1LN), Dan (KR4UB), Dave (W4SAR), Karen (KD4YJZ), Randy (KF4O), James (guest of Randy), Doug (N3LTV), Fred (KN4QBZ), Chip (KF4WBK), JR (N4JQR), Ron (KO4RON), Sam (KJ4VWG), Tim (KC1TWR), Jose (KD4JWF), Eric (KQ4RRN), Ken (KO4DHJ), Steve (KZ1X), Dave (NA4VY), Charles (KQ4TNF), Mark (KR3AM), Dave (K4DJW), Brad (WZ4BSS), Lee (KQ4ZZD), Debbie G (taking her amateur radio exam later in the month), Kevin (KW4EE), Aurora (KN4VXB), and Wilson (W4BOH).

Meeting Topics -Show and Request Presentations -

- The video of the meeting has been uploaded to the OCRA YouTube Channel. To view the video, please use the following link https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xs1qABaf788
- Overview of Topics Discussed To hear details related to the topics, please reference the video posted on YouTube.
 - Opening Comments The NC QSO Party will take place on Sunday, February 23, from 10am to 8pm. To get more information about the event, please go to https://ncqsoparty.org.
 - Show and Request Updates During the January Membership Meeting, several members reviewed specific topics and assistance that they needed to move forward. Thanks to those who have provided assistance and input to those members. To keep the general membership up-to-date, the status of three of the requests were discussed. The updates were for Eric (KQ4RRN), Sherri (WB4OSU), and Lee (KQ4ZZD).
 - 2025 Membership Meeting Programs Boyd reviewed the current plan for Membership Meeting programs for this year.
 - March Business Meeting
 - April First Aid Kit Customization and Importance of Checklists
 - May Field Day Preparation (short discussion) and Generator Safety (pending confirmation)
 - June Final Field Day Preparation
 - July Business Meeting
 - August Field Day After Action Report and Additional Program (TBD)
 - September TBD
 - October TBD
 - November TBD
 - December Christmas Party

- Treasurer's Report
 - Ron, our newly elected Treasurer, reviewed the January financial statement for the club.
 - He also presented a proposed 2025 expense budget.
- Upcoming Training
 - Randy, our Net Manager, brought up the subject of training on the weekly Saturday morning net. He referenced the section of the net script that asks for emergency and time-valued traffic and identified the need for training on passing traffic.
 - To begin the training process, building blocks (specific topics) will be the method used for the group. The building blocks include the phonetic alphabet, prowords, familiarization with standard forms (e.g. ICS-213), and passing traffic.
- Equipment Inventory
 - Bruce reviewed a preliminary list of equipment that belongs to OCRA but may be housed in several locations.
 - If you have OCRA equipment at your home, please contact Bruce with the details.
- The March Membership Meeting will be held on Monday, March 10.

Respectfully submitted, Laurie Meier, N1YXU OCRA Secretary