

OCRA Membership Meeting Minutes – June 10, 2024

Meeting Attendees (Total of 28 in-person and on Zoom) – Bob (W4FK), John (KM4MDR), Dee (KU4GC), Paul (N2XZF), Boyd (KO4GJO), Laurie (N1YXU), Bruce (N1LN), Dan (KR4UB), Dave (W4SAR), Karen (KD4YJZ), Randy (KF4O), Doug (KA5ETS), Fred (KN4QBZ), Derek (KF5CYN), Chip (KF4WBK), JR (N4JQR), Aurora (KN4VXB), Mark (KR3AM), Ron (KO4RON), Brad (WZ4BSS), Dave (NA4VY), Joe (K4SAR), Bill (KI4RAN), Charles Harris (not yet licensed), Patrick (KO4QLU), Sam (KJ4VWG), Tim (KC1TWR), and Wilson (W4BOH).

Meeting Topics –

- The focus of the meeting was final preparation for the upcoming ARRL Field Day event scheduled for June 22 and 23. For several years, OCRA and DFMA have combined efforts for the event. It is one of the most highly attended events during the year. Also, for several years, Field Day has been hosted at the Lamb homestead. Wilson – Thank you for allowing us to use your property for Field Day!
- Dave (W4SAR), OCRA/DFMA Field Day Captain, led the program. Bruce (N1LN) added tips on making contacts. The full meeting was recorded and posted on the OCRA YouTube channel. If you haven't already watched the video, take some time and go to the link below. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B2dzoN-vmQE&t=19s>

Closing Comments –

- Officer and Board Member Reports –
 - Dan – Thanks to all the members who have renewed their club dues. Currently, we have 112 members and only two members who need to renew their dues.
 - Aurora – Due to Field Day, there will be no Ham Pi meeting in June. Next month (July), there will be a hybrid (in-person/Zoom) meeting. Chuck will be talking about how to use Pi to program microprocessors. Aurora will send an email with the meeting location, date, and additional information for those who would like to attend.
 - Dave – A volunteer exam session will be held at 10:00 am on Saturday, June 15, at the meeting location.
 - Wilson – Thanks again to Fred for donating the screen!
 - Dan and Bruce - Thanks to Ron for the wonderful job you are doing as the Assistant Treasurer.
 - Fred – Thanks to Bruce, Dan, and Ron for coming down to Chatham and sharing advice and testing equipment as the Chatham radio group plans to hold its first Field Day event.
 - Bob – Encouraged everyone to come out and experience Field Day first-hand.

- Ron asked about building common lists of frequencies among the local area groups to allow ease of communication. He suggested that this activity not fall off the list of activities that need to be done. Bruce indicated this will be a short-term priority to be completed.
- Wilson encouraged everyone to consider becoming an ARRL member. ARRL helps secure the bands that we all use to operate. They are also instrumental in putting together contests and other events.
- Bruce added that the ARRL was recently hit by a very large cyber attack. For example, Logbook of the World (LOTW) is not currently working. Please give them some time to work out the issues.
- Thank you for attending the June Membership Meeting. See you at Field Day! The next Membership Meeting will be on Monday, July 8.

Respectfully submitted,
Laurie Meier, N1YXU
OCRA Secretary