

## OCRA Membership Meeting Minutes – September 9, 2024

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**Meeting Attendees** (Total of 31 in-person and on Zoom) – Wilson (W4BOH), Dee (KU4GC), Paul (N2XZF), Boyd (KO4GJO), John (KX4P), Bob (W4FK), Jim (KQ4JGF), Pat (KO4QLU), John (KM4MDR), Bill (N8BR), Laurie (N1YXU), Bruce (N1LN), Dan (KR4UB), Ken (KO4DHJ), Sam (KJ4VWG), Dave (W4SAR), Karen (KD4YJZ), Dave (NA4VY), Chip (KF4WDK), Chris (KY4OU), Doug (KA5ETS), Randy (KF4O), Tim (KC1TWR), Ron (KO4RON), Jose (KD4JWF), Fred (KN4BQZ), Jim (K4BAV), Russ (KU4UK), Dave (W4AXL), Brad (WB4BSS), Pat (KO4QLU), Wilson (W4BOH), Pete (N4KW), Jim (KQ4JQF), John (KM4MDR), Jere (KQ4JDJ) and JR (N4JQR)

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### Opening Comments – Bruce (N1LN)

- The meeting will be run a bit different tonight. Laurie and Bruce will be hosting the Zoom from their home. The membership will be on Zoom and in the meeting room. And the presentation will be from Dave and Russ who will be in Alabama.
- Intros by all – in room and on Zoom. (names above)

### Program Presentation – The Passion and Joy of Chasing DX – Dave Cisco (W4AXL) and Russ McGuire (KU4UK)

- To view the recording, please see the video that is posted on the OCRA YouTube channel – <https://youtu.be/ULe9i71g0wY>. The Q/A session is included in the presentation.

### Additional Topics

- **(Bob) State Fair looking for Ham Operators:** CQ CQ CQ! All ARCs in the State of NC! I am the coordinator for the NC Ham Radio Exhibit. We need your help. We are 42 days away from the fair and still have LOTS of open slots in need of volunteers. It is important that we fill these slots so we can have a better idea of schedules and logistics before the fair. I am attaching a flyer you can use to promote the exhibit to your memberships. We are doing signups online, so here is the link to sign up. (Sorry – link did not come through the forwarded email.) Or you can reach out to me, Travis Russell, KN4WJL We appreciate the help of all ARCs and your members. Come enjoy a fun day at the fair while sharing your experience in ham radio!  
Travis Russell  
KN4WJL  
(919) 518-6557
- **(Wilson)** “The key to working DX is based on the weight of your equipment.” Wilson has equipment available at his house, just bring a truck!

- **(Jose)** Is training now to follow the update with memories and linking? **(Bruce)** – Training will follow, but more planning needs to be done to determine how that will be done. Especially since the survey has been done and there are really 5+ groups that have different interests and the training may need to be different. Should the training be done at a Membership Meeting or within the special interest groups in smaller sessions?
- **October 14 Membership Meeting Program:** Bruce and Dan will be presenting the multi-county repeater frequencies and suggested memory programming order to enable cross-county standardization. Additionally, Dan and Bruce will present an update associated with the repeater status with a focus on linking capabilities.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bruce Meier, N1YXU  
OCRA President