

OCRA Membership Meeting Minutes – June 9, 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), Fred (KN4QBZ), JR (N4JQR), Sam (KJ4VWG), Tim (KC1TWR), Ken (KO4DHJ), Dave (NA4VY), Dave (K4DJW), Howie (WA4PSC), Gary (AI4GT), John (KM4MDR), Joe (K4SAR), Chip (KF4WBK), Ron (KO4RON), Dee (KU4GC), Brad (WZ4BSS), Paul (N0US), Lee (KQ4ZZD), Jerry (KR4DTD), Aurora (KN4VXB), Daryl (W4AIR), John (no callsign yet), and Wilson (W4BOH).

Meeting Topics –

- Opening Comments –
 - The entire meeting is focused on Field Day planning.
 - Let's all focus on having a fun, safe Field Day event in a few weeks.
- Field Day –
 - Note that a video of the entire Membership Meeting is available on YouTube. These minutes will only highlight topics that were discussed. Please watch the YouTube video (link below) to get a comprehensive review of the meeting.
 - Dave (W4SAR) gave an overview of how the DFMA and OCRA organizations came together to have a joint Field Day operation. He also reviewed some of the core plans, rules, station setup, and additional activities surrounding Field Day.
 - Bruce reviewed the main sections of a K3/K3S reference guide that he put together to help Field Day operators quickly reference some key functions available on the Elecraft transceivers that will be used at Field Day. He will send a full, multi-page reference to the OCRA/DFMA reflector.
 - Simulated QSO training was provided by several members. Bruce and Laurie acted as several different stations calling CQ (running) during Field Day. Bob and Aurora acted as operators at the OCRA/DFMA Field Day site responding to the stations calling CQ. They were operating as if they were searching and pouncing. Dave logged the calls in N3FJP as the exchanges were given. There were several key points in making exchanges and logging the information during the simulated training. All are highly encouraged to watch the YouTube video (link below) to get a refresher before operating in Field Day.
 - Dave added specific highlights of the N3FJP logging software that were not covered in the simulated training.
 - Thank you to John (KM4MDR) for his willingness to lead the coordination of the Friday evening potluck dinner at Field Day. John provided an overview of the event and request to those who will be attending. Please read the emails John has sent to the OCRA/DFMA reflector on this subject. You can also watch the YouTube video (link below) to get all the information that John shared in the meeting.
 - If you would like to sign up for operating time during Field Day, please contact the appropriate band captain(s).

- Closing Comments
 - See you at Field Day!
 - The next OCRA Membership Meeting will take place on Monday, July 14.
- The YouTube video for the full meeting can be found at the following link -
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OIJhxJvh7Ks&t=3s>

Respectfully submitted,
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