



## Pine Valley Repeater, LTD-W9PVR

The October 16, 2023 monthly meeting of the W9PVR Amateur Radio Club was held at the Galaxie Skate Center in Richland Center.

The meeting was called to order by President, Mike Kaufman, at 7:00 P.M.

The following members attended in person: Mike Kaufman (WB9SLI), Phil Wallace (KC9QQQ), Rodney Arneson (KD9POL), Earl Streeter (KD9YCQ), Jeff Williams (N7TTQ), and Linda Kaufman (KC9HHF).

ZOOM participants included David Schoettler (W1MOZ), Les Hyland (KA9USV), Keith Johnson (KC9ZZW) Ray Gill (WX4RAY), Chris Kanable (KC9CMD), and Ralph Hendrickson (KC9LBO).

Visitors in Person: Justin Sommerfeld (KD9EFN), Daniel Brown (WX9E) and his wife Dailene Brown

The minutes of the 09/19/2023 meeting were approved as printed on motion of Phil Wallace, seconded by Les Hyland. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Ralph Hendrickson. The Club has a bank balance of \$2,554.42. The report was approved on motion of Les Hyland, seconded by Jeff Williams. Motion carried.

The Net Control Operators for the month of November will be as follows:

November 5-Jeff Williams; November 12-Earl Streeter; November 19-Jeff Williams; November 26-Phil Wallace

Club's sandwich board bill further update: Actual bill not received yet (previously only given estimates)—Phil Wallace will go to Hynek Printing tomorrow regarding the bill.

Phil Wallace is willing to make new audio files (meeting information, etc.) for the W9PVR website. No updates have been done for several years to the site. Ray Gill has volunteered to work with the website to update it. David Schoettler is also willing to be involved in the process and attempt to gain access to the website. Former member, Josh Roskos, has password information for the website. Ralph Hendrickson will contact Adam Rastall for Josh's phone number to follow up with him on the passwords needed to access the website. From some searching while at the meeting, it appears that the Club's name is registered for the website through DreamHost.com, so it is not in Josh's name. Having the Club's name in the registration may be helpful for members to access and work on the site. It was suggested that in the future, all Board members should have knowledge of the password to the domain—not just one person. The Club President could have a "welcome letter" on the site, member information and club information can be posted (no information will be posted that could cause the Club or a Club member a security problem). Photos are encouraged to be provided for the website. Repeater information could be posted. Updates should be posted monthly. Daniel Brown said that the Yellow Thunder Radio Club uses a free website called HamClubOnline.com. Donations are welcomed and accepted to the Online group.

Brian Guillot (KJ6UYV) had provided the Club with two options on a battery backup for the Club's trailer at the last meeting, but there was no action taken at this meeting. It was decided that any decision to purchase a battery would be better for a 2024 spring meeting since the trailer is mainly parked for many months and not being used.

Brian Guillot discussed the idea of having a combined "social time" for area amateur radio operators in Richland, Vernon and Crawford Counties at the last Club meeting. This would not be a meeting but rather a gathering for

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radio enthusiasts to meet others in our area. Phil Wallace had graciously offered to host such an event (possibly in January) at the Galaxie Skate Center. Brian had previously offered to acquire the lists of radio operators for further discussion at another meeting, but he was not at the meeting tonight. Daniel and Dailene Brown offered to contact the Yellow Thunder Radio Club with information about a social gathering in the future if such a gathering takes place. Grant County may also be included. This item was tabled for tonight's meeting.

There was discussion as to changing the monthly meeting nights from the third Monday of the month to the second Monday of the month. We realize that anyone can have a conflict with the date/time approved, but we are trying to include as many members as possible in the decision. Members involved with the local and area fire departments cannot attend Club meetings on the first or third Mondays due to their department meetings/activities. A motion was made by Ralph Hendrickson, seconded by Rodney Arneson to move the monthly Club meeting to the SECOND MONDAY of each month still at the 7:00 p.m. start time and still at the Galaxie Skate Center. This change will be effective at the November 13, 2023 meeting. Motion carried.

Phil Wallace has again graciously offered to host the Christmas/holiday party at the Galaxie Skate Center to coincide with the monthly meeting in December. Therefore, the monthly meeting date in December is the 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. but the social time and pizza/water/soft drinks will begin in advance of the meeting—probably starting at 5:30 p.m. More information will be sent to the members when it gets closer. We will ask people to respond whether they can attend or not to give an approximate number to Phil for food preparation.

Earl Streeter is looking for a radio, and there is a Kenwood rig stored with other Club items in Mike Kaufman's airplane hangar. Jeff Williams is willing to review/evaluate the radio prior to the radio being loaned to Earl for a possible sale. Jeff will need the model information to do further research on the radio. Any item loaned to a Club member will need to have a receipt signed by the member who has it on loan, so that the Club has a record of such for their inventory information.

Justin Sommerfeld, Pack 38 Scout Leader, from Spring Green attended tonight's meeting as a follow-up to his original request this past summer for the Club, if interested, to participate and provide radio equipment for a Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) event on October 21<sup>st</sup> from 10-2. It was acceptable to the Club to provide the trailer and possibly 2 radios for communication to the Scouts' event. Phil Wallace has offered to take the Club's trailer to the Richland Airport at Sextonville on Friday, and Jeff Williams has offered to be the Club Member in charge of the trailer/equipment/usage at the event with the Scouts. Other Club members are welcome to be a part of this event as well. Justin will also bring games for learning related to electronics for the Scouts when they are not operating the radios under Jeff's control. City Mayor, Todd Coppernoll, approved the usage of the airport for this event per his conversation with Mike Kaufman.

Motion to adjourn at 8:06 P.M. was made by Les Hyland, seconded by Ralph Hendrickson. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Kaufman KC9HHF

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