

Fulton Amateur Radio Club
Meeting Minutes
January 22, 2025

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by President **Ken Ellsworth (N2GFG)** at **7:00 PM**.

Announcements

- None.

Guests

- None.

Approval of Previous Minutes

The minutes from the October meeting were read by the Secretary.

- **Motion to approve:** Dave Granoff
- **Seconded by:** Rick Boutell
- **Motion carried.**

Treasurer's Report

Report presented by **Rick Boutell**.

- **Total balance:** \$906.27
- **Motion to approve:** Garrette
- **Seconded by:** Al
- **Motion carried.**

Committee Reports

RACES (Mike)

- No report.

Field Day

- Scheduled for **June 28–29, 2025**.
- Awaiting **ARRL Rules and Regulations** release.
- Awaiting **report from Mike** regarding Fort Ontario as a potential site.

Education (Redd)

- No General Class currently scheduled.
- If there is interest, a class could be organized by March.
- Proposed returning to the **pre-COVID class schedule**:
 - Technician Course in the **fall** (after peak club visibility during spring/summer events).
 - General Course in the **spring**.
 - No summer classes due to member availability.
- Planning for the **next Technician course** should begin soon.
- Self-study support remains available for any license level.

Public Service

- Currently reaching out to event sponsors/directors.
- Preliminary event schedule:
 - **Autism Run** may take place around **St. Patrick's Day (March)**.
 - **Tour de Loop** may return in **August**.
 - **Fair Haven Triathlon** is being discussed for **September**.

Old Business

Dave Webb's Equipment

- Inventory has been completed by **Ken** and will be shared with the club.

Repeater Status

- Current range remains limited due to **height and power constraints**.
- Open to future discussions for **potential improvements**.

Christmas Party

- **Date:** Saturday, **December 13, 2025**
- **Location:** RFH
- **Time:** 12:30 PM

Club Bank Account & Incorporation Status

- Need to determine **non-profit status and EIN.**
- **Bank account updates:**
 - **Rick** has been added.
 - **Paul and Bob** are being removed.
 - **Ken** will be added soon.

New Business

Secretary Position

- The club is **seeking a replacement** for the Secretary due to **personal conflicts.**
- A new Secretary will need to be in place by **summer 2025.**

Encouraging New/Younger Members

- Discussion on outreach efforts, including:
 - **Boy & Girl Scouts, teachers, schools, and other community organizations.**
 - Collaboration with **neighboring clubs:**
 - **RAGS (Radio Amateurs of Greater Syracuse)**
 - **LARC (Liverpool Amateur Radio Club)**
 - **QCWA (Quarter Century Wireless Association)**
 - **Bear Bait Radio Club**
 - Participation in the **Maker Faire in Syracuse.**

Rotary Club Presentation

- **Dave Granoff** invited club officers to present at an **Oswego Rotary Club meeting.**
- **Date TBD.**

Repeater Interference Issue

- Discussion on reports of possible **WSPT387 GMRS call interference**.
- No formal action taken at this time.

Remote Operation Discussion

- **Dave Granoff** suggested using **Google Remote Desktop** for remote shack operation.
- This free service would allow members to **remotely access his station** for operations.

Next Meeting

- **Date:** Wednesday, **February 26, 2025**

Adjournment

- **Motion to adjourn:** Ben
- **Seconded by:** Ken
- **Motion carried.**
- **Meeting adjourned at 8:02 PM.**

Educational Presentation

- **Presenter:** Ben Townsend (AK2X)
- **Topic:** Overview of the **club website and social media** functionality.
- **Discussion:** Ways to enhance and better utilize the club's digital presence.