



Meeting Date: 9/2/2025
7:30pm – 9:00pm
Zoom Meeting Call

Palmetto Amateur Radio Club

General Meeting Minutes

1) Call to Order by President

- *Pledge allegiance to Flag* **Done!**
- *Board Members Present:* 5
- *Board Members Absent:* 0
- Attendance: 12
- General Meeting Minutes approved for [Last Month] **APPROVED**

2) Repeater Status Report (Michael Samokieszyn)

We now have access to repeater site. The receiving desk now has Mikes name on list. Mike will be making a visit to site (9/5/25) to swap out an old duplexer with the spare duplexer we have. He will evaluate the CANS to see if the receiving CAN is just out of tune or non-functional. He will measure the old antenna bracket holding our commercial grade antenna. We have a new bracket generously donated by Ricky Eaton and Eric Rodriguez to replace the old one. Mike is also hoping to repair x2 amps we have at the site that are not functioning well. Currently VHF repeater is running at 10 watts and the UHF repeater is running at 35 watts. Both repeaters are working and functional and require members to get on them and have some QSOs.

3) Treasurer's Report (Jim Schwantes)

We have made \$33.00 in August to Support of Merchandise. Treasurers report posted to Board of Directors Groups.io page.

4) ARRL Testing Report (David Pomerantz)

ARRL testing continues to be available however we have not had a test session since June 2025. ARRL made an announcement that they are moving forward from standard paper testing to online (Zoom) testing. We haven't begun moving in that direction yet, but if the final order comes down then we will begin testing the process before rolling it out to prospective candidates. Our next test session is September 13th.

5) PARC Hoppers Report

Nemury, our vice president, gave us a report from our August PARChopper's event at Oleta River State Park. Setup was x2 Antennas about 200 feet apart with approx. 8 people in attendance. 1 QRP radio and 1 100w radio used to make contacts. There was no need for band pass filters at the park due to the antenna distance. The park is POTA activation park but the group did not activate the park. Nemury explained to the group the mechanics of being a hunter first so they can learn how to interact with other POTA stations.



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The band conditions were not ideal, but fortunately they did make a few contacts and all appeared to have a great time. Nemury suggests the club go back to Oleta again as it was a good spot for the club.

The next PARC Hopper Field Day will be held at Quiet Waters Park, Deerfield Beach, FL. The event is scheduled for September 20, 2025 at 8:00am. The location will be the same place as the last time. The precise location will be posted on the PARC website.

6) Other Notes during Meeting

Our Social Media Liaison – Diane noted that she is moving to include club members in our social media postings on Instagram for Meet Monday. When you get an email requesting some information, please respond to her.

K4PAL Mascot –K4PAL has a mascot, the Alligator, and he or she needs a name. We need to name the mascot, so we are looking for suggestions for a name.

RT Systems Software – A few of us who have mobiles and handheld radios have been using RT Systems software to program our radios. Some of the manufacturers have they offered their own software but we, including myself, found that RT Systems is so easy to use and program your radios. For approx. \$25-\$30 for the software, we all agreed it's well worth it. It was even mentioned to reach out to RT Systems for them to do a short seminar during one of our general meetings.

Carol Sjurson (KJ4AWB) brought up need for volunteers to man shelters when during Hurricane season a shelter is opened up (1 of 35 possible shelters in Broward County). Broward County has 5 Special Needs Shelters and 10 Hospital shelters in need of volunteers. You can bring your own handheld or mobile radio setup with you. The locations have Metz Antennas available for use in the emergency.

7) Adjournment by President



at 9:00 pm EST