

PCARC Meeting Minutes

June 6th, 2026

Attendees

In-Person: Tom Miller (KB3CVO), John (JD) Denchak (N3JJD), Kurt Hepschmidt (K3HEP), Rich Luxbacher (WA3ENQ), Mark Feltman (N3RPM), and Clyde Osterhout (KC3YRS)

Virtual: Matt Morrison (KB3PSN)

Opening

A meeting of the Perry County Amateur Radio Club was held on this date at the Duncannon EMS Building. The meeting was called to order at 1903 by Tom Miller.

As the club secretary is absent this evening, Matt M. volunteered to keep the minutes of the meeting.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and Kurt H. made a motion to approve the minutes. JD seconded the motion. Vote was held and passed unanimously.

Reports

The treasurer's report was read. To date, the club account has \$1001.54. No deposit or expenses were reported for the past month. Rich L. made a motion to accept the treasurer's report, Kurt H. seconded the motion. Vote was held and passed unanimously.

Old Business

Several items are on the agenda this evening. However, the agenda is comprised entirely of old business, and no significant updates are expected on the agenda items, nor are they time sensitive. Due to the proximity of Field Day 2026, Tom M. made a motion to table all business not related to Field Day until next meeting. JD seconded the motion. A vote was held and passed unanimously.

Field Day

Details for Field Day were discussed at length and ultimately the following plans were agreed upon and tasks assigned to the identified individuals -

Field Day will be held at Mark's house. The location is at 153 Pisgah State Road, Shermans Dale, PA 17090.

Matt M. was assigned to write a brief article for the newspaper. Once completed, he will forward to Tom and Gloria Miller who will submit to the newspaper for the bonus. Matt plans to complete this task within the next 24 hours.

Matt M. was also assigned to write a letter to an elected official. He will complete this and send it to officers for review prior to mailing. The club intends to invite Traci Wilt, a local judge, to the field day event.

Mark F. was assigned to be the safety officer for Field Day. A checklist is available on the ARRL website to print and complete during the event.

Matt M. was assigned to post the Field Day flyer to the club's social media pages and website for bonus points.

Several members intend to bring radios and antennas. There will likely be 3-4 positions available for operating during the event. The final number will be determined on the day of Field Day once equipment is set up. As a temporary club set up at an unusual location, the club intends to operate in the A class for field day.

A VHF station was considered but is yet undetermined if it will be used. Will be evaluated at the event during setup.

Matt M. has the club login information for the N3FJP logging software. Mark F. reports that there should be a wireless access point at the location this year for a shared network between logging computers. Mark still has 2 computers that were used for logging last year and should have the software installed. Rich L. also has 2 computers and will take them to the event for logging. Matt M. reports that he should be available by phone or other contact methods to assist with networking, if necessary, during the setup phase.

Mark F. reports that he will have food available and has plenty of bottled water and coffee. Members are encouraged to bring a side dish or snacks to contribute to the event.

Initial setup for the event will be done the night before Field Day. Members are encouraged to meet at Marks house at 1800 on Friday, June 26th to assist. No official time is set for Saturday morning, Mark is open to members arriving whenever they feel comfortable.

New Business

There were no topics brought for new business.

Open Discussion

Matt M. reports that a family member of his may be interested in taking his license exam at the August exam session. If that does occur, Matt will not be permitted to participate in the session as a VE. A total of 3 VE's minimum will be necessary, and a lead person will need to run the session. Further planning can be discussed as the date approaches.

Mark F. reports that his investments for the club repeater and emergency communications equipment project have accrued approximately \$3500, but the market has been fluctuating, and that value changes from day to day. He will wait until the club is ready to receive the funds to withdraw for the time being.

Adjournment

Tom M. made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Kurt seconded the motion. A vote was held and passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 2000.

Next club event will be the Field Day setup and Field Day event.

Setup to begin on Friday, June 26th at 1800

Field Day to begin on Saturday, June 27th. Members can arrive in the morning, on-air operation begins at 1400.

Next club meeting will be held on July 9th, 2026.

Please watch for location announcements.