

**N7LGN Amateur Radio Club**  
**28 August 2024 - Minutes for the General Meeting**  
**Meeting Location: American Legion Hall Post 113, 22 W. Broadway Ave., Meridian, Idaho**  
**Amended and Approved on September 25, 2024**

**Meeting:** Richard Dees called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM and led the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

**Officers Present:** President: Rich Dees, Vice President David Hunter; Secretary/Treasurer: Alicia Bunnell

**Introduction of Attendees:** (11 Present) Rich Dees W7BOI, David Hunter N7MKY, Alicia Bunnell W7YUT, Jonathan Hoffmeier KE0JRH, Chuck Crooks W7CSC, Annette Hunter KK7AYJ, Dean Bunnell W7DBX, Ron Giuntini KB7GK, Preston Gilliam NR6L, Kevin Evenson KG7CHH, Tim Blodgett KK7UBI

**Reading of Minutes:** Previous meeting minutes were posted/circulated and read. Minutes were approved as amended.

**Treasurer's Report:** \$2,301.01 Alicia reported the financials for the period ending July. Financials reported for the periods ending May and June was \$2,259.01. Motion to approve and seconded.

**Committee Reports:**

- Repeater: David reported the repeater is working great.
- Nets: Rich reported the following:
  - 1) 94 Net – Meets on Thursdays at 7:00 PM on 146.94
  - 2) Simplex Net – Meets on Thursdays at 7:30 PM on 147.420
  - 3) Net Control Operators – Volunteers are needed. Rich weeks 1 and 2; Kevin week 3; Jonathan Week 4.

**Activities/Announcements:**

- Sept. 7: Star Ham Radio Swap Meet – Saturday at 8 am to 12 pm. Location: Star Riverwalk Park, 979 S. Main Street, Website: <https://starhamradio.com> for information. Contact: Chris Cox N7CCOX at [ccox1956@hotmail.com](mailto:ccox1956@hotmail.com)
- September 21: Ham Test - Time:10 am. RSVP required – No Walk-Ins; contact Rich Dees
- **September 25: Next N7LGN Ham Club Meeting – Wednesday at 7 pm (pizza at 6:45 pm)**
- September 29: Elmer in the House". Sunday at 2 pm (a week after Ham Test). Bart Hill will show his Go Kit
- **October 23: Next N7LGN Ham Club Meeting – Wednesday at 7 pm (pizza at 6:45 pm)**
- **November 28: Thanksgiving – No Club Meeting**
- December 18: Christmas Party. White Elephant Potluck Christmas Party.
- January 25, 2025 – Winter Field Day – Potluck; to be hosted by David and Annette

**Presentation:**

“Installing Mobile Ham Radio” by David Hunter. David shared his experience with five installations he did and provided some guidelines. Briefly, you make a choice – how do you want your radio powered, i.e., bands/frequencies you want to use, type of antenna, where do you want to run the wire. New vehicles have accessory grommets; if you don't know where it is - ask. Think of the bands/frequencies, type of antenna you want, i.e. permanent or removable, window or nano mount, clip or drill; the connections to be used i.e. ring terminals, banana plugs, crimp connectors. How do you want to mount your radio such as magnet mount; bracket mount; 3D printed mount, velcro. Never rush your installation. Sit in the driver/passenger seat and check i.e. powering/location of your radio – think of the future as to what else you want to do. Make sure you read the Manual – you need to know how many amps are needed. David mentioned some hams may fall under some categories, i.e. Minimalist: Use HT and rubber duck antenna or simple exterior antenna that clips on window. Hobbyists: simple fender mount, Yaesu FTM 500, CAT5 cable run to main radio body under passenger seat, mic plugs into side head unit; Enthusiasts – takes it up to the next level, and there is the Fanatic has multiple antennas this is fine if you don't use a car wash. Clean-Up is important after everything is installed to prevent snagging and possible disconnections of power or antenna. Some items in the presentation are available at: [www.N7MKY.com](http://www.N7MKY.com) it is under N7LGN menu, then go to the bottom and click Amazon. If you don't want to drill holes in your vehicle, you can have your mobile radio installed; a contact at Best Buy is Brandon Hanson (mobile installation department); he loves ham radio projects, and the price was approximately \$190. Don't forget to take photos of your mobile ham radio installation and share!

**Business.**

- Elmer in the House. Quarterly Elmer in the House on Sunday at 2 pm - a week after the Ham Test.
- Net Control Operators: Need Volunteers.

**New Business:**

- TALRAC – Sunday evenings at 8 pm on Echolink.
- ARRL Dan Marler to run for Director – don't forget to vote (ARRL members)
- HT 1000 donation request for Am. Legion in Puerto Rico for Emergency. Matt Wrobel W7LGN plans to ship Oct 1.

**Give Away Drawing:** None

**Meeting Adjourned at:** 8:20 PM      **Secretary:** Alicia Bunnell W7YUT