

# Amateur Radio Club at Kansas State University WØQQQ

## Minutes - April 4, 2018

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Members present were adviser Vern, WØVMP, and secretary-treasurer David, KAØJPM.

President James Copeland, KDØICP, called the meeting to order at 6:33 P.M.

There was discussion on the [Center for Student Involvement](#), as the student organization renewal process needs attention this semester. We will gather a bit of information, and one of the officers will submit the renewal online. One item related to this is updating our membership list.

[All-University Open House](#) is coming right up... on Saturday, April 7, from 9:00 A to 3:00 P. Weather won't be the best, peaking at 41° F, but we're expected to be sunny and dry. There's a forecast of 1" to 3" of snow on Friday. Saturday will have some element of wait-and-see to it, as we finalize who's available. Also, we no longer have a legal banner, as we're an independent student organization, and the [current club banner](#) has a picture of Willie on it, and our now-illegal KSUARC club name.

During the February 2018 [ARRL School Club Roundup](#), KSUARC placed [6th nationally](#) in the College/University division. Among our QSOs was a KSU member from 1971 - 1974, Harold "Jack" Meadows, W7QQQ, who is immortalized in our club on the [1960s - 70s members list](#).

Our beloved club station radiator (no... not one of the antennas) is leaking condensate return, and we hope to have that looked at by Facilities shortly.

There was discussion about recruiting members, as we are running low of late. President Copeland suggested that we correlate names of K-State students with area amateur radio licenses, with the goal of targeting people who might be interested.

There was an epic ragchew after the club-related matters had been covered. The #1 topic was AM broadcast radio, especially including broadcast patterns, as they relate to radials and towers. Adviser Vern Wirka, WØVMP, will be retiring toward the end of this year, and that led to topics involved with broadcast radio, since he also advises KSDB. Vern worked with broadcast radio in Nebraska for many years, and had fun stories for us about keeping stations' antenna systems compliant with FCC standards, so the signal is clean and radiated efficiently. One of the challenges in recent years is the appearance of so many cellular phone towers. They're capable of messing with a broadcast station's pattern. We had a fine discussion on a number of topics. You should come to a meeting sometime!

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 P.M.

club members in attendance:  
President: James Copeland, KDØICP  
Secretary-Treasurer, David Yoder, KAØJPM  
Adviser: Vern Wirka, WØVMP

May the 4th be with you!  
David Yoder, KAØJPM  
Secretary-Treasurer

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