



**USS Batfish & USS Oklahoma Amateur Radio Club (<https://ussbatfisharc.com>)**

**Meeting Location: Oklahoma War Memorial And Museum**

**Meeting Minutes 03-May-2025**

**Officers:** President - Mike Manring AE5QL, Vice-President - Earl Stutzman KG5EWK  
Treasurer - Gary Burch W5ODS, Secretary - John Martin W5EJK  
Trustee - Wade Harris WA5DE, Webmaster - Michelle Carey W5MQC

The May 3rd, 2025 Batfish & Oklahoma Amateur Radio Club meeting was a combination of in-person and Zoom. Total attendance was 11, consisting of 7 in-person and 4 Zoom. The requirements for a quorum were met. Mike Manring called the meeting to order at 10:13 local time.

Minutes of the April 5th, 2025 meetings were read. A motion to accept the minutes was made, seconded, and passed.

The Treasurer reported that the Club has a Cash-On-Hand balance of \$1,709.64.

**Old Business:**

- 1) Jim Erb reported that the Muskogee War Memorial Park is now the Oklahoma War Memorial And Museum. He introduced a visitor, Wren Stratton, who spoke briefly. Jim has been busy with a motor cycle group that is coming to the Museum soon. He also stated that there is now much less time pressure to move the Museum.
- 2) Mike and Dan fixed the problem of emails not being delivered to some members. It seemed to be related to a Mail Chimp junk mail issue.
- 3) Wade gave a short report on Green Country. He stated that there was lower than normal attendance and apparently much more bargain hunting.
- 4) The Club's QSL cards status was discussed. The new card order needs to show the new Museum name, card size selection, and what images to use. Wade has not received updated price quotes from card printers.
- 5) Wade gave a status report of the planned Club activities for the 80th anniversary of the end of WWII. Some event decisions were made.
- 6) The Club intends to participate in the Museum Ships Weekend event scheduled for June 7th and 8th. The Club is now registered for the event. Ray has planned to have the tower trailer at the Museum around noon Friday the 6th and some Club members will be at the Museum about the same time. Operations are planned to run from 19:00 hours Friday until sometime Sunday morning.



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- 1) The four very heavy computer displays donated by Michelle Carrey's company are at the Museum on a trailer and they need to be unloaded after the meeting today. The software and hardware required to drive the monitors was talked about briefly.
- 2) Jim Erb questioned what Morse Code message is being flashed by the Batfish signal light. He does not want the message to reference the Museum. John Martin will get an answer.
- 3) It was mentioned that Jess Austin Goins, KF5EZJ, became a silent key 15-Aug-2024. He had at one time been our Club's president. At some of our Club events he set up his satellite tracking antennas and system.
- 4) John Martin gave a short show-and-tell of a \$10.00 remote control key fob and receiver kit available on amazon.

The next Club meeting is scheduled for Saturday June 7th, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:44 local time.

John Martin, Secretary