



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

Meeting Location: Oklahoma War Memorial And Museum

Meeting Minutes 07-Jun-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 June 7th, 2025 Batfish & Oklahoma Amateur Radio Club meeting was a combination of in-person and Zoom. Total attendance was 8, consisting of 7 in-person and 1 Zoom. The requirements for a quorum were met. Mike Manring called the meeting to order at 10:05 local time.

Minutes of the May 3rd, 2025 meetings were read. A motion to accept the minutes, with a mention of Wren Stratton being a Trust Board member, was made, seconded, and passed.

The Treasurer reported that the Club has a Cash-On-Hand balance of \$1,729.64.

Old Business:

- 1) Jim Erb gave a status report of the Oklahoma War Memorial and Museum. He stated that the Port Muskogee, Kimbra Scott director, under control of the Muskogee City-County Port Authority, will close public access to the Museum by erecting a fence across Batfish Road. After that date, Club members will no longer have access to any of our equipment or parts. Jim said that any items we want must be removed by the end of the Field Day event.
- 2) A motion to move the July meeting date from July 5th to June 28th was made, seconded, and passed.
- 3) A motion to have the Club's Field Day event at the Museum on July 27th, 28th, and 29th was made, seconded, and passed.
- 4) Field Day was discussed. The tower trailer will be available, and there are probably enough old QSL cards to cover any requests.
- 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) John Martin gave a brief project history report on Batfish Signal Light construction and operation. Repair and refurbishment of the Signal Light, as well construction and programming of the Signal Light controller was started and completed during the month of June, 2016. The Morse Code message being flashed has always been "WELCOME ABOARD BATFISH SS310 AMATEUR RADIO CLUB". Brent Trout offered to give a free Museum admission to any visitor who could decode the message – in eight years only one visitor managed to do this.



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New Business:

- 1) There was some discussion of how the Radio Club had been a long-term part of the Museum.
- 2) A motion to spend approximately \$200.00 to renew the Club's insurance was made, seconded, and passed.

The next Club meeting is scheduled for Saturday June 28th, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:47 local time.

John Martin, Secretary