



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

Meeting Location: Oklahoma War Memorial And Museum

Meeting Minutes 02-Aug-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 August 2nd, 2025 Batfish & Oklahoma Amateur Radio Club meeting was in-person and Zoom. Total attendance was 9, consisting of 6 in-person and 3 Zoom. The requirements for a quorum met. Mike Manring called the meeting to order at 10:26 local time.

Minutes of the June 7th, 2025 meetings were read.

Minutes of the June 28th, 2025 meetings were read.

A motion to accept the minutes was made, seconded, and passed.

The Treasurer had reported that the Club has a Cash-On-Hand balance of \$1,529.64. Mike Manring or Gary Burch will write a \$100.00 check to the Museum related to Field Day.

Old Business:

- 1) Jim Erb gave a status report of the Oklahoma War Memorial and Museum. An assortment of some of the Museum's artifacts are now displayed in seven cases at Port Muskogee's Three Forks Harbor building Monday through Friday during business hours. James Gulley, the Museum Trust Board President, has said there will be free admission to those displays. A locking donations receptacle will be constructed. A new computer has been acquired to run the PastPerfect Museum Software used for collections archiving. There are financial issues at the old Museum location concerning utilities and mowing as the City of Muskogee is quickly trying to disassociate itself with the USS Batfish, USS Oklahoma, and the Museum. The US 62 bridge work is estimated to be completed around November 2025. The FEMA flood money for the Museum is still being pursued.
- 2) Wade Harris gave a Museum Ships Weekend report. Approximately 300 contacts were made. Work on processing QSL cards is planned after the September Club meeting is closed.
- 3) Wade Harris also gave a brief Field Day report. The rain, heat, and humidity caused some problems. The event was shut down early to clear the Museum meeting room as Kimbra Scott, the Port Muskogee director, had requested.
- 4) Jim Erb reported that our Club can operate from the Three Forks Harbor building for special events, although the details of exactly what would be allowed were not known.
- 5) Decisions on news QSL cards for the Club will be delayed until future plans for the Club are more clear.
- 6) The Club may have a special event to commemorate the December 7th Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.



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New Business:

No-one offered any new business for discussion.

The next Club meeting is scheduled for Saturday September 6th, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. The meeting location will be at the Port Muskogee's Three Forks Harbor business office in Fort Gibson. The meeting will also be available on Zoom.

There being no further Club business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:23 local time.

John Martin, Secretary