



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

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

### **Meeting Minutes 01-Nov-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 November 1st, 2025 Batfish & Oklahoma Amateur Radio Club meeting was both in-person and Zoom. Total attendance was 7, consisting of 5 in-person and 2 Zoom. The requirements for a quorum met. Mike Manring called the meeting to order at 10:19 local time.

Minutes of the October 4th, 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 \$1,164.64.

#### **Old Business:**

1) Jim Erb reported that nothing has changed with FEMA due to the government shutdown. The US 62 Highway bridge over the Arkansas River should be completed by the end of November. The Chamber of Commerce will have a ribbon cutting event for the Museum's temporary new location November 10th at 4:00 p.m. Jim related some news concerning Facebook, YouTube, and websites for the Museum. Jim and Ronnie Chandler are working on a website for the Museum. The wood deck of the Batfish will need to be replaced at some point.

2) The December 5th through 7th Club event was discussed, but would likely be from Saturday the 6th and Sunday the 7th. Operating only Saturday from 10:00 until 5:00 is an option. There likely will be no overnight sleeping allowed inside the building. It is planned that the tower trailer will be at the Port around 08:00 Saturday, but a location for it has not yet been determined. Possible interference from the high voltage overhead power lines was discussed as an unknown concern. There are at least two locations outside with available power. The WW2OK call sign will be used at the Museum. Also, remote operations using a different call sign was discussed.

3) There was some discussion of the Club's Tower Trailer condition. The batteries are currently charged and seem to be usable. The batteries are very old and battery replacement will be needed at some point which may require changes to the trailer.

4) A report was given on the October 25th Heartland Antique Radio Assn swap meet at Asbury Church. Attendance was low possibly due to the Dallas Antique Radio swap meet the same day and the cold/rainy weather in Tulsa.

5) The new QSL cards were shown. The cost was \$100.00 for 1,000 very nice cards.

#### **New Business:**

1) The Port Muskogee apparently does not have nighttime illumination for the United States flag in front of the building. No action was taken.

2) The Club's membership list and dues were briefly discussed.

The next Club meeting is scheduled for Saturday December 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 11:19 local time.  
John Martin, Secretary