



**USS Batfish & USS Oklahoma
Amateur Radio Club
February 07, 2026 Meeting Minutes**



Officers: President - Mike Manring AE5QL,
Treasurer - Gary Burch W50DS,
Trustee - Wade Harris WA5DE,

Vice-President - Earl Stutzman WB5UUW
Secretary - Wade Harris WA5DE
Webmaster - Mike Manring AE5QL

The February 7th 2026 USS Batfish & USS Oklahoma Amateur Radio Club meeting was held with both in-person and Zoom. Total attendance was 7, consisting of 4 in-person and 3 on Zoom. The requirements for a quorum was met

Mike Manring called the meeting to order at 10:00am local time.

Minutes of the January 3, 2026 meetings was read. A motion to accept the minutes as read was made, seconded, and passed.

The Treasurer had reported that the Club has a Cash-On-Hand balance of \$1,544.64. We also discussed the number of ARRL verses non ARRL members as it does affect the clubs status as a ARRL Club.

Old Business:

- 1.) A review of the Winter Field day was made by Mike Manring AE5QL, telling that the club canceled the event due to extreme cold and snow that weekend.
- 2.) The discussion on the Tower Trailer and its need for new battery replacements. Mike and Wade are going to start researching batteries for the replacement and will report back at the March meeting.
- 3.) A discussion about club operating events and the need for better filtering radios at club events. It was also suggested that we have a tech day to build several switched coaxial Stub filters.
- 4.) A discussion about the Green Country Hamfest, The tower trailer and the desire to install a Remote radio in the trailer and operate the radio from the club table inside the hamfest.

New Business:

- 5.) In Jims Erb's report on the Museum, He indicated that he has submitted a request to allow the radio club to operate from the Museum grounds during the Museum Ships Weekend and for Field Day. He also indicated that he would like to start a letter writing campaign to a number of different people to gain support to the Batfish's Move.
- 6.) A discussion about possible club operating events and if the club wants to get involved.
- 7.) A short discussion about a possible 100 dollar dual Bo-fang radio Repeater that we could build and mount on the tower trailer as a mobile emergency repeater.
- 8.) Wade indicated that he had receiver two paperback books that were received as part of a QSL card request from a contact made on Dec 7 last year. The contact was made by the son of the write who was a WW2 Service member who went ashore on D-Day and went on to write a number of books after the war.

The next club meeting is scheduled for Saturday, March 7th, 2026 at 10:00 am. 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 11:10 am local time.

Wade Harris, Secretary