



**USS Batfish & USS Oklahoma
Amateur Radio Club
April 04, 2026 Meeting Minutes**



**Officers: President - Mike Manring AE5QL,
Treasurer - Gary Burch W5ODS,
Trustee - Wade Harris WA5DE,**

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

The April 4th 2026 USS Batfish & USS Oklahoma Amateur Radio Club meeting was held with both In-person and zoom members. Total attendance was 5, consisting of 4 in-person and 1 on Zoom. The requirements for a quorum were met. Mike Manring called the meeting to order at 10:23 am local time.

Minutes of the March 7, 2026 meetings was read. A motion to accept the minutes, as amended as read was made, seconded, and passed.

The treasurer reported that the club has a cash-on-hand balance of \$1,604.66.

A discussion about Green Country Ham-fest and the issues with even paying the bill for the club tables after the death of the GCH treasurer, and the problems it created. Gary, as part of our clubs treasurers report indicated that he would have to pay the bill once he arrived at the ham-fest because of the problems. He also indicated that we were not able to obtain commercial power at the tables because of the need to run heavy cords across several isles', hindering wheel chair and cart access as well as creating a trip hazard for everyone.

Mike brought up that the tower trailer projects were not going well, and that we would probably not be doing the mesh network and remote HF radio this year because of the delays. It was then discussed to be offered to the TARC as a tower structure for their communications trailer. Wade indicated that he had spoken to the TARC about it and they felt like they did not need it. A plan was created to take the trailer and install the rotatable dipole and if the use it fine, and if not at least it would look good.

The discussion turned to the Tower trailer and Earl said the new set of batteries he received seemed to be doing well and holding a charge, but that he had not load tested them. Mike said that since time was short (before the ham-fest) that we would not try to make any changes before then, and that he would bring jumper cables to the event just in case.

A discussion on Museum Ships Weekend included some of the issues that have been seen from event participants. Both the USS Batfish and USS Oklahoma have been officially entered into the event.

The discussion then moved to the ARRL Field Day. Jim Erb brought up the possible conflicts with the Muskogee Port Authority on allowing anyone on the museum property and also the possibility conflicts with the Bass Pro Fishing Tournament that will be held at three Forks Harbor. Mike indicated that there would be more on Field Day at the May meeting.

A follow up on the review of the clubs constitution and By-laws included that Wade had not sent the current revisions out to anyone other than the officers because he did not have a current list of paid members, and felt the review should be limited to them. Mike indicated that he would get the list and get the email sent out.



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A discussion was held about the decline in membership and what the club could do about it. V.E. testing and overnight stealth operation's from the boat was jokingly discussed.

Discussions on the possibility of the club holding a ham fest or an outdoor swap meet at the three forks parking lot.

Discussions then moved to the membership list and how best to manage the list.

Discussion on the clubs website and web hosting service whose bill is pending.

New business discussions mainly circled around the upcoming Green Country Ham-fest and who all was bringing what to the event and what museum displays as well as what club equipment was needed to create the club table display.

There being no further club business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:33 am local time.

Signed

**Wade Harris,
Secretary**