



USS Batfish & USS Oklahoma Amateur Radio Club March 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 March 7th 2026 USS Batfish & USS Oklahoma Amateur Radio Club meeting was held with both In-person and Zoom members. Total attendance was 8, consisting of 4 in-person and 4 on Zoom. The requirements for a quorum were met. Mike Manring called the meeting to order at 10:09 am local time.

Minutes of the Feb 7, 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.

A discussion on the clubs tower trailer, and its need for new batteries. Earl Stutzman announced that he had secured a string of the small set of forklift batteries for use on the tower trailer. They were donated from Bruce Barnett of the BAARC. Earl was still working on charging the batteries Earl also discussed the possibility of using batteries from Amazon Returns. Neither Mike nor Wade had a chance to research the cost of new batteries.

Bruce Denny brought up the antenna issues with the Yagi on the tower trailer and a discussion on what could be done to fix it. The traps coil forms are old and brittle and broken in many places.

The subject of Green Country Ham fest was brought up. The Tables and the problems of the website for billing, and the plans for the tower trailer were all discussed.

Mike and Wade are working on the Remote station on the club tower trailer. Mike is working on a mesh network system and it was still a work in process.

The Subject of MSW 26 was brought up and we are a go at the old Museum location to meet the event rules to be on or next to the boats. We will be operating Field Day style, outside in tents. We will have limited access to the museum building and its bathrooms, but there is not much room to set up any stations inside. The only real nicety is we still have use of the refrigerator and freezer to keep our food and drinks cold.

A follow up discussion on the remote station at the hamfest was brought up and addressed. It included who was going to operate the radio, why we're doing it as well as what modes, were available.

A review of the Club Constitution and its By-laws was brought up and discussed. It was agreed that we should be review it every few years and that it's time to do it again. Wade is to send out the current version to all paid club members for all members to review and make suggested changes.

A discussion about the email distribution list, how large it has become and how few members are actually paid members. Privacy issues in the list were also brought up, and wither or not we really need them.

A further discussion about the possibility of the club holding a swap meet at the new port location or the museum if we would be allowed back. Ray also indicated that the green Country Hamfest group is planning to hold an outdoor swap meet sometime in October in the same parking lot as the big ham fest.

Jim, brought up that there is a new E-911 address for the new batfish Museum at three forks marina. He was not certain of the new address, but until the Batfish is moved over, it's kind of a moot point. There was also a discussion about the current Batfish Road Address and the Batfish road signs.

A discussion about the use of the club tables at the ham fest and if club members can use the space to sell small portions of their personal equipment instead of renting a whole table. Mike brought up the need for the club to get power at the tables at the ham fest. Jim Made a motion to have the club pay for the electric, but Mike said that he would donate the approximant 50 dollars for the service.

A short discussion was had on the revamping of the all branches memorial at the new location to include the new Space Force branch of service. It is too early to tell if the space force will be required to be added and where the money to add them would come from.



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Mike brought up the clubs website domain name and web site hosting service when has sent the club a renewal letter. The renewal is for the next 5 years for a total of \$265.00 (\$53.00 per year) A motion was made by Wade to have the club reimburse Mike as soon as partial, for the proposed cost to renew the Clubs domain name and web hosting service for the next 5 years. Motion was seconded by Jim Erb and the motion passed unanimously.

The next club meeting is scheduled for Saturday, May 2ed, 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 11:34 am local time.

Wade Harris, Secretary