



**USS Batfish & USS Oklahoma
Amateur Radio Club
May 02, 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 May 2ed 2026 USS Batfish & USS Oklahoma Amateur Radio Club meeting was held with both In-person and zoom members present. Total attendance was 8, consisting of 5 in-person and 3 on Zoom. The requirements for a quorum were met. Mike Manring called the meeting to order at 10:20 am local time.

Minutes of the April 4th, 2026 meetings was read. A motion to accept the minutes, as read was made, seconded, and passed.

The treasurer reported that the club has a cash-on-hand balance of \$1,614.64 showing a \$30 expense for the Green Country Ham Fest Tables.

The discussion turned to the Tower trailer batteries and after a discussion about them, a discussion was made to have Earl bring the replacement battery string to Museum Ships Weekend and we would try and get the bad cells replaced while the tower is being used for the event.

A recap of the Green Country Ham Fest was made from several people including the severe storms and lots of rain and lighting which prevented the deployment of the club tower trailer. We were not the only club having to leave their trailers behind because of rain and storms. Over all it seemed that everyone had a good time, except maybe Mike who was left at home recovering from his surgery a few days before.

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.

An update on the tower trailer Remote station indicated that the project had stalled and would not get completed soon due to several issues including Mike's health issues on the mesh-tastic side and the need for internet connections on the remote station.

The topic moved to Museum Ships Weekend , which will be held at the Museum with the Batfish. We will be operating field day style as the museum building does not have room to host us. Also, the museum board is hoping to get some inventory type work out of us in exchange for our weekend at the boat. Jim has also asked for moving a cement Cannae from OSU to the outside. Mike as asked for a to-do list. Food and Facilities were then discussed as well as the condition of the field. Wade indicated that both call signs were on the MWS26 list, but they had the html hyper link to the museum listed wrong, but that he would contact them to get it corrected. Further discussions included removing club inventory from the sheds and what to do with it.

A motion to spend up to \$150 for food for the MSW26 event was by Jim and Seconded by Wade and the motion passed.



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Jim then made a report on the museum. Which include money delivered to the museum from the state of Oklahoma which is in jeopardy of being lost if not used and the problems in dealing with the port. Jim also indicated that he will be set up at the IPE building in Tulsa having a museum presence at the Route 66 100th Anniversary car show.

The discussion then moved to the ARRL Field Day. Jim Erb would like to have us do field day at the new location at the port. More discussion will happen at the June Meeting.

There was no update on payment to the clubs web site hosting service. Mike said it's not due till the end of the year.

A brief discussion on the possibility of the club holding a ham fest of its own was had.

John then opened a dialog on what the museum was going to do if and when the time came to move the artifacts.

There being no further club business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:34 am local time.

Signed

**Wade Harris,
Secretary**