

AJARC

Meeting Agenda March 3rd, 2026

Location: Old Oak Tap Room

Present: ## Members, # Guests, Bryan Smith (AA4BS), Brian Thacker (KQ4OBR) Vice-President, Larry Whiteside (KN4MVH) Sec/Treasurer

Next meeting: Tuesday, April 7th, 2026, 19:00, Old Oak Tap Room, Tusculum

Meeting

Meeting will be called to order, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, and a prayer.

1. Roll call of attendees/call signs

2. Secretary/Treasurer report

Larry Whiteside reports – recap of finances from January/February, including Liability Insurance coverage, Tenn Department of Revenue TNTAP, and membership numbers, and current checking balance. I've purchased the Clubs liability insurance on my credit card \$200. During our 1 hour meeting on Feb15th, our leadership ok reimbursing me it. Bylaws allow for it. I gained rights to PayPal, Gmail and checking account now, and authentication on UPS box from Elijah. I also got our tax exemption from sales taxes restored from the Tenn Dept of Revenue which lapsed sometime last year.

Larry Whiteside (KN4MVH)-Sec/Treasurer report:

Checking Balance: January 31, 2026, \$8,304.31

Deposits: \$192.59 (\$0.71 interest, dues \$187.88, \$4.00 donations)

Expenses: \$236.00 (\$36 GEA, check #112-\$200.00, Greeneville Wood Ministry)

Checking Balance: February 28th, 2026: \$8102.73

Deposits: \$35.42 (\$0.63 interest, \$34.79 dues)

Expenses: \$351.99 (\$200.00 -Liability Insurance reimbursements, \$114.99 Hamfest Flyers Staples, \$37.00 GEA)

Bills for Webservices: I have bills from Ian Bible for AJARC HostGator for \$284.22 (\$224.22 Baby Plan, \$59.96 Code Guard), \$21.19 (domain registration). We already reimbursed Ian \$14.95 (Domain Privacy Protection). **I need a motion to approve paying Ian the \$284.22 plus \$21.19 for a total of \$305.41 for webservices already occurred.** We received a nice thank-you card from the wood ministry for our donation.

Membership: 53 members and 17 members would be quorum. Donations or renewal of memberships can be made through PayPal or by check. Please check on your membership on the AJARC.org web site. Quick reminder of the address for the radio club is 1113 Tusculum Blvd, Box 152, Greeneville TN 37743.

3. Old business:

Education Committee/Activity Steven Bible (N7HPR): Status of Wednesday and other things.

HamFest 2026 (Brian KQ4OBR): Saturday April 18th, 2026, discuss chairpersons, vendors, and other details, 500 Flyers have been purchased from Staples, and some have provided to people going to HamFest's like Dalton and other radio club meetings. We have received our Certificate of Liability Insurance coverage from RISK and Brian Thacker has it for his records and to provide to the Fairgrounds staff. Vendors (Food). How about we do something special for World Amateur Radio Day like have a special on the air station during the Hamfest, have a Sheet Cake and give a pieces of cake away for the visitors to our booth, a promotional sticker or something maybe some stuff from ARRL- they don't have anything special at their store yet, band charts or other stuff. Larry (KN4MVH) has bought 150 frequency band charts/maps to give away in our club booth during HamFest.

Tower / Repeater update:

Update (Larry KN4MVH/Bryan AA4BS) - Special use Permit US Forest Service for our use of the Fire Tower which ends 12/31/25, we have the form to submit and will submit it once we have the resolution approved by the club to make the application for the new permit.

Special Use Permit resolution (Larry KN4MVH) – Need a motion that the club seek another special use permit for the use of the Camp Creek Fire Tower.

Email from John Thompson (Larry KN4MVH): US Forest Service notified us about Structural study nationwide of facilities safety study of structures like Camp Creek in early summer, with results expected in the fall and request to replace locks with their, using dual locks and they would provide us with keys. Requesting photos.

VE Testing (Bob Gass): Wallace Shealy (KZ4MW) expressed an interest in being our coordinator at the last meeting. VE forms provided by Bob Gass for CA-VEC.

Weather station idea at tower (KM4EBZ/Larry KN4MVH):

Web Hosting (committee created):

Bylaws (Larry KN4MVH and Allie AA4IM): would like to modify the bylaws to break apart of the sec/treasurer role

4. New Business:

SKYWarn In person training (Larry KN4MVH): I have paid for some SKYWarn informational flyers for your reference, please take one. There will be SKYWarn training weather net on Thursday, March 5th at 830 pm on the W4WC repeater. There is also a Weather Safety Training Class scheduled in the Tri-Cities Region on Tuesday, March 10th, 2026, at Northeast State Community College Performing Arts Center, 2425 Highway 75, Blountville, Tn, 37614. There is no cost to attend. You must register https://www.weather.gov/mrx/skywarn_classes.

Tower Committee (Larry Whiteside, KN4MVH): Need to have more members than the current committee to help Bryan Smith out with the repeaters. From what I can tell from my review of the minutes there are just four members, Bryan Smith (AA4BS), Dunny Dunn (KN4AYP), Dennis Holt (N4WDH), and Bob Gass(N4FV). Not sure if Joe Bowman(N4JAB) is part of the committee or just a very active volunteer.

Science Alliance (Beth Bulawa W8DOC) Friday, March 27th:

5. Roundtable:

Meeting adjourned at: