

AJARC

Meeting Agenda January 6th, 2026

Location: Old Oak Tap Room

Present: 17 Members, Brian Thacker (KQ4OBR) Vice-President, Larry Whiteside (KN4MVH)
Sec/Treasurer

Next meeting: Tuesday, February 3rd, 2026, 19:00, Old Oak Tap Room, Tusculum

Meeting

Meeting called to order Brian Thacker, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, and a prayer Bob KN4EBZ.

1. Roll call of attendees/call signs

2. Secretary/Treasurer report

Larry Whiteside report – discussion of transition from Elijan to Larry, recap of finances from November and December of 2025, and current checking balance.

Larry Whiteside (KN4MVH)-Sec/Treasurer report:

Checking Balance: December 31, 2025, \$8323.75

Deposits: \$125.74 (0.71 interest from APEX Bank, dues \$23.03, \$100, Network for Good Corp-\$2.00)

Expenses: \$136.00 (\$36 GEA, check #1123-\$100.00)

Checking Balance: November 30th, 2025, 8334.01

Deposits: \$74.67 (dues-\$73, interest-\$0.70, Network for Good Corp-\$0.97)

Expenses: \$286.00 (GEA-\$36.00, UPS Box Rental reimbursement check #1122- 250)

Membership: 48 members and 16 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 new address for the radio club is 1113 Tusculum Blvd, Box 152, Greeneville TN 37743.

3. Old business:

Education Committee/Activity Steven Bible (N7HPR): Steve reported that the Wednesday group will be starting on the build of a Solder Smoke Direct Conversion Receiver Challenge using the Manhattan Construction style. The cost of the kit is \$40, and we have everything you would need to build the project at the makers space.

HamFest 2026 (Brian): Saturday April 18th, 2026, need to talk about chairpersons, vendors, and details. Ian reported that the date is confirmed at the fairgrounds. Larry Whiteside volunteered to get doorprize donations again and work at the gate. Brian needs help with getting vendors and other people. Bob reported that we are already on the ARRL calendar.

Tower / Repeater update: No information. There was one question about the lock at the tower, but it is currently a combination in addition to the regular key lock.

Holiday Recap (All that Attended): A check was written and sent to the church for the use of the hall. Bob Gass played Santa given that Larry White was sick. Everyone had a great time and food was good. Steve Bible reported that his gift he kept getting was targeted a number of times which is part of the fun of the Santa game.

4. New Business:

Tennessee Phone Net 3.980 – If you're interested in learning about Passing Traffic, there will be a Passing Traffic Seminar Starting in February 2026 after the evening TN Phone Net - Contact WD4LAR@gmail.com if you're interested in participating. It will happen on February 3, 10th, 17th, and the 24th of February. It will be taught by John WW3B.

Coal Fund- In the past, we have sent a donation. It is not too late to make the donation. A motion was made to change to the donation to the Wood Ministry rather than the coal fund by Ian Bible (KE4EAC) and seconded by Justin Wilhoit (KR4CUF). Passed.

Constitution and Bylaws - There was a discussion on Constitution and Bylaws modifications. Allie Peet (AA4IM) expressed an interest in splitting the Secretary Treasurer job into two roles. It was suggested to visit them online and review the process, then present to the club proposed changes. She is going to work with Larry White side (KN4MVH) on the draft changes.

Solar Panels at the Tower- Bob Etheredge (KM4EBZ) brought up the idea about solar panels at the tower. Bob Gass (N4FV) suggested we wait until the issue of the lease agreement be more settled.

Greeneville Hamfest WEB site URL Email (Bob Gass) – Bob Gass sent an email to Larry Whiteside (KN4MVH) about a firm trying to take over the Greeneville Hamfest URL in China. We will look into this further and forward to Ian Bible to evaluate if its real.

VE testing- We have a volunteer willing to take on the testing for the club. Wallace Shealy (KZ4MW) is willing to take on the role, and he will be getting with Bob Gass about offering testing quarterly. He is replacing Abner Richards (K4MIK), who is retiring from the role and did a great job for years and was deeply appreciated.

5. Roundtable:

There was a discussion about changing web hosting and combining the AJARC and the Greeneville Hamfest under one host. Item was tabled until we can evaluate the cost issues.

Meeting adjourned at: 18:10 by a motion by Allie Peet.