

AJARC

Meeting Minutes April 7th, 2026

Location: Old Oak Tap Room

Present: 15 Members, 1 Guests, Brian Thacker (KQ4OBR) Vice-President, Larry Whiteside (KN4MVH) Sec/Treasurer

Next meeting: Tuesday, May 5th, 2026, 19:00, Old Oak Tap Room, Tusculum

Meeting

Meeting was called to order by Brian Thacker, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, and a prayer led by Abner Richards (K4MIK).

1. Roll call of attendees/call signs

2. Secretary/Treasurer report

Larry Whiteside reports – At the last meeting, Larry recapped January and February expenses. Overview of March

Checking Balance: March 31, \$6,503.38 - February 28th Balance was \$8127.15

Deposits: \$53.53 (\$0.60 interest, \$23.03 dues, \$29.90 donation)

Expenses: \$1,678.89 (\$519.90 GigaParts door prizes, \$700 repeater purchase, \$114.99 Hamfest Flyers, \$37.00 GEA, \$307.00 Web services)

Membership: 44 members and 14 members would be quorum. Five memberships have just expired. 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): Larry Whiteside reported for Steven who was out of town that the Wednesday night group was mentioned in the [ARRL audio News](#) for March 27th, 2026. We may also be mentioned in the QST magazine. We will be starting the building of PicoRX Software defined radio. In May and June, Steven will be busy with the Day Camps for Kids.

HamFest 2026 (Brian KQ4OBR) and others: Saturday April 18th, 2026, Lots of discussion on the jobs related to set up, and other details. Larry provided Brian our Certificate of Liability Insurance coverage. There were questions about setting up times on Friday and Saturday and who was working where. We have other clubs and ARRL coming. (SKYWarn groups, Lakeway). We have a new food vendor “Juicy Butt BBQ”.

Tower / Repeater update: No one here to give report on the towers

Update (LarryKN4MVH/Bryan AA4BS) - Special use Permit US Forest Service: No actions currently. Status of anyone getting up to the fire tower for pictures based on **Email from John Thompson (Larry KN4MVH)**

VE Testing (Wallace Shealy KZ4MW): Wallace discussed that people need to pre-register before the exam and he provided the link for everyone. ([Hamstudy.org](#)) Given that so few VE’s attended the meeting, the training tonight was cancelled. Wallace reported that he has three people coming to assist with the exam on the day of the Hamfest.

Weather station idea at tower (KM4EBZ/Larry KN4MVH): No new information, we heard that Dale Knight is researching on very durable weather stations and we hope to hear back soon about them.

Web Hosting (committee created): No news and didn't meet.

Bylaws (Larry KN4MVH and Allie AA4IM): We didn't meet and have nothing to report currently. The goal is to modify the bylaws to break apart of the sec/treasurer role.

SKYWarn training (Larry KN4MVH): classes can be found at https://www.weather.gov/mrx/skywarn_classes We held a training net last Thursday, 11 people participated. Justin led the net and reported that 11 people participated during the net including one person from Texas and only by accident, heard net.

Science Alliance (Beth Bulawa W8DOC) Friday, March 27th: Beth reported on the event and how well it went overall. Bryan Smith(AA4BS) asked Larry (KN4MVH) to make sure that we thank everyone that came out and helped this year at the science Alliance. It was a great event again.

TNARA: In case you want to find out more about them, here is a link <https://tnara.org/>.

4. New Business:

Sales of old repeater update: Bob Gass (N4FV) arrived at the very end of the meeting and Brian (KQ4 OBR) asked him ask and got some clarification about which repeater was being sold. Bob stated it was the Kenwood radio (I did the model number 750 unit ????) VHF unit. The amount of the sale is \$500. There was another unit mentioned. There was a motion by Wallace, and seconded by Chris, to move forward with the sale at \$500, it passed. Bob (N4FV) stated that someone needs to go to the tower and bring it down so he can complete the sale. As reported at the last meeting, the 6-meter repeater is fine and just needs to be brought back into service.

5. Roundtable:

Motion to adjourn by several people.
Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm