

AJARC

Meeting Minutes May 5th, 2026

Location: Old Oak Tap Room

Present: 20 Members, 1 visitor, Bryan Smith (AA4BS), Brian Thacker (KQ4OBR), Larry Whiteside (KN4MVH)

Next meeting: Tuesday, June 2nd, 2026, 19:00, Old Oak Tap Room, Tusculum

Meeting

Meeting called to order by Bryan and the 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 March numbers

Checking Balance: April 30, \$8859.20

Deposits: \$4363.69 (\$0.60 interest, \$153.09 dues, \$ \$120 Donation/old equipment Sales, \$30 Bumper stickers \$500 old Repeater, \$3,560 Hamfest cash including \$800 door money)

Expenses: \$1847.00 (\$37.00 GEA, \$810 Fair Grounds, \$800 for cash at gate, \$200 for new tickets for Hamfest)

Membership: 47 members and 16 members would be quorum. One membership is currently expired with three set to expire in May of 2026. 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. (Cancelled due to illness) Presentation (15 minutes) by Jamey Nealy (KM4AED) - Mission to Peru – and Communication challenges he witnessed (No slides, just a verbal presentation)

4. Old Business:

Education Committee/Activity Steven Bible (N7HPR): Steven recapped what has been happening at Makers Space and the recent successes with two people getting their Tech licenses at the HamFest. He discussed the upcoming summer camps. He asked if the club would be willing to sponsor the balloon launch radio in Greeneville at Walter State. David Houser (WA9OTP) made a motion to pay \$206 for the cost of the radio/balloon with the AJARC W4WC callsign, it was seconded by Justin Willhoit (KR4CUF), and it passed.

HamFest 2026 (Brian KQ4OBR) and others: Deposits: \$2928.50, Expenses: \$1652.89, Profit was \$1275,61

We sold 232 tickets at the gate for \$2320. Deposits for ticket sales, booths, tables and tailgating, donations, equipment sold during event were \$2928.50 (less cash for \$800 for gate money).

Recommendation by Larry Whiteside change: In order to track boneyard space, provide tickets for a door prize giving away. 1 ticket per space and equal one entry in the drawing, and they must be present to win. . \$5 space= one ticket.

Tower / Repeater update: All who have information to report and other stuff, one of the repeaters has been sold and the monies received. Byran reported that he hoped to get up to the tower and get the 6m repeater networked and on the air.

Bryan Smith (AA4BS) and Bob Gass (N4FV) provided update: Status of Kenwood repeater purchase and sale of old radios. The 6-meter repeater is fine and just needs to be brought back into service.

Bryan Smith did report about his DMR repeater but that it hasn't be linked to the internet yet. Still some work to do there.

Update (Larry KN4MVH/Bryan AA4BS) – Tower and Special use Permit US Forest Service: No actions currently. Pictures were provided for **John Thompson (Larry KN4MVH) at Forest Service.** Forest Service has key and has provided the FAA facilities crew to do their exam and assess the tower as part of a review underway facility. No action on the permit status writeup.

VE Testing (Wallace Shealy (KZ4MW)) Larry reported because Wallace was not at the meeting. Results of testing at the HamFest, eleven people tested during the HamFest, nine passed their exams. One person passed Tech and General exams.

Weather station idea at tower (KM4EBZ/Larry KN4MVH): No new information.

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

Bylaws (Larry KN4MVH and Allie AA4IM): Nothing to report at this time. The goal is to modify the bylaws to break apart of the sec/treasurer role.

SKYWarn training (Larry KN4MVH): May 7th is the next training. https://www.weather.gov/mrx/skywarn_classes
There was one question on District 6 Repeater Frequency. Larry looked it up and it's 147.030

TNARA: In case you want to find out more about them, here is a link <https://tnara.org/>. There was more discussion about this, and Bryan Smith noted that he knows the leadership with TNARA and now has a better understanding of their services. **Item table until June** meeting about if we should join. Justin picked up a flyer from them about their services. Joining only costs \$35.

5. New Business:

May 24th: POTA event Lakeway Radio Club: There will be a joint Meet and Greet POTA at the Panther Creek State Park from 1pm until 5pm with Lakeway Amateur Radio Club. Picnic Tables are near the lookout. Come and operate. Event is being coordinated by Justin Wilhoit along with Tyler Austin (Lakeway). Panther Creek State Park, 2010 Panther Creek Park Rd, Morristown, TN 37814

Field Day: Pavilion Number #3 has been reserved at the same price of \$90 again at Kinser Park for the two days of June 27-28, 2026. Charlie K4CMF is already working on getting the water donation again. Do we want to do what we did last year and just buy food and provide it for those that say and work field day rather than do and seek donations. In the past it was a lot of work without a lot of success.

List of East Tenn Clubs:

American Legion Amateur Radio Club – Sevierville, TN.

Andrew Johnson Amateur Radio Club – Greenville, TN. <https://ajarc.org/>

Amateur Radio Club of the University of TN – Knoxville, TN. <https://www.utarc.org/p/home.html>

Big South Fork Amateur Radio Club – Huntsville, TN. <https://bsfarc.org/>

Bristol Amateur Radio Club – Bristol, TN. www.facebook.com/groups/w4udbarc/

Campbell County Amateur Radio Club – Jonesboro, TN. www.CCARClub.org

Carter County Amateur Radio Association – Elizabethton, TN. <http://www.wr4cc.org>

Chattanooga Amateur Radio Club – Hixson, TN. <https://www.w4am.net/>

Cleveland Amateur Radio Club – Cleveland, TN. <http://www.carc.cc/>

Cumberland Plateau Amateur Radio Club – Crossville, TN. <http://CPARC.net>

Dekalb-Cannon County Amateur Radio Club – Smithville, TN. <http://www.dccarc.org>

East Tennessee DX Association – Knoxville, TN. <http://www.etdxa.net>

Hawkins Hancock Amateur Radio Team – Rogersville, TN. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/536078334756112/>

Johnson City Radio Association, Inc. - Jonesborough, TN. <https://jcara.org/wp/>

Johnson County Amateur Radio Club – Mountain City, TN. <https://www.w4mct.com/>

Kingsport Amateur Radio Club – Kingsport, TN. <http://w4trc.org>

Bays Mountain Radio Club – Kingsport, TN. <http://w4trc.org>

Lakeway Amateur Radio Club – Talbott, TN. <https://www.facebook.com/lakewayamateurradio/>

Macon Area Amateur Radio Society – Lafayette, TN. <http://MaconHamRadio.com>

Middle East Tennessee Emergency Radio SE – Knoxville, TN. <http://www.metersinc.org>

Oak Ridge Amateur Radio Club, Inc. - Oak Ridge, TN. <http://www.orarc.net>

Off-Grid AuxComm Radio Club – Knoxville, TN. <https://off-gridauxcommradioclub.com/>

Plateau Amateur Radio Club – Monroe, TN. <http://parcltn.com/>

Radio Amateur Radio Club of Knoxville – Knoxville, TN. <https://www.w4bbb.org/>

Rhea County Amateur Radio Club – Dayton, TN. <https://www.rheacountyarc.org/home>

Roane County Amateur Radio Club – Kingston, TN. <http://www.ke4rx.org>

Sevier County Amateur Radio Society – Sevierville, TN. <https://seviercountyars.com/>

Smoky Mountain Amateur Radio Club – Maryville, TN. <https://w4olb.org/about>

Tellico Lake Amateur Radio Club – Lenoir City, TN. <https://tlarc.org/>

Unicoi County Amateur Radio Association – Unicoi, TN. <http://www.ucara.org>

University of Tennessee Amateur Radio Club – Knoxville, TN. utarc@utk.edu

University Amateur Radio Club – Johnson City, TN. info@etsu.edu

Wilson Amateur Radio Club – Lebanon, TN. <https://wilsonarc.org/>

6. Roundtable:

Motion to adjourn by Art Miller

Meeting adjourned at 19:55