

AJARC

Meeting Minutes September 1st, 2026

Location: Old Oak Tap Room

Present: 16 Members, 1 Guest, and the Larry Whiteside (Sec/ treasurer) Leadership

Next meeting: Tuesday, October 6th, 2026, 19:00, Old Oak Tap Room, Tusculum

Meeting

Meeting was call to order at 19:00 by Justin Wilhoit (KR4CUF) who was asked to help and chair the meeting, which was then 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 – Summary of August finances.

Deposits: \$70.78 (\$0.72 interest, \$\$70.06 dues)

Expenses: \$542.00 (\$41.00 GEA, \$35 TNARA, \$210 BBQ food, \$206 Walter State Balloon, \$50 Raffle permit for 2028 Hamfest)

There were several deposits made in July with some checks yet clear. Several membership payments have also been received but are still moving from PayPal to our checking account.

Membership: 43 members and 14 members would be quorum (33%). Nine memberships set to expire or are expiring. 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. One person joined the club during the meeting.

Larry noted that during the NETRC Erwin Hamfest, they provided a very nice “thankyou” to those that had booths/vendors during the event.

3. **Presentation:** David Houser WA9OTP - Win link presentation, S/W and make connections vie Telnet, present his GO Kit Station. David discussed technology and demonstrated his gear and took several questions. People asked about how to get started and he referred them to winlink.org to get started and to create your account. There are lots of YouTube videos too.

4. Old Business:

Education Committee/Activity Steven Bible (N7HPR): Steven to report next project, a world clock. He also reported were working to debug a radio that Just built but were trying to understand the user manual , which is poorly developed.

Tower / Repeater Committee: Justin Wilhoit (KR4CUF) Brian Thacker (KQ4OBR) and others: Status recent visits and repeater usage. Justin reported that they have been up there several times and made repairs to the roof to stop the water leak. Larry reported as part of this that Brian KQ4OBR, our Trustee had to send letters out to two ham radio operators that have been misusing the repeaters by removing their rights to use the repeaters as allowed by the FCC Part 97. The letters were sent certified mail through the USPS. Larry Whiteside paid for the Certified mail at the cost of \$22.04 and asked to be reimbursed. There was motion to pay Larry Whiteside by Wallace Shealy, it was seconded (didn't get who seconded it), motion passed.

VE Testing (Wallace Shealy (KZ4MW): Wallace is interested in scheduling testing quarterly and we are looking at doing it, maybe at Greene County Makers Space. We will investigate setting that up maybe in the new year. Justin noted that he would like to see us establish a more formal mentorship program as hams start their study process.

Weather station idea at tower (KM4EBZ/Larry KN4MVH): Nothing to report

Web Hosting (committee created): Ian Bible (KE4EAC) and Allie Peet (AA4IM) reported that they have met and discussion on combining the websites. Larry reported that we are scheduled to have the domain renewed through GoDaddy this month at a cost of \$24.99. Ian has talked with Eddie Lamb about his current hosting. There was a motion by Larry Whiteside (KN4MVH) and seconded by Steve Weiss (KJ4EOC), that we move ahead and combine the hosting, and begin the reformatting of the websites to streamline the platforms and give the Radio club its own account for both AJARC and Greenevillefest.com. The motion passed unanimously. Club will continue to pay for the associated fees to host them as we have done in the past.

Bylaws (Larry KN4MVH and Allie AA4IM): Next meeting September 17th, 2026. Four people attended the last meeting. They were Justin (KR4CUF), ALLIE(AA4IM), Lindsay (N4AUM), and Larry (KN4MVH). The notes and edits have been made from the last meeting, and drafts have been sent to the sub team. Once they review them, they will be sent to whole committee of eight, before the next meeting to be prepared to evaluate the proposed changes.

SKYWarn training (Larry KN4MVH): The next one is Thursday, September 3rd, 2026.

https://www.weather.gov/mrx/skywarn_classes The District 6 Repeater Frequency. It's 147.030

Club Tower Trailer: Status of the estimate for parts for the hardware to update the antenna and power wench/battery backup. No report as Brian Thacker (KQ4OBR) was sick and not at the meeting.

5. New Business:

STEM has been moved by the Greeneville School from the spring to the Fall and it will be held on October 23rd, 2026. Beth is going to coordinate again and has been in touch with the school already. She needs to hear from those that are going to participate so she can provide the names as has been the requirement in the past. Set up will again be the night before as has been the practice. Lunch will again be provided by the school.

Overmountain Rally Tennessee Volunteers: We have been asked to spread the word that they [Overmountain Rally](#) needs at least 20 amateur radio operators to help with their event on **Friday, September 18th and Saturday September 19th, 2026**. The ARA - American Rally Association and the organizers for Overmountain Rally Tennessee have another rally race event on **Friday, September 18th and Saturday September 19th, 2026**. They asked us last year, but the email was overlooked.

HamFest Flyers: Larry (KN4MVH) had flyers printed for the 2027 HamFest and took them to the Erwin Hamfest. He plans on taking them to Field of Dreams Hamfest in Dandridge on September 12th, 2026. Larry would like to be reimbursed for the cost of the printing. They were printed by Staples. He had a \$25.00 discount, so the cost was

only \$136.20. (200 one-sided color/cut in half, making them 400 half page flyers). Steve Weiss (KJ4EOC) made a motion, seconded by Allie Peet (AA4IM), to reimburse Larry for the cost of the flyers. Motion carried.

Storage Unit: Larry learned that there was an opportunity to rent a storage unit in a central location, to store the club's gear which has been spread about in member's homes and other places. The unit is in central Greene County in downtown Greeneville at Higgin Hardware and Storage. The rent is \$78 a month for 10X10 unit. This is a discount from the normal rate of about \$120 for that size unit.

There was discussion about why we acquired the unit to consolidate the radio club's gear from everyone and to bring it into a central location. It takes the risk from having coax in one spot, antennas somewhere else, EMA gear at other locations and other equipment spread about. Now, we can go to one spot and gear up for Hamfest, Field Day or other events. We will continue to consolidate the gear from the club members and bring the gear they have individually been storing at their homes to the unit. We have an inventory of the equipment, and it has asset tags on it.

There was discussion on the rental costs and continuing the rent it. The yearly cost would be \$936 (\$78x12). Larry Whiteside has paid for the unit for the last three months July/Aug/Sept and would like to be reimbursed should the club decide to take over the rental agreement.

There was a motion made by Wallace Shealy (KZ4MW), seconded by Allie Peet (AA4IM) to add the cost of the rental unit to our annual budget starting next year, pay the remaining rent for 2026, reimburse Larry Whiteside for three month (\$234.00), and to continue to rent the unit until the club makes a decision to not rent the unit or to terminate the contact, and go in a different direction in handling the equipment owned by AJARC and how its stored. Motion passed.

6. Roundtable:

There was a motion to adjourn by several people.
Meeting adjourned at 20:30