



NORTH OKALOOSA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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Minutes for Business Meeting held 12 February 2026

OPENING AND ATTENDANCE

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by the President KI4ZER.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by DJ, KI4ZER.

Prayer was offered by Rob, KM4SPJ

Introductions were made around the room and for online participants.

Attendance: Voting members: 14 in person, 5 online (Quorum met)

Associate Members: 1 in person, 1 online

Guests: 2 in person, 2 online (See Appendix 1).

OFFICERS' REPORTS

President's Opening Remarks – DJ KI4ZER

The President welcomed all to the meeting and reminded members that 2026 dues should have been paid by now, and names will be dropped from the roll on 28 February if dues remain unpaid.

Secretary's Report – Mike W4BZM

The Minutes for January 2026 have been posted on the NOARC website as "Revision 3".

The 2025 Annual Report is drafted, awaiting the Treasurer's Report for 2025.

The Secretary summarized a letter sent from NOARC to the City of Crestview acknowledging the donation of radio equipment. The letter is attached to these Minutes as Appendix 2.

Treasurer's Report – Derek KQ4LSX

The full Treasurer's Report and Bank Statement was not available online but was provided verbally as:

Balances as of 31 January 2026:

Savings account:	\$6,201.58
Checking account:	\$4,148.72
Petty Cash fund	<u>\$100.00</u>
Total	\$10,450.30

At the beginning of the meeting, there were 29 voting Members and 1 Associate Member who had paid 2026 dues.

Acceptance of Officers' Reports

Motion to accept Officers' Reports was made by Queenie, KQ4FRB, seconded by Bob, KN4UDT, and passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Education and Advancement Committee – Bob KN4UDT

The February 2026 Education and Advancement Committee Report is available on the NOARC website.

Tech Nights: On 26 February, Jon KI4UMT will deliver a presentation on “Raspberry Pi – What, Why, and How?”

Station Committee – (position vacant, DJ KI4ZER reporting)

- Station 1 now has the capability to send Winlink messages. The capability is constrained by antenna issues, but demonstration messages have been sent on 20 meters using the main beam antenna.
- During Winter Field Day, the main beam was found to be largely unusable, with SWR measurements of 3.1 or more. The Board will meet soon to consider options for making the antenna more usable and user-friendly. A proposed schedule and budget will be presented at the next business meeting.

Activities Committee – John N8JDD

Past Events:

- Parking for LOBC food distributions: NOARC has supported parking at weekly Tuesday events. Participants for January included Don KR4YXX, Andy N2PDK, Lynnette N7UTQ, and John N8JDD.

- Winter Field Day: NOARC participated as a Class 3 Indoor station. We logged 46 contacts using voice, CW, and digital modes with 14 multiples and a final score of 644. A Certificate of Participation is included as Appendix 3.

Future Events:

- Crestview Mardi Gras: Original date was cancelled due to weather. The event is being rescheduled for 07 March. Details forthcoming.
- 28 February: Crestview Community Unity Flashlight Walk. Sponsored by Crestview Police Department. John N8JDD will meet with Chief of Police to see if NOARC communication support is once again desired.
- 28 February: Live Oak Baptist Church Yard Sale. Items may be donated at the Technical Night on 26 February.
- 25 April: Florida QSO Party. NOARC participation to be determined.
- 27-29 June 2026: ARRL Summer Field Day. Will be held at Fred Gannon State Park in first pavilion (has been reserved).

Administrative Committee – Rob KM4SPJ

- The Director/Officer Liability Policy will be paid by the deadline of 19 February.
- Storage discussions with LOBC: Nothing significant to report. The LOBC Maintenance team has suggested moving the station to the front of the property, but there are issues with power line location relative to antenna tower.

Webmaster – Robert KM4VKY

Members were encouraged to look for “Easter eggs” (hidden items) in the website.

Hamfest Committee – “DJ”, KI4ZER

The NOARC Hamfest is planned and funded, and vendors are being recruited. Advertising flyers will be distributed at the upcoming Hamcation event in Orlando.

Acceptance of Committee Reports

Motion to accept Committee Reports was made by Robert, KM4VKY, seconded by Mike W4BZM, and passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Donated Repeater from Crestview – Robert KM4VKY

In the interest of time, the President deferred this item to a subsequent meeting.

Trailer Upgrades – Joe KN4UDS

Joe KN4UDS gave a presentation on the current status and proposed upgrades to the NOARC trailer. Discussion followed.

Current status:

- The trailer is the first major project in over a decade undertaken by NOARC.
- Phase 1 is on schedule and well within budget, in part thanks to many donations. New flooring, lights, countertops, shelving, and the 12 VDC system have been installed. The trailer has a new front door with a window. Photos are available in Appendix 4.

Proposed upgrades:

- A 120 VAC system, to be installed in the rear storage area and connected to the workstations. The system will have a 3-way power selector to allow operation from a 30 amp shore power connection, a generator, or an inverter connected to the trailer batteries. A wiring diagram is also available in Appendix 4.
- A generator for portable AC power. Jon KI4UMT offered to donate a generator if help can be provide to load it at his house. The club gratefully accepted his offer.
- An air conditioning/heating system. This is deemed essential for summer operation. Extensive discussion on split-system versus window-type units followed, with cost estimates ranging from \$530 to \$1000.
- Discussion then following concerning cost-to-completion (less electronics) for the trailer. The charts in Appendix 4 were made on the assumption of purchasing a generator and a low-cost, “mini-split” air conditioner. Verbal modifications were made to reflect the donated generator and a more reliable air conditioner.

Action: A motion was made to expend up to \$2800 from capital funds to complete the trailer project (except for communications equipment). The motion was made by Joe KN4UDS and seconded by Rob KM4SPJ. The motion passed by acclimation.

NEW BUSINESS

Repairs to W4AAZ UHF Repeater Antenna – KK4VAX

Daniel KK4VAX discussed the background on the UHF repeater currently operated by NOARC on 444.95 MHz.

The repeater antenna was owned by Steve N4GXX, now a Silent Key, and willed to Bob, W6VVA on Steve's passing. The antenna for the UHF repeater and the antenna for the NOARC VHF (147.36 MHz) repeater are both mounted on the same tower, with the UHF antenna at a height of 200 feet and the VHF repeater at the top of the tower, near 270 feet. In the spring of 2024, a strong wind damaged both antennae. NOARC paid \$650 for a tower climb to straighten the VHF repeater but the UHF antenna was not repaired. Reception of the UHF repeater during NOARC support of parades and festivals has been problematic since it was reactivated using the donated Motorola transceiver.

The UHF antenna needs to be moved by 05 March due to administrative issues; additionally, a 3-foot, ½" coax jumper needs to be replaced. The condition of the UHF antenna is unknown but thought to be repairable with simple adjustments to the mounting brackets. Bob W4VVA has offered to transfer ownership of the UHF antenna to NOARC if NOARC will fund the tower climb to move it to the top of the tower (270 feet). Daniel KK4VAX, a qualified tower climber, offered to make the move for a cost of \$800 if the antenna does not need to come to the ground for repairs, or \$1000 if it must be lowered/repaired/raised. The \$1000 offer includes multiple climbs if necessary.

A motion was made by Mike W4BZM, and seconded by Derek KQ4LSX, to authorize an expenditure not to exceed \$1000 to repair and relocate the UHF antenna, including any additional climbs that may be required. The motion passed by acclamation.

Mike W4BZM noted that in the past two months, NOARC has authorized expenditures of \$4,000 for the trailer and \$1,000 for the repeater antenna, for a total of \$5,000, which represents almost half of the \$10,450 capital funds currently in the NOARC budget. He also reminded members of a 2024 cash flow study that showed NOARC needed to maintain at least \$3,000 in the capital funds through November of each year to forward-finance Hamfest expenses for table rental and prizes (which has always been paid back, and more, after Hamfest, thanks to DJ and the Hamfest Committee).

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS

Mentoring Minute

Not conducted this month due to length of meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 PM CST.

Respectfully submitted
Mike W4BZM
NOARC Secretary

APPENDIX 1: ATTENDANCE

Members in Person	Members online
John Duren, N8JDD	Bob Benson, W6VVA*
Mike Behr, W4BZM	Bill Williams, KQ4ATC
Tim Terrell, KN4WOO	Joe Feliccia, K4UDS**
Bill Turney, WS4Y	Michelle Feliccia, KQ4WKC**
Bob Hurley, KN4UDT*	Sharon Joyce, KJ4TPQ
Queenie Barrientos, KQ4FRB*	
"DJ" Stewart, KI4ZER	Associate Members attending
Tyler Stewart, KQ4ACS*	Maria Stewart*
Robert Dallons, KM4VKY	
Vern McGraw, KR4ESD	Associate Members online
Milton Bohac, KL1LF	Howard Zemser*
Jon Baughman, KI4UMT	
Rob Sugg, KM4SPJ	Guests in attendance
Derek Hoffnung, KQ4LSX	Aaryn Cooper, KR4JID
	Daniel Horne, KK4VAX
	Guests online
	Tom Cardinal, N2XU
	Bill Burke, KQ4AVF

* Indicates member in 2025, dues not yet paid for 2026.

** Indicates member paid 2026 dues prior to or during the meeting.

Total voting membership at start of meeting: 68 (including members with dues paid for 2025 but still pending for 2026)

Quorum: 17

APPENDIX 2: ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF DONATION



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Acceptance of Donation

18 January 2026

From: North Okaloosa Amateur Radio Club Inc.
2260 South Ferdon Blvd, Suite 193
Crestview, Florida 32536

To: City of Crestview
Administrative Services, IT Division
321 W. Woodruff Ave
Crestview FL 32536

Subject: Donation of radio equipment

Attachment: (1) IT Asset Disposal Form

Thank you for your contributions of the radio equipment which the City of Crestview no longer needs since Okaloosa County took over the services. The donated equipment is listed in Attachment (1).

Any radios currently programmed with emergency responder frequencies will be reprogrammed to Amateur Radio frequencies by technically experienced personnel in our club.

Items were received in "Used Good" or "New" condition as noted in Attachment (1). The fair market value for the sum of these items is estimated as \$84,302.07.

Per our By Laws, any equipment given to the club shall be considered an unconditional donation.

No goods or services were provided in exchange for this contribution. North Okaloosa Amateur Radio Club is an exempt organization as described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code with EIN 61-1796104.

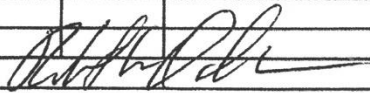
The donated equipment will greatly assist the communication support which NOARC provides to the citizens of Okaloosa County.

Dustin J. Stewart, KI4ZER

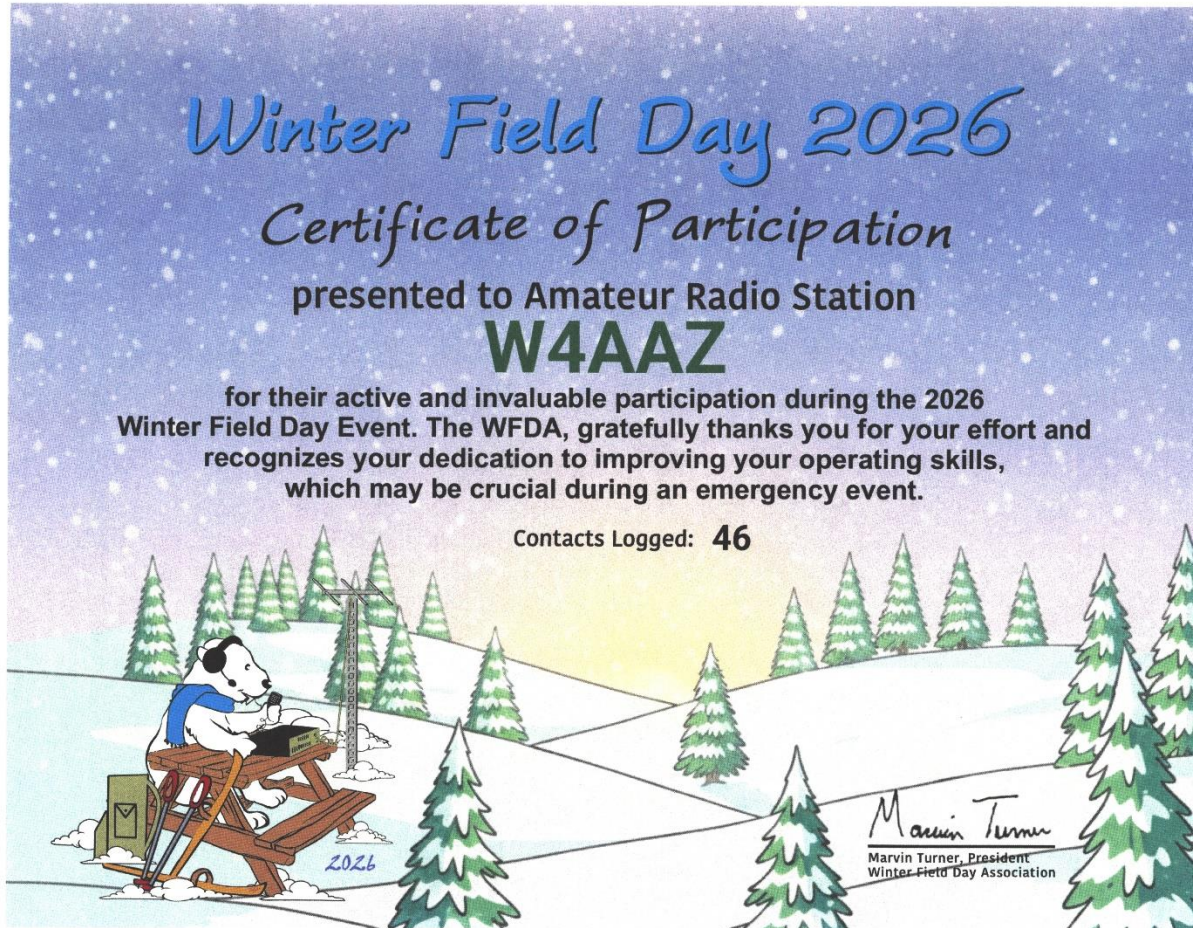
President, North Okaloosa Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

North Okaloosa Amateur Radio Club is a 501(c)(3) Non-Profit Public Charity EIN: 61-1796104

Attachment 1: IT Asset Disposal Form from City of Crestview

		IT Asset Disposal Form					
Crestview		Administrative Services: IT Division				7/3/2025	
321 W Woodruff Ave, Crestview Fla 32536 (850) 382 1560 ext 259							
1. Used Good 2. Used Poor 3. Repair Required- Good 4. Repair Required- Poor 5. Scrap							
HPN9033A	1	780TYS0471	FD	1	Service no	\$200.00	
JG411A	2	CN66FTY18Q, CN66FTY17N	FD	1	longer	\$900.00	
Acuba 2530-24 switch	2	CN66FPF5LO, CN66FPF5KF	FD	1	provided	\$600.00	
T8319A SLR 8000	4	433ITA0150, 433ITA0159,			Okaloosa		
		433ITA0160, 433ITA0161	FD	1	County	\$28,000.00	7,000
DSRMC 0608 BAN	1	H45592074-1	FD	1	taking over	\$2,500.00	
DB4368-4B Combine	1	H45592001-1	FD	1	services	\$10,000.00	
DB3826BPB	1	H45592004-1	FD	1	"	\$6,500.00	
SLR 5700 Repeter	4	4781SW1612, 4781SW1592			"		
		4781SW1586, 4781SW1585	FD	1	"	\$18,000.00	4,000
DB 4368-4-B	1	H45592004-1					
combiner		db Spectra					
		4 ch. combiner					9,717.48 (new)
DB 3826 BPB	1	UHF DUAL SUBBAND FILTER					
		H45592001-1					7002.80 (new)
DSRMC 0608 BAN	1	UHF RX Multi-compler					
		DB 117100114					581.79
						Total Value of Removed	
For more information on disposals contact: NOARC - Robert Dalton 850-962-3550 RM4VKY@dallons.com							
Please Note: This form must be signed by the authorized person.							

APPENDIX 3: WINTER FIELD DAY RESULTS AND CERTIFICATE





Winter Field Day

Make a Donation!     

Home / Results

Get results for: 2026 Indoor Search

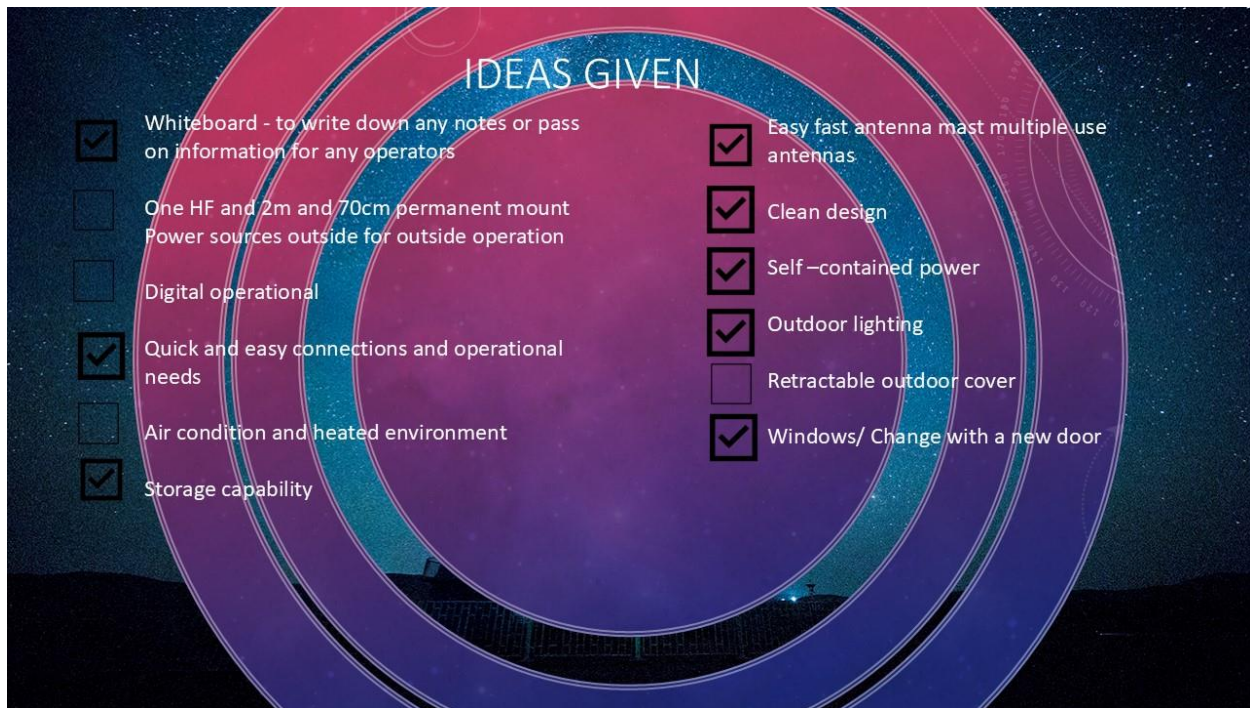
Download your Certificate Here

10 entries per page Search: W4AAZ

Callsign	Class	Location	Total QSOs	Final Mult	Final Score	Objectives
W4AAZ	3	NFL	46	14	644	58%

APPENDIX 4: TRAILER PRESENTATION

By Joe KN4UDS

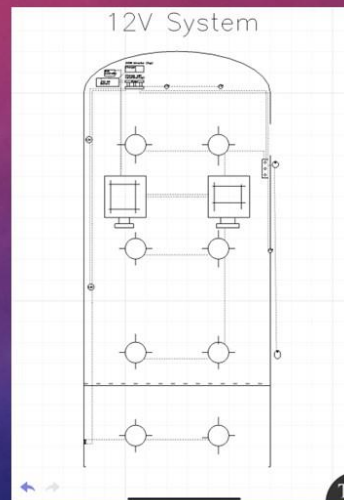


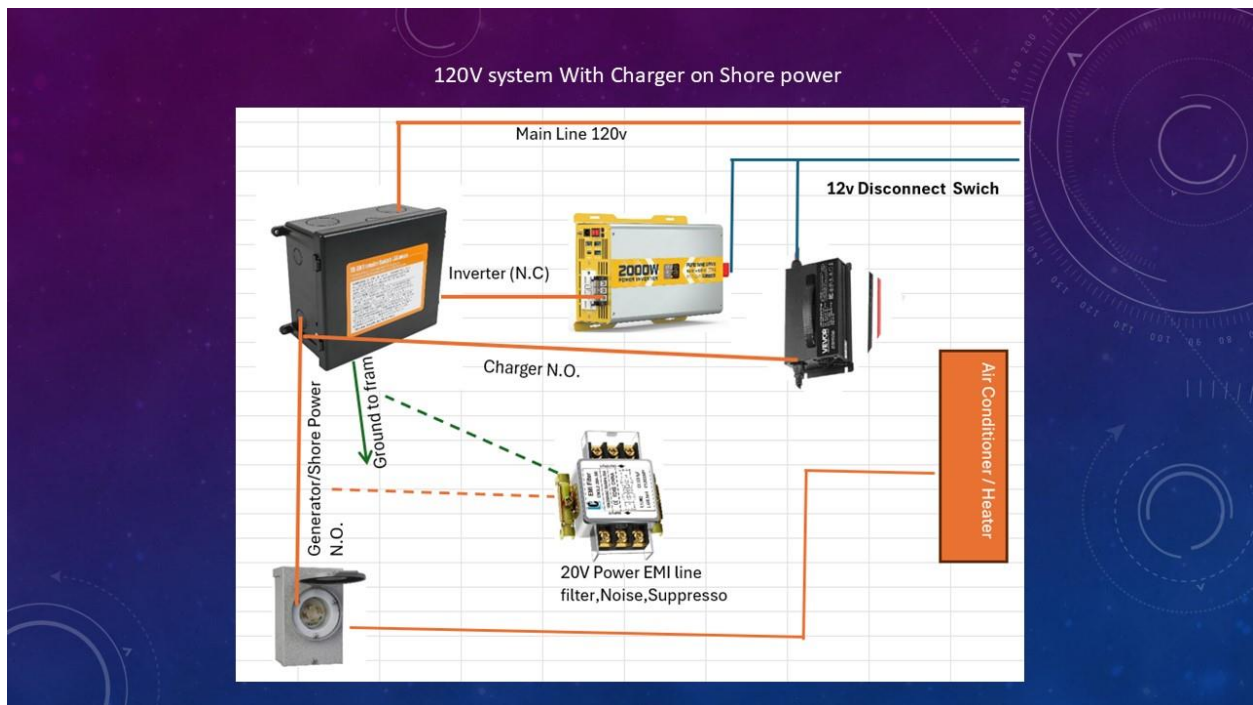
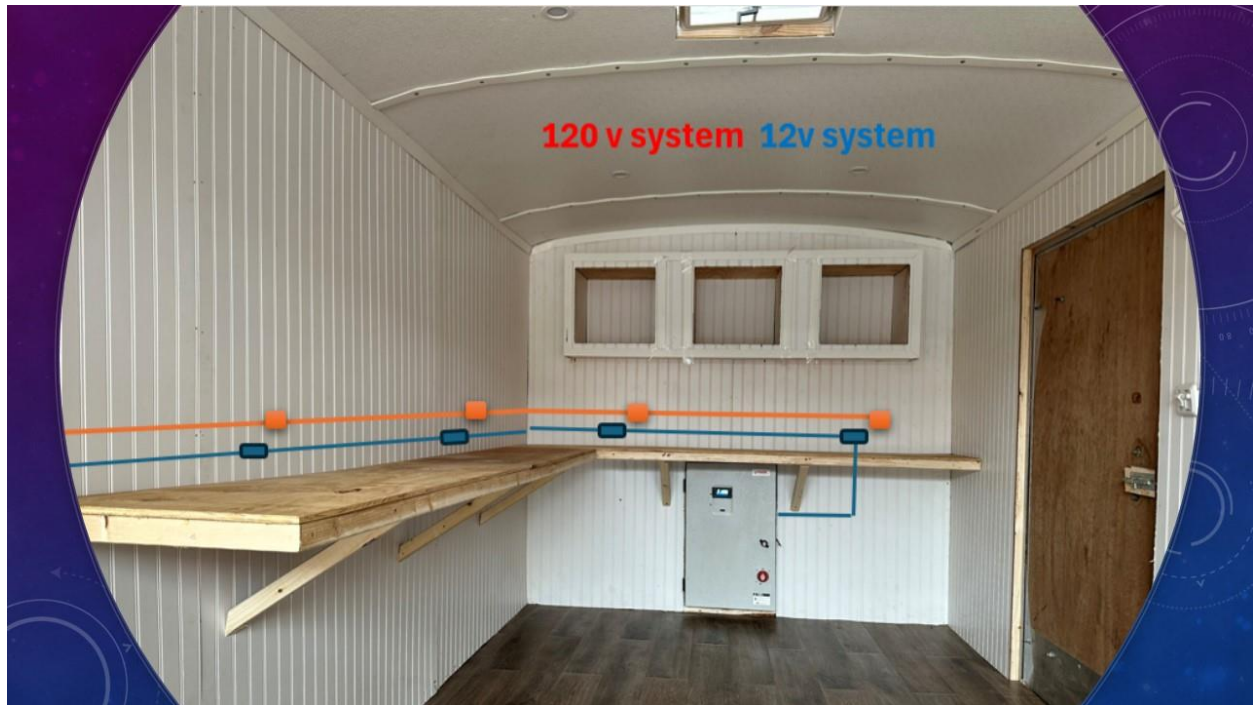




What Is Next?

- Finish Back Wall
- Finish the desktop
- Finish the front cabinets
- Trim work
- Run the 120v System
- Finish the 12v System
- Install Air unit





Amazon List

GearIT 8 Gauge CCA Battery Cable - 20 Heat Shrink Wrap, 15 Lugs, Automotive Amp Wire Kit (25 ft Each - Black/Red)						\$31.91
RVINGPRO 30 Amp Generator Cord 40FT and Power Inlet Box, Pre-Drilled 30 Amp Generator Inlet Box with Cord						\$89.99
Nirakoka 30 Amp Automatic Transfer Switch, Rated 120VAC Applied to RV						\$68.29
VEVOR 12V 40A Lithium Battery Charger, 14.6V (40 Amp) (80amps 175.22)						\$93.99
Anderson Power Pole Connector with Bracket,Quick Connect Wire			X4	\$19.9		\$79.60
100FT 12AWG, 12/2 AWG Red Black Hookup Electrical Wire						\$19.94
Kwjne 2000W pure Sine Wave with 30amp hookup						\$151.99
Red wolf circuit breaker 300amp						\$18.99
GearIT 8 Gauge CCA Battery Cable - 20 Heat Shrink Wrap, 15 Lugs, Automotive Amp Wire Kit (25 ft						\$31.91
			Total			\$586.21

TOTAL FOR AMAZON \$586.21

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Eaton 15amp white GFCI Outlet									X1	\$15.98
Eaton white standard wall plate									X1	\$0.86
Eaton white Duplex wall plate									X3 \$0.79	\$2.37
Reliable cabinet hinges									X3 \$5.98	\$17.94
Cabinet knob									X3 \$2.50	\$7.50
Roller catch latch									X3 \$1.38	\$4.14
Laminate to high 60- 100 a sheet										
Stain for cabinets and desk									X1	\$6.00
Table top high glass epoxy 1 quart									X1	\$36.27
2in flat molding									X5 \$6.09	\$30.45
Brown wood caulk									X1	\$7.98

TOTAL FOR LOWE'S \$637.44

DONATIONS TO THE PROJECT

2G wire

Solar Panel

100A Solar Controller

2X 100AH Lithium Batteries

Camper Door

Battery Switch

Electrical Box

Some Building Materiel

Many More Items

Air vent cover

TOTAL

I tried to include EVERYTHING

AMAZON \$586.21
LOWES \$637.44
TOTAL \$1,223.65

Castway 9000 BTU Mini Split \$530.00
3600W GENERATOR Wen dual-fuel (4hw on gas) \$560.00

TOTAL \$1090.00

ALL TOGETHER TOTAL \$2313.65

For extra unseen items Hardware \$50.00

Approved on 1/8 phase 1 \$1,200.00
Need to be approved on 2/12 \$2,315.65
Compound funds \$3,515.65

MEMBERS' ADDED IDEAS

Fire extinguisher \$40.00

Co2 & Smoke Detector \$40.00

Car Alarm Simple \$15.00 to \$50.00

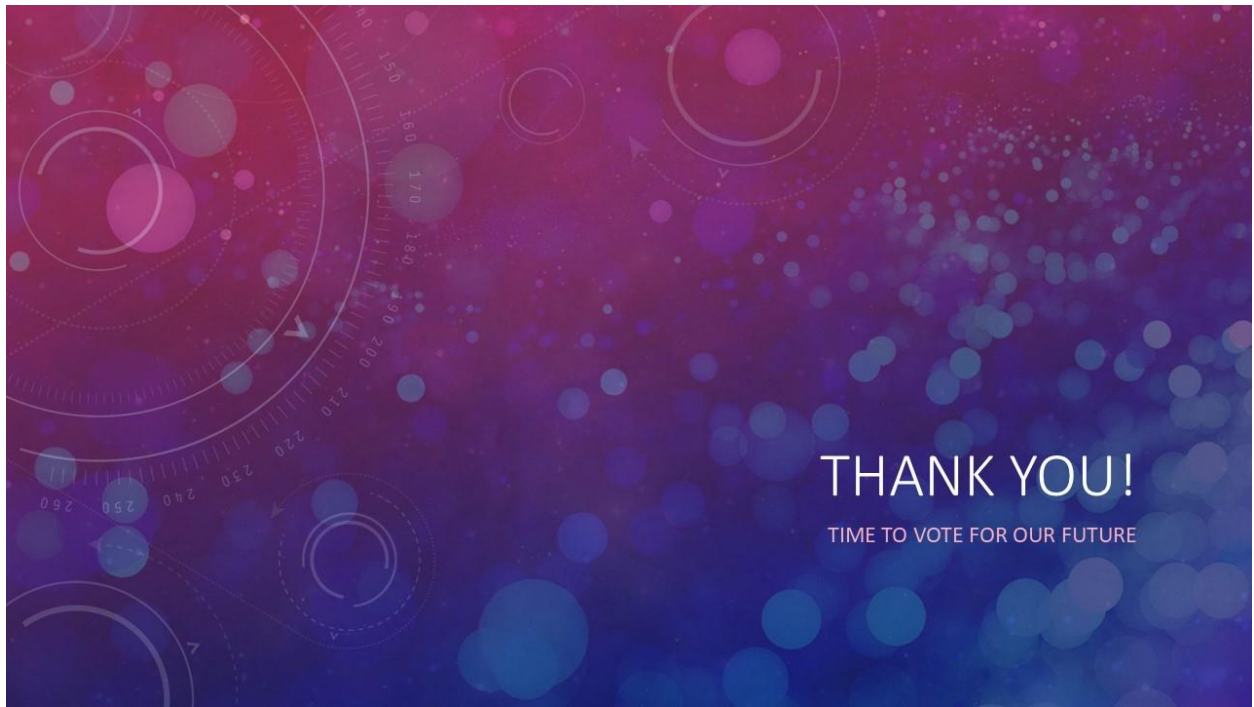
Electrical brakers X2 \$10.00

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