



NORTH OKALOOSA AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

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Minutes for Business Meeting held 12 March 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 Bob, KN4UDT

Introductions were made around the room and for online participants.

Attendance: Voting members: 12 in person, 4 online (Quorum met)

Associate Members: 1 in person, 1 online

Guests: 1 in person (See Appendix 1).

OFFICERS' REPORTS

President's Opening Remarks – DJ KI4ZER

The President congratulated Mike, W4BZM, on achieving the ARRL Five-Band Worked All States award (Contacts with all 50 states on each of 80, 40, 20, 15, and 10 meter bands).

The President requested a show of hands for NOARC members which had paid their 2026 dues. All member present and all members participating online indicated their dues were paid. The President thanked everyone for their support of NOARC.

The President announced that a 50/50 drawing would be held at the meeting.

Secretary's Report – Mike W4BZM

The Minutes for February 2026 have been posted on the NOARC website. The Secretary noted that this was an extensive set of minutes, involving three Appendices and 18 pages, thanks to KN4UDS's presentation on the progress of the trailer.

The 2025 Annual Report has been submitted to NOARC Board members and Committee Chairmen for review, but is still missing the 2025 Treasurer's report.

A Thank You note is being sent to Howard Zemser for his \$108 donation in memory of Midshipman Third Class Justin Zemser. The note is shown as Attachment 2 to these minutes.

A letter of donation was received from Jon KI4UMT for his donation of a generator for the trailer. The Secretary will prepare the IRS-required acceptance letter from NOARC to Jon.

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:	\$4,148.72
Checking account:	\$3,800.39
Petty Cash fund	<u>\$100.00</u>
Total	\$8,049.11

At the beginning of the meeting, there were 37 voting Members and 3 Associate Member who had paid 2026 dues.

Acceptance of Officers' Reports

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Education and Advancement Committee – Bob KN4UDT

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

Tech Nights:

- On 26 February, Jon KI4UMT delivered a presentation on "Raspberry Pi – What, Why, and How?"
- The subject for the March Tech Night is TBD.

Station Committee – (position vacant, DJ KI4ZER reporting)

The Board will meet in April to plan for station repair work and discuss expenditures. Expect one workday per month through the Fall. Jon KI4UMT offered to help.

Activities Committee – (John N8JDD absent, “DJ” KI4ZER reporting)

Past Events:

- 28 February: The Crestview Community Unity Flashlight Walk, sponsored by Crestview Police Department, was a success. The NOARC trailer was open to the public.

Future Events:

- 28 March: Triple B Festival in Crestview. This will be the official “unveiling” of the NOARC trailer. Intent is to have HF and 2m/70cm stations operational for demonstrations.
- 19 April: ARRL Rookie Roundup. Six-hour contest designed to encourage new hams (licensed three years or less). NOARC members were encouraged to contact new hams and help them participate, including use of members’ stations if needed.
- 25 April: Possible demonstration of ham radio portable operation for the Niceville “Trail Life” youth group. Location will be in north Okaloosa County.
- 25 April: Florida QSO Party. NOARC participation to be determined. (Possibly in conjunction with the Trail Life demonstration.)
- 27-28 June 2026: ARRL Summer Field Day. Will be held at Fred Gannon State Park (not Spanish Trail Park as in previous years) in first pavilion (has been reserved). NOARC trailer and personal gear will be used.

Administrative Committee – (Rob KM4SPJ, not present)

No report

Webmaster – Robert KM4VKY

Website is working fine.

Server agreement was renewed in January for one year.

The membership list was updated today.

Hamfest Committee – “DJ”, KI4ZER

DJ KI4ZER has distributed an e-mail with a list of websites to use for advertising and recommendations on how to use social media.

The RV Radio Network (<https://rvradionetwork.com>) is hosting a meeting the week before Hamfest and many of their members can be expected to attend our Hamfest.

A Destin hotel is offering a corporate rate of \$149 per night (discount from the usual \$215 per night) for Hamfest participants. DJ requested assistance from our Crestview members in obtaining a similar discount for a hotel(s) in the Crestview area, nearer to the Hamfest.

Holiday Party Committee – John N8JDD absent, Queenie KQ4FRB reporting

The 2026 Holiday Party will be held in Niceville. Current options include the Community Center or the Masonic Hall, but other options are also under investigation.

OLD BUSINESS

Trailer Upgrades – Joe KN4UDS

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

Completed Work and Testing:

- Power Systems: All 120V and 12V systems are installed and tested.
- Air Conditioning: The unit is installed and operational. Special thanks to Bill KQ4AVF for donating his time to complete this.
 - Interior Finishing: All trim paint is finished, and the paint and hardware for the front three cabinets have been installed.
 - 2000 Watt Inverter Update: We lost three days of progress due to a defective inverter being shipped. A new inverter from a different brand was ordered and installed to better meet our power requirements.
 - Generator: Thanks to John KI4UMT for donating a generator for club use. We have completed a fluid check, load system test, and verified it is in proper working order.

System Checks and Field Tests:

- Conducted several full-load (50 amp) tests using solar power only.
- Performed a system check on the 120V shore power and outlets
- Verified the auto-disconnect switch functionality using the generator.
- Tested the HF portable and repeater setup for RFI. There was no noise noted on HF or the repeater frequency and no unbalanced power issues through the transmitter or receiver.
- Field Test: We used the trailer for the Crestview flashlight walk. The interior and exterior 12V lights and the portable repeater ran for approximately 3.5 hours on solar power alone with no electrical issues. Estimated run time on the batteries is 4 to 8 hours, depending on load.

Current Efforts/Future Plans:

- Documentation: I am currently composing the operational manual, including wiring diagrams and photos for future troubleshooting. With the inventory list.
- Training: Future plans include completing the manuals and training the membership on trailer operation and towing responsibilities. Open training is available at my location for all members who like to take the opportunity to do so. Training requires 1-2 hours.
- Upcoming Trial: We plan to do a full operational run at [Triple B] using three HF/VHF stations and the portable repeater. (Robert KM4VKY donated a TS440S.) Members have been training and will be on site to provide recommendations.
- Bill KQ4ATC stated that he may be able to donate some networking gear for the club trailer.

Expense report to date:

Amazon	\$1,090
Lowes	\$ 967
A/C	<u>\$ 600</u>
Total	\$2657

The project is under budget. The defective 2000W inverter is being returned.

Proposed future improvements/expenses:

Trailer lock – combination lock, estimated \$100

2m/70cm antenna – no expense, use item currently in club station

Ramp to be designed and built for moving generator on/off trailer

Other electronic equipment (radios, computers, printers, etc.) – hold off purchases pending check on club inventory.

A discussion on tow vehicles followed:

- It is recommended that any vehicle towing the trailer be designed to tow at least 7000 pounds and have trailer brake capability.
- The trailer is not insured separately. The person towing the trailer is responsible for insurance and should check his/her policy to verify coverage of a non-owned, towed vehicle.

Repairs to W4AAZ UHF Repeater Antenna – “DJ”, KI4ZER reporting

Daniel KK4VAX reports that he has the tower clamps necessary for straightening the antenna for the UHF repeater. He has indicated that he should perform the job by 16 March.

NEW BUSINESS

Economic Impact Study

Bill KQ4ATC asked if an Economic Impact Study had ever been done to quantify the economic benefit of Hamfest to the local communities. He indicated he may have resources which could help with such an effort.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMENTS

Mentoring Minute

Steve KJ4RWD discussed his recent efforts in ham radio.

Note of Sorrow

Mike W4BZM announced that Lorna Martell, wife of longtime NOARC member Mike Martell, KK4KRZ, had recently passed away in the Gainesville area

50/50 drawing

NOARC's first 50/50 drawing was won by Maria Stewart.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM CDT.

Respectfully submitted

Mike W4BZM

NOARC Secretary

APPENDIX 1: ATTENDANCE

Members in Person	Members online
Mike Behr, W4BZM	Bill Turney, WS4Y
Tyler Stewart, KQ4ACS	Robert Dallons, KM4VKY
“DJ” Stewart, KI4ZER	Joe Feliccia, K4UDS
Tim Terrell, KN4WOO	Michelle Feliccia, KQ4WKC
Bill Williams, KQ4ATC	
John Duren, N8JDD	Associate Members attending
Queenie Barrientos, KQ4FRB	Maria Stewart
Bob Hurley, KN4UDT	
Don Busbee, KR4YXX	Associate Members online
Derek Hoffnung, KQ4LSX	Howard Zemser
Dave Hayden, WB4EWS	
Steve Hays, KJ4RWD	Guests in attendance
	Miji Williams
	Guests online
	None

Total voting membership: 37

Quorum (at least one of the following):

- 10 (including one officer) – Quorum met
- 6 (including three officers) – Quorum also met

APPENDIX 2: ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF DONATION



Thank You
from
**NORTH OKALOOSA AMATEUR
RADIO CLUB**

Dear Howard

Thank you for your donation of \$108 to the North Okaloosa Amateur Radio Club in memory of Midshipman Third Class Justin Zemser.

As you know, NOARC has many amateur radio projects in process. Your support will help further our educational efforts, the modifications to our new trailer, and our Zoom interface for members unable to physically attend club functions.

We are happy to have you as a member of NOARC and look forward to hearing you on the air soon.

Dustin Stewart

President, NOARC