

UAARC Club Meeting Minutes February 9th, 2026

22 voting members including 3 officers present. We HAD a quorum.

3 visitors

John Keith began meeting with standing roll call and visitor introduction.

Debbie Collier KI5BHT gave treasures report

Gen fund \$1,062.30

2026 unpaid liabilities \$629.54

501(c)(3) acct \$155.00

31 members as of 2/09/2026 have paid 2026 dues

John announced March club meeting presentation will be Intro To FLdigi.

Chris Burris KI5OMH and Ray Cook KE5VJH gave report from fire department. Quite a few brush fires lately so be careful and contact fire dept. if needed.

John announced again that the BOD will be making some minor changes to the by-laws this year and if any members had any suggestions to contact a BOD member.

Terry Conyers KJ5BHF was the elections chairman this year and he announced only one nomination per officer position. The 2026 UAARC officers were confirmed as:

President – John Keith W5BWC

Vice President – George Wood K6GMW

Sec/Treas – William Collier KG5SVM

Don Gamble KG5CMS announced 2026 LETARC POTA monthly schedule and invited anyone to come out and participate with or without a radio.

Chris Burris discussed an unauthorized individual has been transmitting on the Upshur Co fire department radio frequencies and asked that if anybody hears him to document the time and date and report to Chris or Ray Cook.

Terry announced that he has obtained a radio for use with the Ham radio bands in the newly acquired Upshur Co. Mobile Command Post van.

John announced the donation of a 70cm repeater radio and duplexer by James Stull KB9VQQ. John has applied to the Texas VHF society for a 70cm frequency pair for the club. John wants to mount it on a tower site separate from the current club repeater on Simpson Mt. and use it primarily as a digital repeater for FLdigi and backup voice but asked for members input for any other uses. James proceeded to give a brief description of the repeater and several duplexers. Rod Archer KN0WER suggested getting a copy of the recent RF survey from the Sheriff's Dept. as a start for deciding a location. Monte McDavid KJ5GEC suggested that we link the two repeaters.

William introduced the nights presenter, Jason McKinney N6WWW. He demonstrated how to tune up a portable vertical antenna using a NanoVNA followed by an engaging discussion amongst the members.

The meeting was adjourned and refreshments were provided by Terry Conyers.