UAARC Club Meeting Minutes
June 8, 2026

Attendance:

20 members (including 3 officers) and 6 visitors

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by John Keith (W5BWC), followed by visitor introductions and a standing roll call.

Secretary/Treasurer Report

Presented by William Collier (KG5SVM):

• Total members: 40
o 38 full members

• ARRL-affiliated members: 24

Financial Summary:

• General Fund Balance: $2,371.70
• Unpaid Liabilities: $443.94
• 501(c)(3) Fund Balance: $150.00

Administrative Update:

• Federal and state tax filings are current.

Field Day Planning & Reports

• George Wood (K6GMW) reminded members that Field Day is only three weeks away and requested status updates from team leaders.

• Terry Conyers, Logistics Team Leader, reported that preparations are on schedule and will be completed before Field Day.

• William Collier, Radio Team Leader, reported that radio equipment and station preparations are either complete or on track for completion prior to Field Day.

• Jo Ann Keith, Food Team Leader, reported that meal planning and food preparations are progressing as scheduled.

• George Wood presented the Public Relations Team report on behalf of Jeff Larry.

• Monte McDavid announced that he will conduct two training sessions during Field Day covering amplifier fundamentals and concepts relevant to amateur radio operations and licensing examinations.

• George Wood announced that the results of the club's Plan-Do-Act exercise will be presented and discussed at the next club meeting.

Announcements & Reports

• William Collier announced the final voting results for the proposed Constitution and Bylaw amendments:
o 28 members voted in favor of the Constitutional amendment.
o 27 members voted in favor of the Bylaw amendment, with 1 vote opposed.

Both measures received the required approval and were adopted.

• William Collier announced that HamExpo will be held on Saturday, June 13, in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

• John Keith announced that, in lieu of a traditional Yamboree booth, the club will park the Harmony Fire Department emergency command vehicle in front of Mark Nichols' office and operate an HF station from that location during the event.

• John Keith announced that George Wood has acquired a fiberglass mast for use in the construction of a 70cm antenna.

• John Keith reported that plans remain in place to install a Meshtastic node on the K5UAR tower. William Collier and George Wood will continue work on the project as time permits.

• Chris Burris (KI5OMH) demonstrated the TalkToMe radio service, which provides a bridged connection between cellular networks and RF repeater systems.

Guest Presentation

• George Wood introduced Upshur County Judge-Elect Brandon Dodd, who presented his vision and plans for the future of Upshur County and answered questions from attendees.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by John Keith.

Refreshments were provided by Ian Hancock (KJ5IIV).