UAARC Club Meeting Minutes

July 13, 2026

Attendance

- 16 attendees (including 3 visitors)
- Visitors: Josh, Valerie, and Ben Lowery

Call to Order

President John Keith (W5BWC) called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM with a standing roll call. Following the roll call, visitors Josh, Valerie, and Ben Lowery were introduced.

As only 13 members including one officer was present, a quorum was not established.

John explained that Vice President George (K6GMW) was absent due to family visiting from out of town, and Secretary/Treasurer William Collier was away visiting family in South Texas.

Secretary/Treasurer Report

John presented the Treasurer's Report prepared by William (KG5SVM).

Total Members 41

Total Full Members 39

ARRL Affiliated 24 (Min needed 20.5)

General fund balance: $2,637.46

Unpaid Liabilities $443.94

Balance: $2,193.52

501c(3) fund balance: $155.00

2025 Fed Taxes Filed

Q1 State Taxes Filed: $0.00 owed

Q2 State Taxes Filed: $4.24 paid

Emergency Communications

Neither the Skywarn Coordinator nor the Wood County Emergency Management representative was able to attend the meeting.

Chris requested that John attempt to contact him via the club repeater from Eastman to demonstrate his Push-to-Talk over Cellular (POC) system. Although contact was unsuccessful, John provided a brief overview of POC technology and explained its advantages and intended use.

Technical Report

John provided an update on the club's new 70 cm collinear antenna project.

- Construction of the antenna is progressing.
- The antenna is currently resonating approximately 9 MHz above the amateur band.
- Work is underway to lower the resonant frequency into the 70 cm amateur allocation.
- A repeater site has not yet been selected, but this is not delaying the project since a commercially purchased antenna ordered in May would not have been available until approximately August.

Education

John read an email from Wood County regarding the upcoming Technician License Class and provided a printed copy to visitor Ben Lowery.

Jason (N6WWW) announced that a link to his amateur radio license study program is available on his QRZ page.

John congratulated Jason on developing the study program and stated that the Board of Directors will consider incorporating it into the club's education efforts.

Club Activities

John announced that another Home Brew Night is being planned, tentatively for August. The date will be confirmed and announced by George (K6GMW).

A slideshow highlighting the club's 2026 ARRL Field Day activities, prepared by George (K6GMW), was presented. Members shared comments about the event, noting the excellent operating results, good food, and enjoyable fellowship.

Visitor Josh commented that he was especially impressed by the club's ability to make long-distance contacts during Field Day without the use of a repeater, finding that aspect of amateur radio particularly fascinating.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned for refreshments.

Special thanks were extended to Terry (KJ5BHF) and Janet for providing an excellent selection of refreshments, including several low-fat and low-sugar options.