

Albemarle Amateur Radio Club

Monthly Meeting Minutes

Date: February 10, 2026

Location: PVCC / Zoom hybrid

Call to Order: 1900 by President Ed Berkowitz, N3US

1. Attendees			
In Person		Online	
Name	Call Sign	Name	Call Sign
Ian Callahan	KN4TBG	Dave Damon	K4DND
John Porter	KK4JP	Warren Yursik	KN4LYF
Dennis Terribile	WR4I	Mike Watkins	W4H00
Ed Berkowitz	N3US	Glenn Hartman	WA3Z
Bob Romanko	AK4BR	CJ FitzHenry	W4FTZ
Brian Williams	K4BQF	Mary DeViney	KM4CWP
Ken Walker	KO4OM	Jacob Di Girolamo	K4KHC
Larry Broach	KQ4QKG	Allen Nathanson	WA3WCO
Micheal Smith	KQ4SRP	Bill Oleksy	KF4IE
Nate Peterson	N4PED	Barbara Freeman	KN4LAH
Jim Wilson	K4BAV	Rich Freeman	KI4QKV
Russ Sawyer	KN4LAU	Bill Pond	N0WP
Jim Owen	K4CGY	Chris	KQ4KEO
		Scott	KG4TNX
Total Attendance: [13] in person, [14] via Zoom			

2. Welcoming Statement & Announcements

Welcome to the AARC monthly meeting.

3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the January 2026 meeting minutes was made by John, KK4JP and 2nd by Warren, KN4LYF. Minutes were approved by all present.

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4. Membership Applications

Glenn Kraut, ZS2GK/W4, Kent Store, Virginia

Motion was moved and unanimously approved.

5. Treasurer's Report

Presented by Ed Berkowitz, N3US

Total Deposited Assets: \$41,375.81

Full report attached at the end of these minutes.

6. Committee Reports

- A. Public Service – Dave Damon, K4DND: AARC has its first PS of 2026 on the calendar. This is the Blue Ridge Extreme Gravel Bike Ride scheduled for Sunday, April 26. Recruiting for this event has not officially started, so further notices and detailed information will be sent out to the AARC membership as we get closer to the event.
- B. Estate Committee – No Report.
- C. Technical Committee – Bill Pond, N0WP: The Technical committee has little to report. The 224.760 repeater *receiver* at Heard Mt. is not currently functioning. The plan to correct it is to re-install the previous hardware if we find the current receiver has failed. The trip to make this correction is awaiting suitable road and weather conditions to make the site visit. In the meantime, the 224.760 *transmitter* continues to be linked with our other repeaters.

No other problems or issues exist to the best of my knowledge.

- D. Public Relations – Ed Berkowitz, N3US: The first upcoming club event scheduled on April 26 is the Blue Ridge Extreme Gravel Bike Ride in Dyke, Virginia. Dave Damon sent me the website about the event, and I will make contact with club members who live close to the event who could help with taking photos. I am also looking for suggestions and ideas for activities that the youth members would be interested in.
- E. Education Committee – No Report.
- F. Fundraising – No Report.

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- G. Volunteer Exam Liaison – Ed Berkowitz, N3US: The last VE session was in December 2025. At that and many previous sessions, we have had only one or two test takers. The regular VE's and I have discussed decreasing the frequency of AARC test sessions to three-times-per-year rather than the present four-times-per-year. The ARRL required that we do four; our new VEC, W4VEC has no such requirement. I propose to decrease the number of our test sessions from 4 to 3 per year, April, August and December. If there are no objections ; I will circulate proposed dates via mass email to the membership so we can avoid conflicts with other amateur radio events before I reserve the room at PVCC.
- H. Youth Group- Dave Damon, K4DND: Len KQ4BBR, Scott KQ4TNX, Ian KN4TBG, Bill N0WP, Ed N3US, Russ KN4LAU are on the committee so far. Mike, KQ9P is happy to put together an event for the youth but doesn't have time to be on the committee. There are a couple of other people invited but have not responded. Nothing has started as of yet, the weather has not been conducive to any plans, but I would like to have one event a month. Scott KQ4TNX has volunteered to circulate this to the W4UVA folks who would also be qualified as youth members and that would be great to have them as part of this also. Anyone that would like to help out send me an email.

7. Program

Dennis Terribile, Weak Signal Propagation Reporter (WSPR)

Introduction.

8. Old Business Bob Romanko, AK4BR Logo update, it has been updated with the changes discussed from the last meeting, I am now working on cleaning up vector graphic. Next step will be a presentation to the club for the final vote. If the club votes to go ahead with it I would also like to present a club store in the future to order polo shirts, hats, mugs etc.

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9. New Business

Bob Romanko, AK4BR: Field Day. Last full weekend of June, June 27 & 28, 2026. It will be at the Earlysville VFD. It isn't that far away, this year it is going to be better with new computers, 2 Yaesu FT-710's. I would like to do food the same as last year in the lobby, you go in and escape the heat for a bit. I will send out emails next couple of months for those interested in helping out. If you go to our YouTube channel (<https://youtube.com/@albemarleamateurradiocluba3860?si=iXkaVVruHcx5x1Vg>) there are video's of Field Day briefing's done in the past.

Raffle was held by Ian Callahan, KN4TBG \$10 was raised and given to Ed Berkowitz, N3US.

10. Comments / Announcements

Next meeting is a PVCC/ Zoom hybrid on March 10, 2026 at 1900.

11. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2030.

Respectfully submitted,

Ian Callahan, KN4TBG
AARC Secretary

Appendix A – Treasurer's Report

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Account Balances:

- Business Economy Checking: \$4972.91
 - Business Money Market Fund: \$24,908.28
 - Business Savings Account: \$100.00
 - Certificate of Deposit: \$11,394.62
- Grand Total: \$41,375.81

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