



Baldwin County Amateur Radio Club (N4MZ)

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Minutes of the Regular Monthly Club Meeting was held SEPTEMBER 18, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 18:00 hours CDT by President Greg Powers, N4RAI. There were thirty-five members and two guests present. There was a quorum.

Meeting Opened with reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Welcome Members & Visitors - Greg Powers, N4RAI

Secretary's Report – Pattilynne Miller, KM4ZGB

Pattilynne reported minutes posted on website and received one correspondence for Joel.

Report of Treasurer – Tom Wallace, KN4DND reported treasury activity during month of August and balances as of 08/31/2025.

Report from VE Team Leaders - Joel Emmett, W2BJN & Ron Thomas, N4RT

Ron reported testing at the Westminster Village Clubhouse in Spanish Fort in October yielded two Generals and one new Technician. Next testing session will be October 18th at 9:30am at Westminster Village Bayside Clubhouse.

Joel reported the testing session on September 13th was cancelled as only one applicant and decided to study more before testing. Last testing session for this year will be November 1st at 9:00am at Daphne Library

Winlink Activity - John Acton, K7ACT,

John reported that information about Winlink is posted on the club website: N4MZ.com.

ARES Report – John Acton, K7ACT for Ken Bell, K4EES

There is to be an online class from the National Weather Service/Mobile on October 22, November 14th and 18th. Sign up online if interested. John gave ideas for upcoming training for members to consider. Individuals continue to do online education courses through ARRL & FEMA. We meet at 5:30pm to turn in certificates of completion and get EC signature to validate. October 24-26 is the Alabama ARES SET. Representatives of EOC are to participate with us on Friday 24th and BCARC will participate alone on Saturday the 25th.

New Business – Greg Powers, N4RAI

ARRL elections for Southeast Representative are coming up and ballots are due by noon on November 21st.

Meeting with EMA on September 24th to make recommendations about which repeater should be purchased.

Christmas party on December 18th at Wolf Bay Lodge. Motion made by Pattilynne Miller, KM4ZGB, and seconded by Tom Wallace, KN4DND, "members would pay \$30 dollars per person for the Christmas dinner party". MOTION PASSED. Members are urged to pay soon via check or PayPal with comment line for Christmas. Our reservation is for fifty people; if more than fifty pay then a new room will be needed.

Volunteers for the Nominating committee: Joe McIntosh, K4JOM and Mike Pape, KR4DSL will serve.



Coming Events – Greg Powers, N4RAI

Multiple Sclerosis Bike the Beach 150 September 27th and 28th Ken, K4EES coordinating.

ARRL national SET will happen October 4-5th.

Foley Tailgater set for Saturday November 1st 8:00AM to 12 Noon at Foley United Methodist Church on North Pine Street. Will have Simplex call in on 146.490.

POTA & FOXHUNT by BCARC will be November 22nd begin operating at 10:00am at Blakley State Park. Cost of the club is \$100.00 for pavilion.

Good of the Club – Greg Powers, N4RAI

ARRL needs help with letter writing campaign to get laws passed to help those living in HOA communities to have antennas. Link is on Club webpage and only takes few minutes to enter your callsign and address then a letter is automatically created and will be hand delivered to senators and representatives. Please do this ASAP

There is a DMR Talkabout after the ARES net Check-ins on Thursdays on the Gulf Coast 31011 DMR repeater.

Evening Program – Paul Reid, K4PKR & Richard Tellman, KQ4LTM Video

Paul spoke of his experience as Chief Telecommunications for FEMA and the Continuity of Government program that he participated in the 62 days of lockdown post 9/11 event on the National Emergency Intelligence Team. Interesting tidbits that FEMA uses HF as their real backup frequencies and MARS uses Winlink for its communications.

Richard showed a video on Foxhunting of a 2.5-watt Baofeng hidden in a park. He was using a Yagi and compass, map, changed to whip antenna and then removing the antenna to locate the fox. Also shared that IOS has a Fox Hunt Pro app.

The meeting adjourned at 19:00 pm CDT Submitted,
Pattilynne Miller, KM4ZGB, Secretary.