



Baldwin County Amateur Radio Club (N4MZ)

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Minutes of the Regular Monthly Club Meeting was held MARCH 19, 2026. The meeting was called to order at 18:00 hours CDT by President Jared Budlong, KQ4UAQ. There were 37 members and SIX guests present. There was a quorum.

Meeting Opened with reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Welcome Members & Visitors - Jared Budlong, KQ4UAQ

Secretary's Report – Pattilynne Miller, N5PLM

Pattilynne reported minutes posted on website and no correspondence received.

Report of Treasurer – Tom Wallace, KN4DND reported treasury activity during the month of February and balances as of 02/28/2026.

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

Ron reported next testing at Westminster Village Bayside Clubhouse on March 21st @ 9:30am. 1 person registered. Five spots open; people interested in upgrading should go to ExamTool.org and sign up.

Joel reported next test date at Daphne library is moved to second Saturday 4/11 due to Easter. 4 registered & 2 spots open.

Winlink Activity - John Acton, K7ACT,

John reported that the weekly check-ins on Winlink continue.

Repeater and Trustee Report - Chuck Pharis, WA4USA & Joel Emmett, W2BJN

Repeaters functioned well. Although there is no date to be confirmed for moving our equipment from outside into the building, a rack has been installed for us. Natasha reported that the club received high praise for how we performed in the EMA Shelter exercise. We appreciate Natasha advocating for our club with her superiors. There is a possibility of getting tower access for future repeater & antenna installation.

ARES Report – Ken Bell, K4EES

Ken has been Emergency Coordinator for 3 years and we have 3 great EC Assistants. Ken is retiring and we need someone to step forward as the EC for Baldwin ARES. We thank Ken for his leadership and service in this role. He will help with the transition once a new EC is identified. Contact Jared if you are interested. NEXT ARES meeting will be building yagi antennas for interested members. Let Jared know of your interest.

Old Business – Jared Budlong, KQ4UAQ

DMR Repeater UPDATE: Tom Wallace, KN4DND recognized Dr Kris, who has obtained a DMR repeater for us. Littleton, functioning as frequency coordinator, has assigned us the following frequencies: 443.325 for RECEIVE and 448.325 for TRANSMIT with Color Code: ONE and Timeslot: TWO in Gulf Coast Talk Group #31011. The repeater should be live by this weekend.



New Business - Jared Budlong, KQ4UAQ

Jared polled club members to determine those interested in building a yagi antenna to use in the upcoming fox hunt. Results showed that there is sufficient interest in using next month's ARES meeting time to build them. Let Jared know if you want to join the 5:30 pm ARES meeting to build the yagi antenna.

Coming Events – Jared Budlong, KQ4UAQ

- April 4th POTA at Blakeley State Park. Begin at 9-9am and run to 2-3pm. Henry volunteered to have a hotdog lunch again and Jared will invite Deep South and Mobile Clubs to join us.
- April 18th and May 2nd is Cheaha State Park Event, and we will need volunteer operators for these weekends Let Jared or Greg know if you are interested.
- May 30th 9am to 12 noon Fairhope having a Hurricane Preparedness Expo and invited BCARC. Jared will be there with table others can come and help let Jared know of your interest.
- EARLY JUNE Date TBA to have Fox hunt to improve geolocating skills.
- June 27 & 28th Summer Field Day at Camp Silver Creek in Silverhill. Camp prep is on Friday.

Good of the Club – Jared Budlong, KQ4UAQ

Reminder there is a DMR Talkabout after the ARES net Check-ins on Thursdays at 8:00pm on the Gulf Coast 31011 DMR repeater.

Evening Program –Richard Tellman, KQ4LTM

Richard class on How J-pole works using 2 videos.

- 1) Ask-Dav-163 video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iVigUBSP9DE> and then.
- 2) Ask-Dave-#36 video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GRJw3SCBGfA>

Richard also shared a helpful site to use: <https://m0ukd.com/calculators/slim-jim-and-j-pole-calculator/>

The meeting adjourned at 19:30 pm CDT Submitted,
Pattilynne Miller, N5PLM, Secretary.