



Baldwin County Amateur Radio Club (N4MZ)

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Robertsdale, AL 36567

Minutes of the Regular Monthly Club Meeting was held MAY 21, 2026. The meeting was called to order at 18:00 hours CDT by President Jared Budlong, KQ4UAQ. There were 32 members and four 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 received one QSL correspondence which will be forwarded to Joel.

Report of Treasurer – Tom Wallace, KN4DND reported treasury activity during the month of April and balances as of 04/30/2026.

Report from VE Team Leaders - Ron Thomas, N4RT

Ron reported testing session at Westminster Village Bayside Clubhouse on May 16th yielded 4 Technicians and 1 Extra.

Next session will be at Daphne Library June 6th and followed by Westminster Village Club having a testing session on July 18th.

As the testing is now all digital, people interested in testing or upgrading should go to ExamTool.org and sign up. Instructions can be found on website www.QSL.net/AB4WV or www.hamstudy.org.

Winlink Activity - John Acton, K7ACT,

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

Repeater and Trustee Report - Chuck Pharis, WA4USA

Issues with Weeks Bay Repeater need to be resolved before hurricane season. Ron offered to assist.

ARES Report – Henry Battaglia, KQ4PJM & John Acton, K7ACT

Henry, as our new Emergency Coordinator, introduced himself and gave a brief bio. Natasha sent word that the EMA has approved a new repeater purchase and will move equipment inside. 090 will be down during this changeover. We will get access to new antenna after the 911 work is finished. A tower climber comes to EMA only every few years and 2027 is the next scheduled.

Announcements – Jared Budlong, KQ4UAQ

Chuck Pharis has a table reserved at the Milton Ham fest on July 10th -11th. Anyone with equipment to sell can mark it with their name and bring it to the June meeting for Chuck to take it to the Ham fest.

August 22-23rd is the Huntsville Ham fest and some members will likely be going.



Coming Events – Jared Budlong, KQ4UAQ

- 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. Set up at 8am with HF & VHF
- JUNE 6th 9-11am to have Fox hunt to improve geolocating skills and use new yagi antennas.
- June 27 & 28th Summer Field Day at Camp Silver Creek in Silverhill. Camp prep is on Friday (Need Helpers).
- July 14th, Hurricane Expo in Foley Civic Center. (Need Volunteers to man booth)
- September 26th in Gulf Shores is MS 150 Bike Event. Only 1 day and will have 5 rest stops (Need volunteers)

Evening Program –Richard Tellman, KQ4LTM

Richard class on Standing Waves & how radio waves function by using a video followed by discussion.

[AT&T Archives: Similarities of Wave Behavior \(Bonus Edition\)](#)

The meeting adjourned at 19:15 pm CDT Submitted,
Pattilynne Miller, N5PLM, Secretary.