



Baldwin County Amateur Radio Club (N4MZ)

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Minutes of the Regular Monthly Club Meeting was held OCTOBER 15, 2026. The meeting was called to order at 1800 CDT by President Jared Budlong, KQ4UAQ. There were 26 members and SEVEN 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 we received NO correspondence.

Report of Treasurer – Tom Wallace, KN4DND reported treasury activity during the month of SEPTEMBER and balances as of 09/30/2026.

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

- Ron reported the next testing at Westminster Village in Spanish Fort is November 21 at 9:30am.
- Joel reported that the last session of 2026 at Daphne Public Library was October 3rd Congratulations to Cynthia Tellman who passed Amateur Extra exam.
- As the testing is now all digital, people interested in testing or upgrading should go to ExamTool.org and sign up. Instructions are also available at www.QL.net/AB4WV for Westminster Village or www.n4mz.com for Daphne Public Library.

Winlink Activity - John Acton, K7ACT

- John reported that the weekly check-ins on Winlink continue with approximately 70 people participating and 448 messages being created.

Repeater Trustee Report – Joel Emmett, W2BJN & Ken Bell, K4EES

- Joel reported that everything was working well. Lost D-star repeater during storm but it is back online again. The .090 repeater was reported to cut off talking for CW- ID. Ken Bell reported that this has been corrected and should not happen again.

ARES Report – Henry Battaglia, KQ4PJM

- SET with EMA planned for October 31, (Saturday) 8am-1pm. Contact Henry to sign up.
- Henry thanked all that participated in the Hurricane lasisa.activation.



Upcoming Events – Jared Budlong, KQ4UAQ

- Fall POTA this weekend at Tensaw Campground at Blakley State Park. Contact Jared to participate.
- SET 10/31 8am-12noon. Contact Henry to participate.
- November 7th 8a – 12 noon FOLEY Tail-gater, Methodist Church parking lot.
- November 19th VOTING in Officers. Joe McIntosh will pursue nominations this month. Contact Joe if you are interested in running any of the offices.
- Christmas party will be on December 17th. Invitations distributed tonight. Members need to pay \$30 dollars per person by December 1st to treasurer Tom; PayPal is the preferred method. The board will finalize the menu selections for the buffet: salad & bread, 2 entrées, 3 vegetables, holiday dessert with tea, coffee & water. ARCWV will provide tours of the Radio Room beginning at 4pm; dinner at 5pm
- January 30-31 WINTER FIELD DAY. Camp Silvercreek is already reserved in Silverhill.

Good of the Club – Jared Budlong, KQ4UAQ

- Reminder of the DMR talk-around following the ARES net on Thursdays at 2000 CDT, Talk Group -31011, Color Code1 and Timeslot 2

Evening Program –Richard Tellman, KQ4LTM

Richard did a lecture and demonstration of what the Nano-VNa is calculating and how it aligns with the Smith Chart when evaluating SWR of an antenna. Electrical Engineers received a great review and the rest of us learned the Nano-VNa does a remarkable job of navigating the math for us.

The meeting adjourned at 19:20 pm CDT Submitted,
Pattilynne Miller, N5PLM, Secretary.