

Minutes-February 19, 2026, General Meeting

Executive Committee Members Present

President: Geoff Kline KI5VNB

Vice President: Eric Bramini KC8OPY, Field Day Coordinator

Treasurer: Tom McClory KE8FWZ, Youth Coordinator

Secretary: Jim Gifford N8KET, POTA Coordinator

Senior Director: Don Macon KE8WVJ

Junior Director: Glenn Rodgers WI8O, Clubhouse Safety

Executive Committee Members Absent

NA

Pledge of Allegiance

Membership Introductions

President Geoff Kline KI5VNB led with the Pledge of Allegiance. Introductions were made, and we recognized visitors and new and advanced hams. The mic was passed around the room and members and guests introduced themselves.

January Meeting Minutes

Paul Sharp WS8R moved we accept the minutes as emailed; Glenn Rodgers WI8O seconded; passed.

Treasurer's Report – Tom (KE8FWZ

BARC January 2026 Financials

Fund	31-Dec-25	Income	Expenses	31-Jan-26
General	\$6,627.73	\$1,889.94	\$468.00	\$8,049.67
Comm center	\$1,007.43	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,007.43
Refreshments	\$941.46	\$61.00	\$0.00	\$1,052.46
Repeater	\$319.53	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$319.53
All Liquid Funds	\$8946.15	\$1,950.94	\$468.00	\$10,429.09
6 Month CD	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
ALL FUNDS	\$8946.15	\$1,950.94	\$468.00	\$10,429.09

WPCU 31-Jan-2026 ending Balance: \$10,429.09

Don Macon KE8WVJ moved we accept the Treasurer's Report; Jon D Thuermer KB8SRQ seconded; passed.

President Updates – Geoff (KI5VNB)-

- Approval for lighted exit sign and quoted- Recommendation for a second exit sign, purchased and amending project plan.
- Completing project plan for antenna work to open mid-march for a couple of months.
- Initiated contact with Carillon Park about operating in the park for Wright Brothers SES in September.
- Denny Hays KE8WVK donated a sound system to improve the movie night experience. He also led the effort to install the equipment.
- Membership Questions (show of hands)
 - Discussion of a club swap meet before the April meeting?
 - Interest in also having interested members show off their mobile installations with Q/
 - Is there interest in a membership meeting presentation on the use of AI in the hobby?

Officer and Coordinator Updates

- Tech Night Update – Bob French AC8ZU: French said it is scheduled for every third Tuesday night. Next meeting will feature Ray Hitt N8VMX discussing Ham Clock.
- First Saturday POTA events – Jim Gifford N8KET: Gifford described the next first Saturday meet, and he said that monthly meetings will resume.
- Movie Night – Tink Siwecki KD8NUA; Siwecki said that the next movie is “Aquaman.”
- Newsletter – Ray Hitt N8VMX: Hitt requested inputs for “Full Quieting.”
- Lunch Bunch – Jim Totten (on Zoom) WA8HUB; Totten invited members to the next lunch.
- Field Day Planning – Eric Bramini KC8OPY; Bramini described the plan for Field Day, which is the last full weekend in June.
- Any other updates, questions, concerns?

Guest Speaker (Unavailable due to weather?)

Meteorologist Nick Dunn, W8NSD @ Channel 7, was called to work because of strong storms in the area.

Guest Speaker – SKYWARN – Don Parker KB8PSL

Official Weather Briefing For the NWS Wilmington, OH Service Area

Main Hazards & Impacts

Discussed W8OK, Dayton SKYWARN, activation criteria

Activated and deactivated by the National Weather Service (NWS)

After SKYWARN is activated and other county nets are contacted, individual operators may contact and let the control operator know they are active

Forecast Challenges

- What is a funnel cloud and what is a tornado?
- What information is to be reported?
 - Tornado

- Funnel cloud
- Wall cloud
- Rotation of clouds
- Trees
- Uprooted
- Down
- Size

Flooding

- How much to report

Structural Damage**Do Not Report**

- Power outages
- Phone lines down
- Lightning and thunder
- Sirens activated

Larry Darner KD8RER moved that we adjourn; Eric Bramini seconded; without objection-adjourned.