

General Meeting Minutes July 2026

Executive Committee Members Present

President: Geoff Kline KI5VNB

Vice President: Eric Bramini KC8OPY, Field Day Coordinator

Secretary: Jim Gifford N8KET, POTA Co-Coordinator

Senior Director: Don Macon KE8WVJ

Junior Director: Glenn Rodgers WI8O, Clubhouse Safety, POTA
Co-Coordinator

Executive Committee Members Absent

Treasurer: Tom McClory KE8FWZ, Youth Coordinator

Opening

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.

Questions/Comments on June meeting minutes

Eric Bramini KC8OPY moved we accept; Don Macon KE8WVJ seconded; passed.

Financial Report – Tom McClory KE8FWZ

Tom McClory is unable to attend, so the president presented the report:

In June we collected \$306.18 and we spent \$772.03. This left us with a balance of \$8,427.98 at the end of June. So far this month we have spent \$162 for spectrum internet and \$81 for the Buck Creek Shelter rental. We currently have \$8,184.73 in the bank account.

Jim Totten WA8HUB moved to accept; Joe Muchnij N8QOD seconded; passed.

Updates from the President

SPAM WARNING

You likely received a spam email this week, that appeared to come from me.

- Please remember we will not email you asking to help cover club expenses directly or to “help” someone out.
- If you get an email asking for money be sure to look at the actual email address it came from. Does it look like the normal email address that person would send an email from?

- Watch out for panic or urgency-- spam emails often try to rush you into acting.
- Never click random links, you should hover over it and if the web address looks weird, do not go to the link.
- Never download unexpected attachments to the email.

RADIO ROOM OPEN (Bob French helped talk about this)

Radio Room open before membership meetings through the end of the year – Bob French AC8ZU encouraged members to join others before the meeting.

- Bob French will start opening the radio room at 5:30pm on membership meeting nights for new ham use or other educational opportunities.
- Do you have questions, do you want to try a new mode, stop by and we will work through it.
- Do you have experience and want to help answer questions and mentor other club members? Stop by and offer your expertise.

Cincinnati Hamfest – August 15

- Two vendor tables are available to BARC.
- If you have items to sell please drop them off in the clubhouse no later than August 13.
- Label the item with your callsign, asking price, and minimum price you would accept.
- Come join us for the award ceremony, which is planned for 1pm in the main hall.
- We need volunteers to work our vendor table, please let Geoff Kline know.

Lions Club Parade is also August 15

- We need volunteers to work the parade.
- Volunteers will need to arrive no later than 3pm on Saturday August 15.
- Watch for email from Don Parker KB8PSL.

Ohio QSO Party from the clubhouse August 22

- We will be have the radio room open on Saturday August 22 for anyone who wants to work the Ohio QSO party.
- If you're interested in contesting or seeing what it is about, this is an easy contest.
- Watch your BARC email for additional information.

Picnic On The Air – Saturday August 29

This will be at Buck Creek State Park at the Oak Grove Shelter

- Bring yourself, your family or friends, and come enjoy a relaxing social event.
- Buck Creek is a World Wildlife Flora & Fauna (KFF-1937) / Parks On The Air (US-1937) Dual Park.
- If you have food suggestions we are all ears, or if you want to help organize, please let one of the officers know.

Wilbur & Orville Wright Event – September 19 (Carillon Park)

- We have our flyer designed and will be sending it out to get printed for the event.

- We are testing a new display for the public to promote amateur radio and give live updates on QSOs made during the day.
- We need operators throughout the day 9:30am – 5pm.
- Please let Geoff Kline and Jim Gifford N8KET know if you can operate that day.
- Let us know what mode you would like to operate, and if you would be interested in working with the general public and helping people make a contact.
- We will be operating under the call W8O.

October 15 – Membership Meeting

- Start working on your chili recipes.
- We will be hosting the BARC chili dinner in the PDC room (main meeting room).
- Bring your chili and enjoy an evening of visiting and eating.
- There will be a quick business only meeting and no presentation.

ARRL SSB Sweepstakes from the clubhouse November 21

- Radio room will be open for anyone wanting to work this contest or come learn about contesting.
- Watch for emails as the date gets closer.

Radio Santa

- Lastly we want to know if any club members are interested in working on a program for the preschool.
- If there is interest please let Geoff Kline know, and he will set up some initial meetings to work through various ideas.

Coordinator updates

- Tink Siwecki KD8NUA said that the next BARC Movie Night will be next week with the movie, “For Richer or for Poorer.”
- Jeff Pursell KJ6SC said we gained one new member in June for a total of 167 members.
- Jim Totten WA8HUB announced the next BARC Lunch Bunch.
- Ray Hitt N8VMX said that the Full Quieting needs articles from members.

Presentation, Don Parker KD8PSL– Field Day

Presentation

Parker took photographs submitted by various BARC members and created a presentation of all the work (and fun) that is involved in a BARC Field Day, including arranging tables, running wiring for the generator, erecting antennas, operating, having a picnic supper, and operating through the night—all set to music.

Closing

John Westerkamp W8LRJ moved we close the meeting; Larry Darner KD8RER seconded; closed at about 8:07 pm.