

Minutes-March 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 Co-Coordinator
Senior Director: Don Macon KE8WVJ
Junior Director: Glenn Rodgers WI8O, Clubhouse Safety, POTA Co-Coordinator

Executive Committee Members Absent

NA

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 February meeting minutes as emailed earlier

Glenn Rodgers WI8O moved we accept; Ray Hitt N8VMX seconded; passed.

Financial report – Tom (KE8FWZ)

Tom McClory KE8FWZ presented the March financial numbers. The club started with \$10,429 and finished at \$10,754. He detailed expenses and income.

BARC February 2026 Financials				
Fund	31-Jan-26	Income	Expenses	28-Feb-26
General	\$8,049.67	\$300.00	\$0.00	\$8,349.67
Comm center	\$1,007.43	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,007.43
Refreshments	\$1,052.46	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$1,077.46
Repeater	\$319.53	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$319.53
All Liquid Funds	\$10,429.09	\$325.00	\$0.00	\$10,754.09
6 Month CD	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
ALL FUNDS	\$10,429.09	\$325.00	\$0.00	\$10,754.09

WPCU 28-Feb-2026 ending Balance: \$10,749.09

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BARC Treasurer March 2026 Activities

- March Month-to-Date income: \$108 (Dues 3 members, Kroger Rewards)
- March Month-to-Date expenses: \$181.37 (annual Zoom expense - 6%^)
- Expected expenses next 30 days: \$895
 - Monthly Spectrum: \$140 (general)
 - Radio room emergency lighting: \$755 (comm center)

Doug Hayward K8DRH moved we accept; Fred Stockwell KE8ZPN seconded; passed.

Emergency lights being installed on Monday (March 23)

Geoff Kline said that Jim Gifford and Glen Rodgers will supervise the electrician.

Submitting request for antenna work to begin anytime after school approval and completing by July 3rd

Geoff Kline outlined the following:

- hex beam install
- HDTV antenna
- check existing antenna supports and guys

Sugar Maple Parade Announcement – Don Parker KB8PSL

Don Parker KB8PSL explained the parade setup and procedures. He will send out an email soon for the April 25, 2026, parade. Lineup starts after 9:30am, so we need to arrive at or before that time. The parade starts at 10:15am.

GMRS Repeater Information – Tim Procuniar N8NQH

Tom Procuniar is setting up a GMRS repeater at his house. (He set up the example setup of radios on the back table.) Procuniar discussed how we might be able to reach out to GMRS users and get them interested in ham radio.

Swap meet in parking lot before April Membership meeting (watch email)

Announced by Geoff Kline.

Coordinator updates

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Jim Gifford N8KET POTA Coordinator announced the April adventure would occur on the second Saturday because of Easter. It will be in the late morning into the afternoon of April 11th. An email will be released soon.

Eric Bramini KC8OPY is the Field Day Coordinator. Field Day will be held the last weekend of June at Sacket Wright Park. He will organize committees after communicating with an email.

Ray Hitt is editor of Full Quietng and always seeks articles. Hitt is also Antenna Coordinator and said the hex beam has been painted black. Watch for emails about installation.

Tink Siwecki announced the next movie night.

Artificial Intelligence (AI) and the Interaction with Ham Radio Presentation- Doug Hayward K8DRH

Doug Hayward presented an in-depth and interesting talk on Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Ham Radio.

His full presentation slide deck will be on the BARC web page, so a brief synopsis is presented below:

Introduction to AI

- Machine learning
- Reactive
- Neural Networks
- Artificial Superintelligence
- Limited Memory
- Deep Learning
- Theory of Mind

AI Tools

A discussion of the various tools available for AI use.

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Close meeting

Larry Darner KD8RER moved we close the meeting; Eric Bramini seconded; closed at about 8:30pm.