



Bankhead Amateur Radio Club, Inc.

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N4IDX

Meeting Minutes: January 13, 2026

Bruce Kelso K4BDK (Pres)	x	Sonny Blankenship N4JDB (VP)	x	David Hicks N4DPH (Sec-Tres)	x
Shawn Alred N2RSA		Joshua Hatton W4ZZK		JJ Pearson KR4FBO	
Billy Alexander KM4KTD		David Holman AC7DS		Daryl Piner KM4UBJ	X
Mark Andrews N4FH		Brenda Holman N3QVK		Jack Spiller KJ4FF	
Lile Bickley K4NA		Steven Hoff N9FC	x	Frances Spiller N4KIB	
Darrel Black KD4BLK	x	John Howard KI4WLY		Brent Robeson WB3KYJ	
Jeff Blair N4CYZ		Warren Kelsoe KN4MR		Bud Rogers K9NOZ	x
Ken Bradley KQ4RNK		Betty Kelso KQ4IOX	x	Bruce Shelton KD4KRH	
Tom Braunshausen KN4TKB		Larry Kimbrough, KS4AK		Wesley Slaton, W4CFI	
David Breeden KN4UVV		Bartlett Kimbrough KD4ZYX		Clayton Senyo AI4B	
Martin Carraway KO4NEI		Elizabeth KimbroughKR4DJN		Erica Senyo N4DEX	
Daniel Diven KR4FBP		Larry Lang N4KLT		Hugh Stutts, N4HMS	
Steve Flory W9KOP		David Linderman KQ4EA		Tim Terrell N4TMT	
Josh Cook KO4KZL		David Lowery KE4DIS	x	Blake Terry AB4BT	
Shane Elkabetz, KR4AYF	X	Tommy Lovelady AE4TL		Tammy Vinson K4TDV	
Chris Espy KR4FCT		Gerald McCrory, AG4SY		Tim Vinson KD4BOU	
Rex Free KN4CI	x	Vince Mercado KM6LFD		Todd Winsor KS4T	X
Steve Fry W4WPT	x	Ray Miller KQ4GAB		Kenneth Woody KD4ESP	
Mike Fromhold AJ4SH		Jerome (Hoss)Pace AI4BI		Marcella Woody KD4MKX	
Tom Grubbs, N4QYN		Jack Puckett KG4RLS		Tom Wright W4TFW	x
Todd Grimes, W4NOD					

X = present V= Virtual/zoom

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM by Bruce Kelso- Prayer by Todd Pledge by Todd

The club is in our 43th year. Total in attendance 14. Visitors:

Minutes David read the November 2025 minutes. Motion & Second. Motion Carried.

Treasurer Report:

Nov Balance		\$2396.22
Deposits		
Expenses	Check processed to reimburse Sonny for Hamfest Tables	\$150.00
Current Balance		\$2546.22

Sonny hadn't cashed the \$150 check so now balance is current. Motion & Second to accept treasurer report this month. Motion Carried

Old Business:

- The club needs 213 coax for Field Day and emergency use. Hicks suggested MPD Digital as a possible source. Bruce suggested 5 rolls of 100 ft each. We have one 100ft roll at the SuperSite that looks in good condition (needs to be tested). We can make the decision later.
- The 27 Tower update is in Tammy's hands and she is working on the paperwork.
- No news from Mark Andrews yet on Field Day points.



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- Tammy Vinson found our May 28, 1982 original incorporation paperwork in the bottom of an old filing cabinet. David Hicks will keep them with the Treasurer/Secretary paperwork in the fire box.
- We need to clear out the building at the Super Site and organize the good connectors, etc. and make it easier to work in there.
- New 900MHz repeater at the Super Site. 927.775 output 902.775 input
- Tom Wright has the DMR repeater on the bench and will be working on it.
- Once everything is settled, David will go to the Alabama Repeater Council website and make sure the N4IDX website is listed.
- New 900 repeater is on the air. See Tom if you need a radio.
- We discussed the phone patch on 96. We may need to get a MagicJack (~\$20/yr). Motion & Second, approved. Rex will work with Harlie to get it done.
- At the January meeting, everyone needs to update their contact information to Steven Hoff to get a new updated mailing list.
- Election in January and dues are payable.
- Bruce asked anyone who has passwords for club resources to bring them to the January meeting so we can keep them in the safe.
- We voted to update the Facebook presence. Steven Hoff will see about it. Betty will also be an admin.
- Bruce asked for suggestions for monthly topics for each meeting next year. Advanced Skywarn? BARC Linked repeater updates?
- Steven Hoff volunteered to update the website.
- Sonny proposed considering Winter Field Day as a club. January 24 & 25, 2026.
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Program:

Updated Project List for 2026:

- Election: Lowery Nomination to keep existing officers.
- 6m antenna needs to go up at the 96 Site (Climb)
- 900Mhz antenna – Tom W is looking at a new antenna for the SuperSite.
- Rex will see about running the MagicJack through the 911 internet. Rex will see about getting reimbursed for the MagicJack at the March meeting.
- We plan to put a new 27 antenna on the taller tower (\$5000 for hardline) to replace the one on the condemned tower.
- We need to install the three Meshtastic routers.

New Business:

- Updating email list for Google Groups
- Tom Wright made the payment (\$72.57) for three years for our domain name.
- Winter Field Day January 24-25, 2026 at the Storm Shelter on Almon drive. 1600UTC, Ends 21:59. Sonny will bring an IC7300 & Butternut.



- Todd Winsor suggested a couple of apps- Spot the Station, ISS Live Now, Steven recommended Satellite AR.
- DMR is tied to 27, 900, 6m, and 425 could also be bridged into 27.

Next Meeting:

Next meeting Tuesday, Feb 3, 2026 @ 6:00 pm at LC EMA (Storm Spotter Training).

Adjourn 7:52 pm.