



Baldwin County Amateur Radio Club

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Baldwin County Amateur Radio Club (N4MZ)
PO Box 491
Robertsdale, AL 36567

Minutes of the Regular Monthly Club Meeting was held JANUARY 15, 2026. The meeting was called to order at 18:00 hours CDT by President Jared Budlong, KQ4UAQ. There were thirty-nine members and three 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 received no correspondence received this month.

Report of Treasurer – Tom Wallace, KN4DND reported treasury activity during the months of November and December and balances as of 12/31/2025.

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

Ron reported testing will begin in 2026 at Westminster Village Bayside Clubhouse on January 17th. Beginning in 2026 ARRL will require online validation of sessions through Exam Tools on the internet for the first time on January 17th and will let all know how it goes.

Joel reported the next testing session for the club will be February 7th, 2026, at the Daphne Public Library at 9:00am

Winlink Activity - John Acton, K7ACT,

John reported that the weekly check-ins on Winlink continue.

Repeater and Trustee Report - Chuck Pharis, WA4USA & Joel Emmett, W2BJN

Repeaters functioned well after service last month.

ARES Report – Ken Bell, K4EES

Ken reported the upcoming plans for ARES group: On Tuesday, February 10th will be working with EOC to do a set up day for evacuations at the Robertsdale Coliseum. February-building J-pole antennas for 2 meter/70cm and March to have Fox hunt to improve geolocating skills. Group also discussed using APRS phone app to track mobile operators' location in real time in the EOC ham-shack and the possible use of Starlink Roaming for Winlink.

Old Business – Greg Powers, N4RAI

Greg gave report on the Christmas Party at Wolf Bay Lodge: tasty food and fellowship.

Winter Field Day Plans – Ken Bell, K4EES

Ken reviewed the EXCEL sheets of the individuals who accepted responsibilities for January 24th and 25th. Sign in sheets available for selecting operating time slots to participate in WFD. On Friday 23rd, leaders plan to meet for breakfast at 8am and plan to be a Silvercreek Scout camp by 10am to set up antennas and prepare camp sites.



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Coming Events – Jared Budlong, KQ4UAQ

Winter Field Day – will be at Camp Silvercreek again on January 24th and 25th.

EMA & ARES event at the Robertsdale Coliseum

Good of the Club – Jared Budlong, KQ4UAQ

Reminder there is a DMR Talkabout after the ARES net Check-ins on Thursdays at 8:00pm on the Gulf Coast 31011 DMR repeater.

Evening Program –Richard Tellman, KQ4LTM Video

Richard showed a video tour of the CES (Consumer Electronics Show) held in Las Vegas each year. The gathering highlightst the innovative use of AI in a wide variety of products currently available, or coming soon, to the marketplace. Worth watching and sharing with others. Link to 2026 CES video:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=83TiUbFY6fY>

The meeting adjourned at 19:15 pm CDT Submitted,
Pattilynne Miller, N5PLM, Secretary.