



Baldwin County Amateur Radio Club (N4MZ)

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Minutes of the Regular Monthly Club Meeting was held SEPTEMBER 17, 2026. The meeting was called to order at 1800 CDT by President Jared Budlong, KQ4UAQ. There were 30 members and SEVEN 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 we received NO correspondence.

Report of Treasurer – Tom Wallace, KN4DND reported treasury activity during the month OF AUGUST and balances as of 08/31/2026.

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

- Ron reported the next testing at Westminster Village in Spanish Fort is this Saturday.
- Joel reported that the next session at Daphne Public Library is October 3rd
- As the testing is now all digital, people interested in testing or upgrading should go to ExamTool.org and sign up. Instructions are also available at www.QSL.net/AB4WV for Westminster Village or www.n4mz.com for Daphne Public Library.

Winlink Activity - John Acton, K7ACT

- John reported that the weekly check-ins on Winlink continue with approximately 75 people participating

Repeater Trustee Report – Tom Wallace, KN4DND

- Chuck, Ken, Tom, & Joel worked with contractor for 2 days to install the new equipment inside. The Motorola SR 5700 is 50-watts into duplexers and 147.090 now set to wide band with 30-amp power supply and extra Winlink internet is installed. WB4EMA tested and worked well. The Raybun link is down after the WB4EMA repeater was moved & replaced and that is on the "to do" list still.
- Concern was voiced about how we would get into the building for maintenance of the repeaters. Only 3 EOC people have keys for access: Robert, Natacha, & Tom.
- Natacha Torres, our EMA liaison, was given a thank you gift for achieving this needed upgrade. She also reported that the Director of EOC, Tom, and herself were studying for the Technician license. Now to get the Raybun repeater replaced; hopefully in the next budget.
- Natacha is also working to finish the Emergency Binders in the "ToGo" kits and needs Equipment location and tower information in the binders. Jared agreed to get that information together by having a zoom meeting of involved operators and getting it to her as well as Emery for placing on club website.



ARES Report – Henry Battaglia, KQ4PJM & Natacha Torrez

- Natacha said Escambia County is hosting IC300 & IC400 in September held in Pensacola. Several of our members will attend. Donna Johnson, KR4MGU, reports that she has already completed both.
- SET with EMA planned for October 31, (Saturday) 8am-1pm. Sign up sheets passed for members to sign up.

New Business – Jared Budlong, KQ4UAQ

- Christmas party will be on December 17th. Tom- KN4DND, reviewed the proposal from Wolf Bay Lodge and Pattilynne- N5PLM, reviewed the proposal from Westminster Village. Motion made by Greg Powers-N4RAI, seconded by Donna Johnson- KR4NU to select Westminster Village for the 2026 Christmas dinner. Motion carried.
- Members need to pay \$30 dollars per person by December 1st to treasurer Tom; PayPal is the preferred method. The board will finalize the menu selections for the buffet: salad & bread, 2 entrées, 3 vegetables, holiday dessert with tea, coffee & water.

Upcoming Events – Jared Budlong, KQ4UAQ

- September 26th in Gulf Shores is the MS-150/Tour de Beach Event. Only 1 day and will have 5 rest stops (have volunteers assigned, if you want to join to observe let Ken know).
- September 26 Satsuma Tailgator.
- October 17th POTA at Blakely State Park on The Tensaw Campground and those wishing to camp overnight will be covered in the rental charge. Let Jared know if you want to camp.
- November 7th Foley Tailgator at United Methodist Church parking lot.

Good of the Club – Jared Budlong, KQ4UAQ

- Reminder of the DMR talk-around following the ARES net on Thursdays at 2000 CDT, Talk Group -31011, Color Code1 and Timeslot 2
- New Club Calendar is now available through our website thanks to Emery Wooten, KC5LIO

Evening Program –Richard Tellman, KQ4LTM

Richard discussed Standing Waves Demonstration through the video: <https://archive.org/details/standing-up-for-standing-waves>

The meeting adjourned at 19:20 pm CDT Submitted,
Pattilynne Miller, N5PLM, Secretary.