

Benton Amateur Radio Society

Meeting Minutes

June 7, 2026

The Benton Amateur Radio Society met Sunday, June 7, 2026 at the Bauxite City Hall. There were 10 members and 3 guests present.

Vice President Joe, N1LUG, called the meeting to order at 2:47 P.M. This was followed by Secretary/Treasurer Alli, K5ALI, reading the minutes from the April 12, 2026 meeting and the current Treasurer's report. A motion was made by Peg, K5BKT, and seconded by Bill, N5HQ, to accept both as read. The motion passed.

Announcements:

The ARRL is running a year-long Worked All States event in celebration of The United States of America's 250th birthday. There are endorsements available for additional stations worked. Visit ARRL.org for details.

VE9CF recently interviewed Martin, W5WPS, and the video "From Personal Challenge to Park Activator" is available to watch on Youtube.

Old Business:

Field Day 2026 was discussed in much detail. Not being able to utilize the pavilion created some challenges, but it was decided that our stations will be set up "in the trees" by the walking trail. This unique scenario has provided an opportunity to see how this affects foot traffic to our Field Day site, and the club decided not to relocate operations when the pavilion is available Saturday evening. WD5C, Larry, volunteered to handle the first step of the antenna setup process on Friday, but invited others to meet at the park at 9AM Saturday morning to finish setting up the stations. Various assignments were made to ensure that equipment, supplies, and educational materials made it out to the site. Peg, K5BKT, offered to reach out to Tom, N5TTI, and Alli, K5ALI, offered to reach out to Luke, AE5AU, to see if they would be available to assist with Field Day operations this year. Martin, W5WPS, and Joe, N1LUG, both volunteered to reach out to and invite elected officials to the Field Day site so we can claim additional bonus points.

T-shirts and hats are in! Joe, N1LUG, will take payment and distribute the items after the meeting.

New Business:

Ben Pritchett recently took his licensing test and passed! His callsign is KJ5PWP. He petitioned for club membership, and Bobby, N5YLE, sponsored his request. The request to join passed unanimously.

Randy Tarlton, KC5RCT, attended the meeting as a guest. He currently lives in Magnet Cove, but is in the process of relocating to Bryant. He is currently the Net Control Operator for the Malvern Club on Monday nights, and he is the backup Net Control Operator for the Razorback Net. Randy expressed interest in joining the club, and K5ALI, Alli, sponsored his request. The membership request was approved unanimously.

Bill, N5HQ, announced that he is currently rewriting K5NE.org so that it is mobile-friendly. He also states that many emails are bouncing, and reminded the club that automatic text messaging is an option, if we are interested. In short, for 40 subscribers, it would cost between \$30-\$40 per year if we use Twilio's service. After brief discussion from the floor, it was decided that this was not a priority and was tabled for now. Lastly, Bill requests more information for the website, especially Field Day photos.

Jason, AA2N, offered to share some Morse Code CDs he has had since the early 2000s in case anyone is interested in learning CW.

Jan, KD5JSE, made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bill, N5HQ, seconded the motion. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 3:51 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Alli Porterfield, K5ALI

Secretary/Treasurer