

Minutes of the Coconino Amateur Radio Club Meeting 3/12/2026

The meeting was preceded at 6pm by a video tour of the West Valley Ham Shack in Youngtown, Arizona, led by Fred Peters, K7WFP. Fred provided an overview of the shack's facilities, including its operation as a 501c3 organization promoting electronics and ham radio, with a \$20 lifetime membership fee. They offers access to radio equipment, classes, and a museum of restored radios, with members able to use the facility's resources and equipment during open hours.

The Zoom business meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Vice President Jeff Thomson. The following members and guests participated:

Jeff Thomson, Vice President	KK7ZGY
Ken Held, Treasurer	W7SS
John Nelson, Secretary	N7MLS
Al Simmons	AB6VO
Joe Hobart	W7LUX
Tom Whalen	KK7WAG
Jeff Harth	WA6TPO
Bill Smith	KQ1S
Glen Davis	KG7YDJ
Phil Brunner	AE7OH
Ryan Mahoney	Guest

Introductions: Jeff introduced Brian Mahoney, a Flagstaff high school student who is interested in amateur radio and is working toward his Technician license.

Vice President's Message: Jeff said it was good to be back after his enjoyable vacation.

Secretary's Report: The minutes for the February meeting were previously distributed via the email list after some corrections. Tom made a motion to accept as distributed. Bill seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Ken presented the Treasurer's report for the end of February. Beginning balance was \$5578.50. We received income of \$25 and had no expenses, resulting in a month ending balance of \$5803.50. Ken has about 16 dues checks to deposit this month. We currently have 14 paid members. Joe made a motion to accept the report and Al seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Old Business - none

New Business and Upcoming Events

Jeff presented standardized forms created using AI to streamline documentation for three upcoming events: Sacred Mountain Prayer Run (June 6), Big Brothers Big Sisters (August), and Stagecoach (September).

- **Sacred Mountain Prayer Run** – Jeff will reach out to Dan Shearer to verify that he is coordinating this event for June 6.

- **STEM Celebration** - APR 25 1-4pm. Joe is coordinating. Glenn, Al, Mark, and Ken will be participating. Activities will include Morse code demonstrations and an active ham station on 20 meters. Jeff will contact Janice in an attempt to locate original graphics for bookmarks, business cards, etc. Joe will contact Morgan to see if he has any handout items left over from previous events. Ken will examine financial records to determine where bookmarks were ordered previously.

- **GOTA Event Opportunity** - Trevor Poirier (KM7CTW) is opening a new gun range facility. We could potentially coordinate its use for future club events/Field Day

- **NWS Spotter Refresher Courses** – National Weather Service announce 5 upcoming standard Skywarn storm spotter training sessions, each of which can serve as refreshers to existing spotters in our network! Of these, 3 sessions will be held in-person in the Greater Phoenix Area (Avondale, Tempe, and Fountain Hills) during the month of April. The other 2 sessions will be virtual and held during the month of May. To register and view additional details for these upcoming training opportunities, please view the Training Class Schedule table on NWS webpage: <https://www.weather.gov/psr/skywarn.html>. Registration will be required for all the sessions in order to attend.

- **CARC 50th Anniversary (1976-2026)** - The group discussed planning a special event to celebrate the Coconino Amateur Radio Club's 50th anniversary, coinciding with the country's 250th anniversary and Route 66's 100th anniversary. They considered hosting the event during Field Day in June, which could include antenna launching contests and other activities. Jeff proposed creating a special QSL card for contacts made during the event using the club's call sign N7FLG, and he offered to handle the graphics if the original artwork could be located.

- **CARC Clothing Items** – Jeff will arrange to pick up from Dan

- **Newsletter:** Jeff announced that the club newsletter will be published quarterly instead of monthly, and we will participate in the Arizona Desert Airways (ADAW) newsletter published monthly.

Weekly Get-Together on Rimlink: Every Monday evening at 19:30 MST. John will coordinate an informal ragchew with any members that join in on the Rimlink linked repeater system (147.14 MHz on Mt. Elden for Flagstaff area participants). All members are encouraged to join in as often as they can.

ARES Report – Joe reported 166 total hours for February, including monitoring of multiple repeaters and frequencies during the recent snowstorm. ARES net participation has improved lately. There have been several small fires in northern Arizona already this year.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be on Thursday, April 9, via Zoom.

Adjournment: Joe made a motion to adjourn. Bill seconded and the meeting was adjourned at 8:02pm.

*Respectfully Submitted,
John Nelson – N7MLS, Secretary*