

1. SMARC MEETING NOTES 2026 June 22

2. The Smoky Mountain Amateur Radio Club (SMARC, hereafter referred to as “Club”) 2026 June meeting was held on June 22 as a combination of an in-person meeting at the United Steel Workers Union Hall, 339 South Hall Rd., Alcoa, TN, and a Zoom Video Conference. Announcements for the meeting were made during the KK4XA Morning Net and throughout the day by computerized voice on the W4OLB SMARC repeater.
3. The Club 2026 June 22 meeting was called to order at 1900 ET by President Geoffrey Mark [KM6TVJ]. (All references to "Geoffrey" are to Geoffrey Mark, KM6TVJ – *ed.*) Geoffrey welcomed members and guests to the meeting.
4. In attendance at the Union Hall were twenty-six (26) members with thirteen (13) joining via the Zoom Video Conference. There was one guest , Rick
5. Geoffrey said he has contacted several media and political personnel concerning attendance at our Field Day activity.
6. The minutes of the June 01 meeting were approved without vote, per the By-Laws of the Club, as there were no corrections nor additions to same.
7. Bob [KK4XA] gave the presentation on “SMARC Field Day 2026.” Bob’s many aspects of the planned 2026 Field Day operation by SMARC follow:
 - > Setup starts Friday, June 26. following breakfast at TC’s Grille.
 - > Setup continues on Saturday, June 27, commencing at 0800 ET.
 - > The operating period for Field Day is Saturday, Jne 27 at 1400 ET until Sunday, June 28, 1400 ET.
 - > The Club needs folks on Sunday, June 28, to help with tear down. This aspect of Field Day is as important as setup. Please volunteer to assist with tear down.
 - > A big thank you to Chuck [KD4VLH] for the diagrams of the Field Day site.
 - > There will be two (2) cooking areas at the site. One for Jack [KN6ANG] for burgers and hotdogs and the other for John [AA4OL] for chicken thigh quarters. You must sign up at the Club website (w4olb.org) in order to get the chicken.
 - > Generators will be supplied by Steve [KJ4FAE], who will bring two (2) generators, and Phil [K9UC], who will bring one (1) generator.
 - > Hector [KR4AUX] is preparing handouts for the public.
 - > The GOTA (Get On The ir) station will be overseen by Paul [W4LSM]. This gives Amateur Radio operators a chance to operate HF if they have never been on HF or have been away from the hobby for many years.
 - > Steve [KJ4FAE] has s push up mast that will hold a 3-element 6M beam. We may run a 6M station if the band is open [and that is a B-I-G IF – *ed.*]
 - > Jim [W7FKI] won’t be able to make Field Day this year due to moving. The Club needs a

CW operator who can supply a rig and ancillary equipment. An antenna will be supplied.

> The ulb repeaters, 146.655 and 443.075, will be linked for the entire Field Day weekend. Remember to access the 443.075 with an analog signal and use a subaudible tone frequency of 100.0-Hz for both repeaters.

> Bob [KK4XA] gave a demonstration of the N3FJP Field Day logging computer program the Club will use for FD logging.

> Geoffrey thanked Bob for the rundown on Field Day preparations.

8. Geoffrey presented a Certificate of Completion to Vince [KR4IEO] for his completion of the Technician Class lead by Bob [KK4XA]. Vince also passed his General Class test at the Knoxville Club hamfest on Saturday, June 13. The Club extends congratulations to Vince on his accomplishment.

Geoffrey also gave thanks to the Steel Workers Union 309 for the use of their Union Hall for our meeting.

9. Treasurer Tammy Berry [KB4TQO] gave her report on the finances of the Club:

The club has 121 active members. New members include Scott De Busk [KE4JQC] and Brian Ipock [K14GNY]. Welcome gentlemen to SMARC.

Fund balances as of 2026 June 22 are as follows:

Operating Fund \$3,814.36
Repeater Maintenance Fund \$711.15
Reserve Fund \$15,709.56

10. The sum of the funds, \$20,235.07, is split among three accounts: \$2,230.78 in a checking account at Citizens Bank of Blount County (CBBC); \$14,000 in a Schwab fixed income account; \$4,004.29 in a Schwab cash account.
11. Geoffrey asked if there was any unfinished business. There was none. Geoffrey then asked if there was any new business. He then mentioned the possibility of a foxhunt at Field Day.
12. Bob [KK4XA] gave the Health and Welfare report. Bob read a list of members and spouses of members needing thoughts and prayers due to various and sundry health related problems:
13. Mike [K4MJF] gave a report on the Club's Thursday Night Net: lthe Net has been averaging 28 to 30 check- ins. Considering the Club's total membership, that's a low number. Please folks, consider keying up your little portable radio and saying "Hi" to everyone on the air every week on Thursday at 1900 (7:00 PM) ET. Early check-in has been dropped. The Club thanks Melvin [WB5KSM] for taking early check-ins before this change. Mike also mentioned that thanks to Larry [AL4B] there are two (2) giveaways for a lucky winner just for checking into the Net. The giveaways are \$15 gift cards from TC's Grille; you must check into the Net to be able to win. Last week's winner was Todd [KZ4AU].
11. Bob [KK4XA], reporting for the Training and Education Committee told the audience that there will be a Fall Technician Class probably starting in September. All classes will be held via

Zoom beginning at 1900 ET.

12. Kurt [KC4NX] told those in attendance that the Club repeaters are doing well. The 443.075 repeater is back on the air and with a new 100-Watts amplifier to boost in-building coverage. So, add 443.075-MHz, + 5-MHz offset and 100-Hz subaudible tone to your handheld and mobile radios. Also, there is a phone patch on the 146.655 repeater although it is not operational at the moment. The link to the internet needs a new router . Bob [KK4XA] is pursuing the router and phone service.
13. Geoffrey announced Public Outreach by contacting numerous politicians in the area.
14. Tim [KI4NPG], the Club's Webmaster, said there is nothing new to report with regard to the website.
15. Geoffrey asked if there was any further business. With none being raised, Geoffrey called the adjournment of the Club June 22 meeting at 2011 ET.

Respectfully submitted by SMARC Secretary,

Bob Loving [K9JU]

P.S.: Don't forget the KK4XA Morning Net, Monday through Thursday at 0900 (9:00 AM) ET, and the SMARC Weekly Thursday Evening Net at 1900 (7:00 PM) ET. Both nets are held on the W4OLB/R linked repeater system with Zoom Video Conference accompaniment.