

SMARC MEETING NOTES 2026 June 01

The Smoky Mountain Amateur Radio Club (SMARC, hereafter referred to as “Club”) 2026 May meeting was held on June 01, due to Memorial Day landing on the fourth Monday of May, 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.

- The Club 2026 June 01 meeting was called to order at 1901 ET by President Geoffrey Mark [KM6TVJ]. (All references to "Geoffrey" are to Geoffrey Mark, KM6TVJ – *ed.*) Geoffrey welcomed members and guests to the meeting.
- In attendance at the Union Hall were twenty-seven (27) members with sixteen (16) joining via the Zoom Video Conference.
- Bob [KK4XA] gave the presentation on “SMARC Field Day 2026.” Thanks to Bob for covering many aspects of the planned 2026 Field Day operation by SMARC. Bob asked if there was a volunteer for “kitchen coordinator,” someone to run herd on the food plans. Crickets were heard throughout the Union Hall.
- Geoffrey spoke on the subject of “Leadership” and informed those in attendance and on Zoom that SMARC would follow Robert’s Rules of Order.
- There were no new members nor guests in the audience.
- Geoffrey also gave thanks to the Steel Workers Union 309 for the use of their Union Hall for our meeting.
- The minutes of the previous meeting were approved without vote, per the By-Laws of the Club, as there were no corrections nor additions to same.
- Treasurer Tammy Berry [KB4TQO] gave her report on the finances of the Club:

The club has 121 active members. New members include John Cento [KQ4KXD], Austin Putt [KR4LGD], Robert Harvey [WX4RH] and Sean Keyser [KR4SRN]. Welcome gentlemen to SMARC.

Fund balances as of 2026 June 01 are as follows:

Operating Fund \$3,802.70
Repeater Maintenance Fund \$711.15
Reserve Fund \$15,673.27

The sum of the funds, \$20,187.12, is split among three accounts: \$719.12 in a checking account at Citizens Bank of Blount County (CBBC)t; \$14,000 in a Schwab fixed income account; \$5,468.00 in a Schwab cash account.

- Geoffrey asked if there was any unfinished business. There was none. Geoffrey then told the audience about new business.

- Field Day activities

- A new logo committee has been formed. The members will be Hector Davalos [KR4AUX] and Paul Maine [KI5MIV]. They will try to meet a design deadline by the July meeting. Thank you guys for volunteering on this important project.

- 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:
- Mike [K4MJF] gave a report on the Club's Thursday Night Net: last week, there were 32 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.
- Bob [KK4XA], reporting for the Training and Education Committee told the audience that there will be a Fall Technician Class. All classes held via Zoom beginning at 1900 ET. There is also the thought of a one day class starting with the contents of the ARRL study guide and finishing with testing. How about that!
- Dave [N9KMY] told those in attendance that the Club UHF 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.
- Geoffrey announced that the Public Information Officer (PIO) would either be himself or Andrew [N2AL] for Field Day public office coordination.

Tim [KI4NPG], the Club's Webmaster, said that some people have asked why they are not on the roster at the Club's website. One reason may be you have not yet paid dues for 2026. You may have forgotten that dues are only \$20.00 (the cost of a breakfast plus tip at TC's Grille on Friday mornings) and you can pay online using PayPal without any charge to you. The second reason is you have not informed Tim [KI4NPG] and Tammy [KB4TQO] that you want to be listed on the public roster.

- Out of the blue, Tammy [KB4TQO] volunteered to be the kitchen coordinator during Field Day. On behalf of the Club, thank you so very much, Tammy.
- There being no other new business, Geoffrey adjourned the 2026 June 01 meeting of the SMARC at 2016 ET. Thank you to all in attendance at the Union Hall and on Zoom, and to Bob [KK4XA] for filling us in on Field Day preparations.

Please note that there will be a June meeting since the fourth Monday of June falls before Field Day.

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.