

## **ARC Club Meeting – Zoom – February 2, 2026 – Met Virtually Due to Inclement Weather/Road Conditions**

### **Introduction**

1. The meeting began at 7:00p.
2. Meeting does held via Zoom due to Inclement Weather/Road Conditions
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### **Winter Field Day 2026**

1. 190 QSOs.
2. CARC placed 8th overall, placed 1st in Outdoor category; we operated at 3-O.
3. Jim showed a slide show of photos from Winter Field Day 2026.
4. Jim demonstrated how we used World Radio League logging to document QSOs at Winter Field Day.

### **SC QSO Party - Saturday February 28, 2026 @ 15:00 ZULU**

1. Jim would like to use World Radio League again for the SC QSO Party.
2. There will be a planning call for those interested in the SC QSO party.

### **MS-Walk 2026**

1. Trails are not in working order.
2. We have not had anyone respond to our requests for information.
3. Jim says we may not be able to support MS-Walk 2026 if we don't hear back from them./ He will keep us in the loop.

### **Treasurer Report**

1. \$2,353 in checking account / \$1,169 Savings account.
2. Check cleared for the repeater.
3. Expenses coming up: insurance and PO Box. These come out to \$550 total for both.
4. Amanda thanked everyone for contributing to the repeater maintenance.

### **Swap Fest 2026**

1. Sandy Knight asked if we had any information about Swap Fest this year. Jim said he would meet with the CARC Board to plan on this.
2. Previous poor weather conditions created problems with turnout in 2025.

### **Other Comments/Discussion from the Membership**

1. Chester (WA4VFE) – looking for a lightweight rotor for antenna. Chester asks for anyone to contact him via [QRZ.com](https://www.qrz.com) with his call sign: WA4VFE. Justin Voorhis says he will get in touch with Chester as he has one.
2. Matthew Crook (W1MRC) – enjoyed WFD 2026 and working with something with the Batesburg Leeseville Club to do a “Battle of Aiken” K4A special event station. Location and time in Aiken will be TBA, but a reenactment will take place of the Battle of Aiken. Matthew says all operators are welcome to participate. Feedback regarding WFD 2026 – not too terribly much due to inclement weather around the state; very limited participation in SC. CARC had a great deal of participants.
3. Jim Lathan (W4JLP) – Great food at WFD 2026. Jim would like to test the club’s proximity to different areas when using the correct antenna (optimal height and antenna type to communicate in various scenarios) – something we could do as we communicate with each other.
4. Noah Bergevine – has been working on his own 3-element Meshtastic antenna. If anyone is interested in making one, Noah said to get in touch with him. Jim suggested this would be great for a future Lunch ‘n Learn project.
5. Justin Voorhis – would like to be kept in the loop with any future Meshtastic projects.
6. Wes Munn (KJ4FIG)– working on RAK Wireless repeater. Enjoyed Winter Field Day 2026.
7. Richard Kline – antenna build in April 2026; gave Jim a list of antennas the club could build. Richard enjoyed having the Little Pig restaurant where we had Lunch n’ Learn to do an antenna build in the future. Jim said to get a shopping list so we can get this on the calendar in the future.
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## **Adjournment**

The CARC Club meeting adjourned at 8:20p