



Gold Coast Amateur Radio Association Minutes of Monthly General Membership Meeting February 24, 2026

Call to Order – The regular meeting of the Gold Coast Amateur Radio Association, Inc., was called to order on Tuesday, February 24, 2026, at 7:31 p.m. on Zoom by President Ben Echavarria, N7BBE.

Present – Officers, members and guests present were: Ben Echavarria, N7BBE, President; Ricky Eaton, KD4HGR, Vice President and Repeater Trustee; Ricki Witte, KJ4FSJ, Secretary; Dirk Basting, N4AN, Treasurer; Jeff Stahl, K4BH, Director at Large; Jerry Deitch, W4LST; Carol Shursen, KJ4AWB; Tom Savoca, K9TJS Public Information Officer; Elliot Spiro, N2HYD; Allan Karden, N4ALK; Ryan Brukardt, AD4CL; Mike

Field Day – The remainder of the meeting was devoted to announcements and planning for Winter Field Day, which will occur on January 24th and 25th at Quiet Waters Park in the Bald Eagle Pavillion. Jeff Stahl, as chair made the announcements and led the discussion.

Under new rules, which are available online, the event begins at 11:00 am on the 24th and can continue for up to 30 hours, or until 5:00 pm on the 25th. Computers must use emergency power; a battery will be available. There will be three stations allowed to function simultaneously: Jeff will be in charge of single sideband phone; Ricky Eaton will be in charge of digital contacts; and Dan Vasilca will be in charge of CW contacts. As usual, The N1MM program will be used for logging all contacts, so participants should be sure they have the latest N1MM update.

Plans were made for breakfast and lunch both days and dinner Saturday night. Jerry Deitch and Jeff Stahl will do the shopping. Kenny Hollenback, KE4NC, will bring the grill. Banners and how they should be displayed were discussed. Other clubs have been invited to participate and their banners will also be displayed. The two fire extinguishers the club purchased need to be located. Members were requested to bring show-and-tell items to share and to show visitors.

Help is needed with transporting equipment to and from the event. Carol Sjursen will send out an update to all members by email.

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Ricki Witte, Secretary