

# Monthly Meeting

March 2026





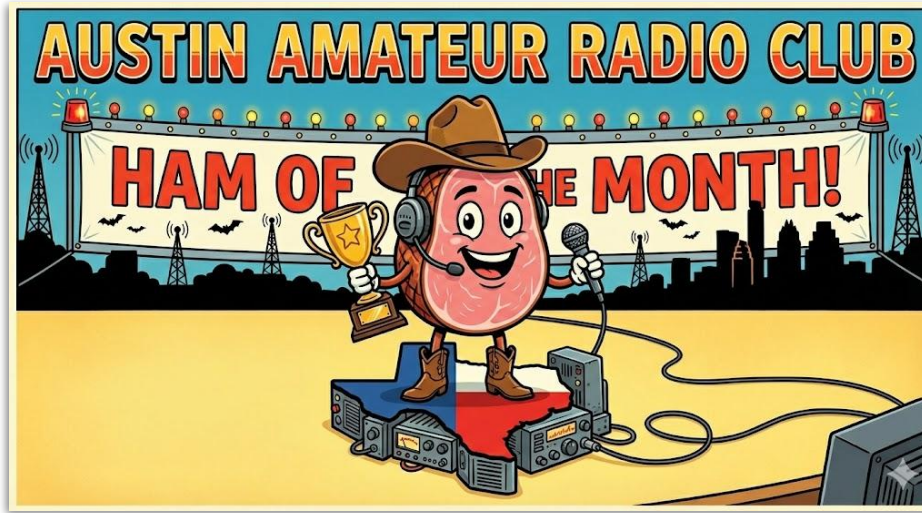
- Do we have any new members or guests?
- Any Call Sign changes or license upgrades?



# 2026 Ham of the Month

- **January:** *Rex Schuller, K8REX*
- **February:** *Zoe Downing, KN6DQD*
- **March:** --
- **April:** --
- **May:** --
- **June:** --
- **July:** --
- **August:** --
- **September:** --
- **October:** --
- **November:** --
- **December:** --





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*no nomination :(*

Send nominations to  
[president@austinhams.org](mailto:president@austinhams.org)



# Club Updates

- Need Field Day Committee Chair
- Come to breakfast!
- We could use suggestions for meeting topics or guest speakers
  - State Senator Sarah Eckhardt (Travis County, District 14)
  - Cody McDonald (Disaster District 12 Chief)
  - Kate Tice (RF Engineer at Space X / Starlink)



## AARC Dues

- Discussed last year
- Board voted on it in January (retroactive to Jan 1, 2026)
- Has been \$20/year since about 2000 (as best we could tell)
- 89% inflation rate in 26 years (Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Price Index)
- ERI Economic Research Institute places Austin at 13% above the national average
- Board looked at lots of options but settled on the lowest
- **\$36/year — Below national CPI adjustment.**
- We also offer higher plans so people can pay more / monthly (optional)
- Auto-pay is now the default



# AARC Officers Updates

- **Lew Thompson, W5IFQ**  
*- Vice President*
- **Zoe Downing, KN6DQD**  
*- Compliance Officer*
- **Rex Schuller, K8REX**  
*- Master of Coin*



# Committee Updates

- **EmComm / Travis County ARES**  
- ~~Glenn, W5MTR~~ Chris, KJ5DJC
- **Austin Repeaters**  
- Roy, WA5WZD
- **Lakeway Repeater**  
- Rolf, AA5RL



## Upcoming Events

- **Waterloo Breakfast (Every Saturday)**  
*Waterloo Icehouse @ 8600 Burnet Rd Austin, TX 78757*
- **AARC ElmerNet (Every Saturday @ 7:00 pm)**  
*Freq: 146.94(-)107.2, Backup Freq: 147.360(+)-131.8*
- **AARC Board Meeting**  
*Saturday, April 11, 2026*
- **See SwapNet Newsletter for more...**



# Open Forum.

Questions, Comments, Suggestions?

# Tonight's Presentations

- **Satellite Communications**  
*Jim Kinter, K5KTF*
- **Solar Weather Update - January**  
*Lew Thompson, W5IFQ*



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