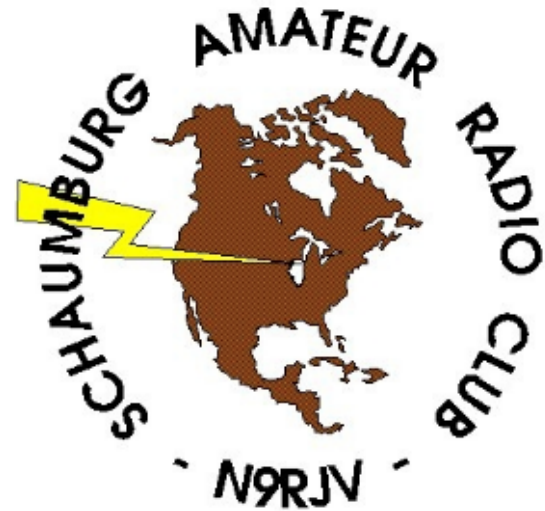




SCHAUMBURG AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

Business meeting March 19, 2026

Don Dewar KD9NJR, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Attendees:

Don Dewar KD9NJR	Howard Mitchell KD9WSV	Chris Brewer AC9GN
Dennis Calvey KD9HIK	Cliff Sowka K9QD	Danny Kafka KD9HIL
John Thornton KD9VZJ	Bill McGovern W9WEM	Robert Kocourek W9RKK
Joseph Barela KB9RCR	Glen Lubin KE9EJv	Jim Neumann W9JWN
Paul Meyers KE9EJX	Tom Harrold KE9EKE	Tom Kraus N9HWV
Bill Schillington W9ZCL	Bob McIntyre W9DXR	Chuck Gold KC9VO
Jim Heyland KD9VNG	Guy Stanek KE9AIA	Roger Young WB9NBA
Dennis Calvey KD9HIK	Peter Schaak N9SCH	Tom O'Boyle N9GUN
Paul Burkett KD9FMN	Steve Epstein WA9FZB	Bill Gisseler W9YO

Jack ReevesK6JWR	John Nebl N9MYC	Kirk Musselman K9MSG
Bob Benwitz N9JAX	Tom O'Boyle N9GUN	Herman Wagner AJ4ZS
Alex Suptela W2DNA		

Zoom Virtual Attendees

Jim Campbell KB9RGU	Steve Karson, AC9EM	Pierre Berube K9EYE
Bill Donovan, KD9RGX	Charlene Treve K9CMZ	Brenda Fruhauf Guest
Bill Cohn N9MHT	Rob Glowacki N9MVO	

Secretary's Report: Howard Mitchell, KD9WSV

February Meeting Minutes as published by Howard Mitchell, KD9WSV. Motion to approve: Bill Gisseler W9YO seconded by Danny Kafka KD9HIL. All voted aye and motion approved with no discussion.

ARRL Special Achievement Award renewal has been submitted for 2026.

Letter sent to Barb Seputis thanking her for the donation of equipment used by her ill husband Robert, a former SARC member.

Treasurer's Report: Chris Brewer, AC9GN

Treasurer's report read by Chris and reported below.

Paul Burkett KD9FMN moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Bill Gisseler W9YO. All voted aye and motion approved with no discussion.

Committee Reports

Field Day – Danny Kafka KD9HIL

The likely site for 2026 Field Day will be St James Lutheran Church in Schaumburg. Late this month testing will be done to make sure that none of our planned radio activities will interfere with the Church's audio system. Assuming no problems are found, the reservation fee will be paid at that time.

Construction Project – Cliff Sowka K9QD

CP has three sessions remaining with summer event SARC-in-the-PARK resuming in May. During the summer hiatus we are

considering a couple of assembly projects for the start of CP this fall and may need to survey attendees to determine interest.

Rob N9MVO discussed two possible ideas: Joule Thief [[Joule thief - Wikipedia](#)] and a Regen Radio [[High Performance Regenerative Receiver ARRL](#)] project. If there is sufficient interest, Ron WB9PTA could do circuit-board layout during the summer and have ready starting this fall. We'll have to determine a reasonable approach for the required coil-form to wind the inductor; maybe a coil-form could be easily 'printed' by a SARC member but the print-time may be an hour or more for each coil-form.

The Joule Thief would be a rudimentary assembly and provide learning skills for members with minimal building experience. The resulting charge-pump design is fun because it can pull useful energy out of an otherwise exhausted battery. It could also be used to distill feeble currents of local AM Broadcast Transmitter radiation to power an LED continuously just for the fun of it.

The Regen Radio proposal is more in-line with our Ham Radio hobby in that we'll create a useful receiver that attributes its initial invention to the earliest years of Radio discovery; and it works!

A suggestion was for everyone with a Meshtastic device to bring it to the next construction project to see if we can set up a node.

Another suggestion was made to consider having a “Swap n Shop” at one of our SARC in the park days.

Repeaters – Howard Mitchell KD9WSV

Howard indicated that one of the two power recycling units was installed successfully at the small drive site and was actually used within a few days of installation. Planning will take place shortly for installation of the other unit at the Plum Grove site.

Howard and Kent Ochs, W9KAO will be going to the AT&T office facility to make some changes to the access on the account for our DSL connection on at small drive.

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Emergency Communications - Howard Mitchell KD9WSV

Howard indicated the EmComm committee members will be meeting shortly to plan a test of the radio in the Schaumburg EOC. This will include testing to determine if the system reaches all of the boundaries of Village of Schaumburg

Old Business

No Issues

New Business

No Issues

Meeting Adjourned 8:02 PM

After adjournment, there was a presentation by Tom O'Boyle, N9GUN his remote control setup allowing him to use his radios when away from his home.

Submitted March 22, 2026

Howard Mitchell KD9WSV, Secretary