

## **OCRA Membership Meeting Minutes – February 9, 2026**

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**Meeting Attendees** (Total of 30 in-person and on Zoom) – Bob (W4FK), Dave (W4SAR), Karen (KD4YJZ), Paul (N2XZF), Dave (NA4VY), Dan (KR4UB), Ryan (N7RYN), Dave (K4DJW), Chris (KE5ABB), Dave (KN4QOT), Boyd (KO4GJO), Sherri (WB4OSU), Aurora (KN4VXB), Ken (KO4DHJ), Ron (KO4RON), Laurie (N1YXU), Bruce (N1LN), Matthew (KQ4ZYW), JR (N4JQR), John (KR4GOK), Randy (KF4O), Fred (KN4QBZ), Juan (KR4EQW), Arash (KR4GOJ), Charles (KQ4TNF), Mark (KR3AM), Ben (KO4BHX), Darryl (W4AIR), Andrea, and Wilson (W4BOH).

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### **Meeting Topics –**

- Presentations:
  - Boyd (KO4GJO) gave a presentation on ***Keeping Warm During a Cold Weather Power Failure***. He covered aspects such as insulation, covering windows and places of drafts, layering clothes, etc. He gave a fun anecdote about his wife who lived in New York and how an insulated sleeping bag came in handy over an electric heated blanket
  - Ron (KO4RON) delivered a presentation on ***Back-Up Power Using Generators***. The presentation was originally developed for his father-in-law 16 years ago, and it may not fully comply with the National Electrical Code (NEC) or North Carolina’s specific codes. (Further revisions to the NEC are planned for 2026.) Ron addressed some of the issues that may arise when connecting a generator, emphasizing the need to understand what is involved in the process. It was strongly stressed during the presentation that any electrical work related to generator installation and connection should be performed by a licensed professional. Additionally, cooperation with the authorities having jurisdiction and Duke Progress Energy was recommended to ensure proper and safe installation.
- Aurora has sent out a survey about different topics for weekend events, activities, and build days. This includes soldering, antenna building, moon bounce, etc. The current tv project will have its next meeting on March 1<sup>st</sup> at Wilson’s house at 3pm. A Parks on the Air (POTA) Day will possibly be late April, Early May, and is a joint event with the Durham FM Association, and the club plans that this POTA will serve as a “test Field Day” so people can get a feeling of it without much pressure and get to know the logging software.
- The March Membership Meeting will be held on Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup>.
- The YouTube video for this meeting can be found at the link below – [Will be generated when BOD approves the video]

Respectfully submitted,  
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OCRA Secretary