

# Net Minutes

**date**

2023-05-02

**opened**

20:00

**closed**

20:49

## Check-ins (28)

- Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)
- Joe Napoli (KG5SDF)
- Jeff McDowell (KI5CES)
- Phil Abernathy (KQ4CFH)
- Bill Rose (K5WTR)
- Garrett Martin (W5HVS)
- Brian Gaskamp (KA5BKG)
- Andrew Byorth (KG5JDJ)
- Dick Zimmer (W5DZ)
- David Bailey (K5DKB)
- Kevin Walton (K5BTX)
- Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)
- Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)
- Ken Reeves (KE5FIV)
- Don Ling (WB5CKO)
- Robert Carter (NC5R)
- Brad Snyder (KG5SDE)
- Rich Rychetsky (KI5QNR)
- Bennie Naiser (KA5TWB)
- David Vickers (KI5WEH)
- John Walpole (K5ZY)
- Pierre Catala (WA1UAT)
- Phil Gates (N5ZKF)
- Ralph Cobb (W5RYC)
- Mike Mertes (KZ5M)
- Jonathan Edwards (KI5YZR)
- Travis Scott (KI5TMS)
- Becky Darien (K5BEC)

## Officer Reports

### President

*David Bailey (K5DKB)*

- Hope everyone's okay after the storms last week
- lots of people joined us on KD5DLW for storm spotting
  - impressive information sharing
  - thanks to everyone who tuned in

### Vice-President

*Paul Bilke (KF5WGJ)*

*excused*

- Proxy N5ZKF: Field Day volunteers needed

### Secretary

*Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)*

- Minutes will be sent out after the net.
- Short on time and a bit scatter-brained this evening
  - Semester wrapping up; projects and papers due, finals coming up, etc.

# Treasurer

Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)

- 59 members
- Bank balance: \$8172.94
- Reminder: VE session following club meeting on 2023-05-20 11:00
- Field Day Committee Zoom meeting tomorrow 18:00

## Announcements / Comments

Question #125 for conversation: *Have you seen any of the new gear from any of the major ham radio equipment manufacturers?*

(If interested in submitting a weekly question, email [n5zkf@arrl.net](mailto:n5zkf@arrl.net))

### Bill Rose (K5WTR)

- New equipment prices are so much higher!
- 15m band is starting to open up
  - opening around 20:00Z
  - Ireland contact usually online: Mike Higgins (EI0CL) on 21.317 MHz

### Kevin Walton (K5BTX)

- 10m is also open
  - worked 3 stations from New Zealand last night
- Brazos County ARES net 443.425 MHz FM (KD5DLW)

### John Walpole (K5ZY)

- Haven't watched too much for new equipment:
  - Swapped for a few new radios in Belton
  - Made 80 contacts in various digital and analog modes
  - FTM-200
  - FTDX-10 has some neat new features

### Phil Abernathy (KQ4CFH)

- Passed by what I think is an airport, and there was some black smoke
- N5ZKF: Easterwood Airport has a fire school right next to it; regularly big plumes of smoke coming off of it

### Phil Gates (N5ZKF)

- Keep an eye on the weather: lots of convection and rotation can give rise to big storms
- National Hurricane Preparedness Week
  - <https://nhc.noaa.gov/>
  - Hurricane season starts in June

## Information Exchange

### Robert Carter (NC5R)

- Son coming in at Easterwood. Is 118.5 MHz the tower frequency?
  - N5ZKF: correct. AM modulation
  - W5DZ: they close down at the end of the day
  - K5ZY: closes 9:00pm; aircraft talk on 134.3 MHz, and then they'll call in the blind on 118.5 after the tower closes

### Travis Scott (KI5TMS)

- Anyone with experience running a coax cable through the side of an RV?
  - K5ZY: use an available opening in the shell of the trailer and run behind cabinet
  - N5ZKF: Powerwerx has some products to help with mounting vehicle antennas and such
  - KQ4CFH: I have a tow trailer with a repeater antenna. Coax runs through a grommet for the 7-way cable from vehicle

- KI5CES: Comet makes window pass-through product ([CTC-50M](#)); limited to 150 W