

# Net Minutes

## date

2023-05-23

## opened

20:00

## closed

20:42

## Check-ins (26)

- Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)
- Avery McIntosh (N7ALM)
- Joe Napoli (KG5SDF)
- Garrett Martin (W5HVS)
- KJ5ATR
- Paul Bilke (KF5WGJ)
- Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)
- David Bailey (K5DKB)
- Brian Gaskamp (KA5BKG)
- Jeff McDowell (KI5CES)
- Don Ling (WB5CK0)
- Skip Glueck (K5ZUA)
- Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)
- Curtis Pool (KD5HEY)
- Ralph Cobb (W5RYC)
- Ron Hambric (N5SBN)
- Robert Carter (NC5R)
- Harold Turbyfill (KG5SDG)
- David Vickers (KI5WEH)
- Jonathan Edwards (KI5YZR)
- Phil Gates (N5ZKF)
- Pierre Catala (WA1UAT)
- Jerry Xu (KI5VYD)
- Bill Rose (K5WTR)
- Kerry Miller (WD5ABC)
- Becky Darien (K5BEC)

## Opening Remarks

- Shout-out to KJ5ATR, new ham, and first of the “KJ’s” that I’ve contacted!

## Officer Reports

### President

*David Bailey (K5DKB)*

- thanks to all who came out to the meeting this weekend!
  - Presentation by David Wisby (KI5SHY) about Parks on the Air
- Raffle tickets are on sale!
  - Contact me if interested at [k5dkb@outlook.com](mailto:k5dkb@outlook.com)
- N5ZKF:
  - congrats on upgrading to Extra
  - Prizes are...
    - \$500 Burdett & Son Outdoor Adventure Gift Certificate
    - \$400 Visa gift card
    - Wouxun KG-UV980P Quad Radio
    - Yaesu FT-60R
    - \$100 Casa do Brazil gift card
    - 100th Anniversary Special Edition handbook

### Vice-President

*Paul Bilke (KF5WGJ)*

- Field Day Posters are available
  - Let me know if you have a location where you can post it before field day (and take it down after)
  - [paul@conspiracy.net](mailto:paul@conspiracy.net)

## Secretary

Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)

- Minutes will be sent out after the net.

## Treasurer

Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)

- 60 members
- Bank balance: \$7,001.59
- After-meeting VE session report:
  - 8 VEs: thank you for helping out!
  - as mentioned earlier, K5DKB is now /AE
  - 4 new technicians

## Announcements / Comments

Question #xxx for conversation: *Have you ever used a tree for an antenna support?*

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

### Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)

- I use trees almost exclusively
  - they're tall
  - they're everywhere
  - they're generally non-conductive and usually don't cause RF interference (depends on frequency)

### Skip Glueck (K5ZUA)

- Works great, but it moves around a lot if you pick a small limb and can break antennas

### Phil Gates (N5ZKF)

- Put a pulley in a volunteer tree that has been carried up 30 ft as it has grown
- Counterweight and monofilament line to keep tension, but will snap if pulled too hard

## Buy / Sell

### Skip Glueck (K5ZUA)

- Announced a couple weeks ago, still have:
  - Copper clad steel wire
    - Still have a big roll that I'll give away to anyone who wants
    - Good for building antennas; doesn't stretch
  - Couple pieces of test equipment
    - Military grid-dip M10 meter
    - DC ammeter, DC volt meter, micro meter
  - Push-up poles in fair shape; been in attic for 8 years
- Contact me at [glueck@suddenlink.net](mailto:glueck@suddenlink.net) if interested

## Information Exchange

### David Vickers (KI5WEH)

- Need help with batteries:
  - Can batteries with low voltage cause spurious reception or emissions on a radio? (Icom IC-7300 on 12 V)
  - Anyone with experience using battery boosters?
- KG5LYE:

- Have not experienced problems with that radio on 12 V
- Specification is 13.8 V  $\pm$  15% (minimum 11.73 V)
- But it might be fluctuations in the battery as it struggles to provide amperage)
  - Requires 21 A at full power, and drawing that much at once might lower the voltage a bit, too
- WD5ABC:
  - Break from [SKCC Sprint](#) tonight
  - Maybe try turning down the power when at lower voltages
  - Can still do a lot with, say, 25 W
- KD5HEY:
  - Batteries can be a pain to bring around, but you can try running multiple in parallel to make up for low amps