

Net Minutes

date

2023-06-13

opened

20:00

closed

20:49

Check-ins (24)

- Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)
- Avery McIntosh (N7ALM)
- David Bailey (K5DKB)
- Bill Rose (K5WTR)
- Ralph Cobb (W5RYC)
- Jeff McDowell (KI5CES)
- Brian Gaskamp (KA5BKG)
- Ken Reeves (KE5FIV)
- Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)
- Garrett Martin (W5HVS)
- Rich Rychetsky (KI5QNR)
- Joe Napoli (KG5SDF)
- Dick Zimmer (W5DZ)
- Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)
- Don Ling (WB5CK0)
- Mike Wisby (KA5HIA)
- Robert Carter (NC5R)
- Harold Turbyfill (KG5SDG)
- Phil Gates (N5ZKF)
- Jonathan Edwards (KI5YZR)
- Ron Hambric (N5SBN)
- Curtis Pool (KD5HEY)
- Bennie Naiser (KA5TWB)
- Kerry Miller (WD5ABC)

Officer Reports

President

David Bailey (K5DKB)

- 2023-06-17 09:30 Next Club Meeting
 - American Legion Post 159
 - Last-minute Field Day planning
 - Still need volunteers for the following week
 - Raffle tickets on sale (have not sold many so far)
 - Contact me at k5dkb@outlook.com if interested
 - Will also be at the meeting
 - Prizes this year:
 - \$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 ARRL handbook

Vice-President

Paul Bilke (KF5WGJ)

excused

Secretary

Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)

- Minutes will be sent out after the net.
- Name tags in hand: will be giving them to those who ordered them at the meeting:
- Got to tour the inside of St. Mary's Catholic Center
 - It is magnificent inside there: lots of paintings, stonework, woodwork, sculptures, etc.

Treasurer

Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)

- 61 members
- Bank balance: \$6,863.94
 - Raffle prizes cost \$1500, so you better buy tickets to help offset that cost! :)
- Next VE session will be at Field Day (not at meeting this weekend)

Announcements / Comments

Question #131 for conversation: *Have you ever constructed a receiver, transmitter, or transceiver from a kit?*

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

Ron Hambric (N5SBN)

- CEOC meeting this Friday, 2023-06-16
 - Call main number or radio room (979) 821-1012
- Brazos County ARES will not be meeting this month
 - Will be at Field Day next week

David Bailey (K5DKB)

- Assembled a kit transceiver:
 - 5 W ([tr](#))uSDX
 - 20 m through 80 m
 - Highly recommended: "If I can do it, you can do it"

Joe Napoli (KG5SDF)

- Never built a kit, but made a scratch novice transmitter (40 m or 80 m?)
 - Crystal control, hand-wound "bottles"
 - CW-only

David Vickers (KI5WEH)

- Built a HeathKit receiver in the 1960s in High School
 - Tube radio; covered general ham bands
 - Fairly easy: good schematics and assembly instructions
 - Worked when I finished it!

Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)

- Haven't built a radio from a kit, but built a 3D printer from a kit
 - Has to count for something :)
 - No soldering, but lots of mechanical precision
- Field Day Committee meeting tomorrow 18:00

Phil Gates (N5ZKF)

- When about 10 years old..
 - RadioShack project kits for crystal radio
 - Magical times as a kid

- As an adult...
 - Built a kit receiver from Tentech
- This repeater was struggling earlier this week
 - 60 Hz buzz?
 - Each time the antenna was transmitting, it would get caught in a loop with this buzz sound until it timed out
 - It's fixed now, and thanks to those involved with doing so!
 - W5DZ: ideas:
 - There was a huge opening on the 2 m band about that time, another repeater perhaps?
 - Might have been Yaesu System Fusion digital mode?

Curtis Pool (KD5HEY)

- Built a 40 m crystal receiver kit at one point
- Made capacitor and inductor coil myself

Buy / Sell

Bennie Naiser (KA5TWB)

- Has a new, unused Hy-Gain vertical HF base station antenna for sale
 - Asking \$50
 - ~~Call me if interested at (979) 654-0484~~
 - Sold on-the-spot to K5WTR

Information Exchange

Don Ling (WB5CK0)

- Anyone working on club website?
- N5ZKF: primarily on Facebook these days
 - New domain being worked on
- KG5LYE: New domain in question is <https://w5bcs.radio>
 - Still under development, spearheaded by Paul Bilke
 - Have a few services there already, but not ready for "prime time" just yet
 - Perhaps right after Field Day... Stay tuned!

Kerry Miller (WD5ABC)

- Battleship Texas reserved N5T for Museum Ship Weekend
 - That's the same callsign we will be using for Field Day at the farm!
- Battery booster question from earlier: Use biggest wire you can get