

# Net Minutes

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**date**

2023-07-11

**opened**

20:00

**closed**

20:39

## Check-ins (21)

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- Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)
- John Walpole (K5ZY)
- Bill Rose (K5WTR)
- Brian Gaskamp (KA5BKG)
- Avery McIntosh (N7ALM)
- Don Ling (WB5CK0)
- Brad Snyder (KG5SDE)
- Ron Hambric (N5SBN)
- Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)
- David Bailey (K5DKB)
- Becky Darien (K5BEC)
- Dick Zimmer (W5DZ)
- Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)
- Mike Wisby (KA5HIA)
- Kevin Walton (K5BTX)
- Brandon Bartlett (KG5LYN)
- Harold Turbyfill (KG5SDG)
- Rich Rychetsky (KI5QNR)
- Phil Gates (N5ZKF)
- Jonathan Edwards (KI5YZR)
- Bennie Naiser (KA5TWB)

## Opening Remarks

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- Last call: Bob Henglein (W5GC)
  - Passed away on 2023-06-21
  - Long-time club member and contributor
  - Enjoyed fishing
  - Will be missed by family, friends, and neighbors
- Hope everyone had a great 4th of July!
  - last week was more of a colloquial gathering

## Officer Reports

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### President

*David Bailey (K5DKB)*

- Had an interesting time with the net last week
- Thanks to those who checked in and put up with the awkwardness
- Meeting this weekend!
  - 2023-07-15 09:30
  - American Legion Post 159
  - Presentation afterwards about army communications during Operation Iraqi Freedom
- Planned VE session following the meeting (more from KI5FIZ later)

# Vice-President

Paul Bilke (KF5WGJ)

excused

# Secretary

Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)

- Sorry I missed last week, hope everyone had an enjoyable weekend and Independence Day!
  - Went to SeaWorld on 2023-07-05 and had an amazing time!
  - If there's anything that I love as much as I enjoy technology, it's dolphins!
  - Photos to show-and-tell at the meeting if anyone's interested
- Minutes will be sent out after the net.

# Treasurer

Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)

- 65 members
- Bank balance: \$8,550.06
- VE exam after the meeting this Saturday

# Announcements / Comments

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Question #134 for conversation: *Have you used a directional antenna? If so, what band(s)? What kind? Why?*

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

## Ron Hambric (N5SBN)

- CEOC visit Friday, 2023-07-14 09:00
  - Contact us to be let in:
    - 443.425 MHz FM (KD5DLW) repeater
    - Radio room telephone (979) 821-1012
- ARES meeting this Monday
  - 2023-07-17 18:30
  - American Red Cross building on Boonville Rd

## Bill Rose (K5WTR)

- Used many types of directional antennas
  - 2-phase, 22-element, tri-band directional antenna at the house
  - Have used 2 or 3 quad antennas
  - Largest in Taiwan: direction-finding 26-antenna array when in the Air Force

## Phil Gates (N5ZKF)

- Only directional antennas of note that I've used are with the club for Field Day
- Made a handheld measuring tape antenna
- Possibly made some "less-than-omni"-directional antennas in the past (ha! 😊)

# Buy / Sell

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## Phil Gates (N5ZKF)

- Bob's beloved IC-756 Pro III is available
  - Family wants to sell it if they can
  - Not latest model, but a very good radio
  - Not sure what they would take for it
  - Get in touch with Travis Scott (KI5TMS) if interested (good on QRZ)

# Information Exchange

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## Kevin Walton (K5BTX)

- Trying to get SGC-230 remote antenna coupler working
  - Was heard clear, but not able to hear anything
- Also not sure whether my TS-50 is working anymore
  - Does anyone have a meter and/or dummy load to test it?
  - Problem might just be on receiver side
- Will be at meeting on Saturday
- Good on QRZ if anyone else wants to offer to help

## Mike Wisby (KA5HIA)

- Petition to FCC from “Shortwave Modernization Coalition”
- Think the band from 2 MHz to 25 MHz is underused and want it opened for businesses to send data
  - Sending financial transaction data
- N5ZKF: could possibly already be used by unlicensed individuals
  - Send in your opinions to the FCC!
- Reference: [RM11953](#)

## Closing Remarks

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- Had fun working 13 Colonies special event this weekend
  - special 1x1 callsigns throughout the original 13 colonies
  - 3 bonus stations in PA, Britain, and France
  - got a clean sweep of all 16 stations!