

Net Minutes

date

2023-09-05

opened

20:00

closed

20:29

Check-ins (27)

- Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)
- Bill Rose (K5WTR)
- Avery McIntosh (N7ALM)
- Don Ling (WB5CK0)
- David Bailey (K5DKB)
- Brian Gaskamp (KA5BKG)
- Joe Napoli (KG5SDF)
- Jonathan Edwards (KI5YZR)
- Ron Hambric (N5SBN)
- Garrett Martin (W5HVS)
- Becky Darien (K5BEC)
- David Vickers (KI5WEH)
- Ralph Cobb (W5RYC)
- Dick Zimmer (W5DZ)
- Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)
- Kerry Miller (WD5ABC)
- Mike Wisby (KA5HIA)
- Jason Shutt (KI5LGO)
- Robert Carter (NC5R)
- Harold Turbyfill (KG5SDG)
- Brad Snyder (KG5SDE)
- Brandon Bartlett (KG5LYN)
- Bennie Naiser (KA5TWB)
- John Walpole (K5ZY)
- Phil Gates (N5ZKF)
- Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)
- Travis Scott (KI5TMS)

Officer Reports

President

David Bailey (K5DKB)

- “Fortnight of the next regular meeting”
 - 2023-09-16 09:30
 - American Legion Post 159 on Waco St
 - Still looking for a presenter
 - Contact me if interested k5dkb@outlook.com
 - VE Test session afterward (more info from KI5FIZ’s report below)

Vice-President

Paul Bilke (KF5WGJ)

excused

Secretary

Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)

- Minutes will be sent out after the net.

Treasurer

Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)

- 68 members
- Bank balance: \$8,655.26
- VE Test session after meeting
 - 2023-09-16 11:00
 - Looking for volunteer examiners to work the exam
- KA5HIA and I went to Bellville to see Picoballoon launch this Saturday
 - Brenham balloon group will be in attendance at the meeting

Announcements / Comments

Question #142 for conversation: *Do you have an antenna analyzer that you use? If so, tell us about it!*

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

Ron Hambric (N5SBN)

- Brazos County ARES Net tonight
 - 443.425 MHz FM (KD5DLW) repeater
 - 20:30 or after W5BCS net, whichever happens later
- CEOC visit
 - Friday, 2023-09-08 09:00
 - Call on KD5DLW repeater or (979) 821-1012 to be let in
- Brazos County ARES meeting
 - Monday, 2023-09-18 18:30
 - American Red Cross on Boonville Rd

Joe Napoli (KG5SDF)

- Have used NanoVNA analyzer, and it works great!
- Only disappointment is that the cables that come in the box are not really good

Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)

- MFJ analyzer
 - SWR meter with resistance and reactance components
 - N5ZKF: can do some math to get extra metrics
- Bill Preston (KZ3G) has very nice FieldFox analyzer

David Vickers (KI5WEH)

- Also have MFJ-259D
 - Digital and analog readouts
 - Good frequency range
 - Can be a little bulky

Kerry Miller (WD5ABC)

- Have three different analyzers:
 - MFJ
 - German-made kit
 - Easiest to use and most convenient
 - Eats batteries, though
 - N5ZKF: FA-VA5
 - NanoVNA that I used for my (tr)uSDX

Buy / Sell

Phil Gates (N5ZKF)

- Butternut HF vertical antenna
- needs a lot of TLC before being used
- free if you want it
- n5zkf@arrl.net