

# Net Minutes

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**date**

2023-10-10

**opened**

20:00

**closed**

20:32

## Check-ins (23)

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- Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)
- Avery McIntosh (N7ALM)
- Bill Rose (K5WTR)
- Paul Bilke (KF5WGJ)
- Joe Napoli (KG5SDF)
- Brad Snyder (KG5SDE)
- Garrett Martin (W5HVS)
- Patrick Zapalac (KJ5ATR)
- Ron Hambric (N5SBN)
- David Bailey (K5DKB)
- Don Ling (WB5CKO)
- Juan Castro (AI5MU)
- Brian Gaskamp (KA5BKG)
- Dick Zimmer (W5DZ)
- Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)
- Mike Wisby (KA5HIA)
- Kevin Walton (K5BTX)
- Thomas Sanborn (KG7GGP)
- Robert Carter (NC5R)
- Harold Turbyfill (KG5SDG)
- Phil Gates (N5ZKF)
- Robert Grigsby (KI5WFZ)
- Becky Darien (K5BEC)

## Officer Reports

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# President

*David Bailey (K5DKB)*

- Next regular meeting is on 2023-10-21 09:30
  - American Legion Post 159
  - VE test session to follow (around 11:00)
  - Radio in the Park, weather permitting
- Annular Solar Eclipse this weekend!
  - 2023-10-14 roughly 10:20/13:30
  - Best viewing will be just west of us
  - “Annular” means the sun won’t be completely covered.
    - Never look directly at the sun unless you have proper viewing equipment
  - Ham-Radio-related eclipse event:
    - [HamSCI](#) doing amateur radio propagation experiments during the eclipse
  - Upcoming *total* solar eclipse in April 2024

# Vice-President

*Paul Bilke (KF5WGJ)*

- Belated thank-you to those who came to BigShots a few weeks ago
  - hope to do something again soon!

# Secretary

*Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)*

- Minutes will be sent out after the net.
- Midterms this week (Thursday)
- Plan to have fun watching the eclipse this weekend!

# Treasurer

*Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)*

- 70 members
- Bank balance: \$8,405.06
- VE test session after meeting
  - Need volunteer examiners!
  - Let me know if you’re able to help: [treasurer@w5bcs.radio](mailto:treasurer@w5bcs.radio)

# Announcements / Comments

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Question #147 for conversation: *Were you at Belton Ham Expo last weekend?*

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

## **Phil Gates (N5ZKF)**

- Household Hazardous Waste collection
  - 2023-10-21 07:00/14:00
  - Accepting: CFCs, oils, paints, televisions, auto fluids, electronics, cleaning chemicals
  - Also accepting donations for Books and a Blanket
  - *Not medication, frion, sharps, etc.*
- Was at Belton last weekend; had a great time!
  - Met a lot of people from the area there, including from W5AC
- W5AC club has been active lately
  - Monitor their repeater, [146.820 MHz FM \(W5AC\)](#), to catch the action

## **Mike Wisby (KA5HIA)**

- Also went to Belton with son
- Traded in a radio for cash, then used that cash to buy other stuff
- Hamburger lunch at Bird Creek Brewery

## **Kevin Walton (K5BTX)**

- This is my last Tuesday night net with y'all
- "Surrounded by a sea of boxes"
  - Will be in North Carolina by early next week
- It's been great to get to know everyone in the community
- Will keep in touch! 73!

## **Ron Hambric (N5SBN)**

- Belton was great!
- Good chance to catch up with friends we don't see often
- CEOC visit Friday, 2023-10-13 09:00 will be coordinated by *Mike Wisby (KA5HIA)*
  - Call on [KD5DLW repeater](#) or (979) 821-1012 to be let in

## **Becky Darien (K5BEC)**

- Saw a lot of people from here at Belton.
- Really nice weather!