

# Net Minutes

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**date**

2023-10-17

**opened**

20:00

**closed**

20:41

## Check-ins (25)

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- Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)
- Joe Napoli (KG5SDF)
- Jeff McDowell (KI5CES)
- Avery McIntosh (N7ALM)
- Bill Rose (K5WTR)
- Patrick Zapalac (KJ5ATR)
- Garrett Martin (W5HVS)
- Brian Gaskamp (KA5BKG)
- Ralph Cobb (W5RYC)
- Don Ling (WB5CK0)
- Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)
- David Bailey (K5DKB)
- Juan Castro (WK5I)
- Dick Zimmer (W5DZ)
- Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)
- Thomas Sanborn (KG7GGP)
- Robert Carter (NC5R)
- Harold Turbyfill (KG5SDG)
- Bennie Naiser (KA5TWB)
- David Vickers (KI5WEH)
- Phil Gates (N5ZKF)
- Jonathan Edwards (KI5YZR)
- Mike Wisby (KA5HIA)
- Andrew Byorth (KG5JDJ)
- Jerry Xu (KI5VYD)

## Officer Reports

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# President

*David Bailey (K5DKB)*

- Next club meeting is this weekend
  - 2023-10-21 09:30
  - American Legion Post 159
- VE test session (more on this from KI5FIZ later)
- Radio in the Park following the meeting
  - East side of [Tanglewood Park](#)
  - Weather looks like it'll be sunny and hot (95 °F)

# Vice-President

*Paul Bilke (KF5WGJ)*

*excused*

# Secretary

*Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)*

- Minutes will be sent out after the net.
- Hope y'all were able to enjoy the Annular Solar Eclipse this weekend; more on this later

# Treasurer

*Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)*

- 70 members
- Bank balance: \$8,405.06
- VE session 11:00 after meeting this Saturday
  - Have four volunteer examiners signed up (can always use more, but feel free)
- Winter Field Day Committee meeting tomorrow 18:00
  - Contact me if you still need the link
  - [treasurer@w5bcs.radio](mailto:treasurer@w5bcs.radio)

# Announcements / Comments

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Question #148 for conversation: *Tell us about your annular eclipse experience this weekend. (Bonus points if it includes Amateur Radio)*

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

## Bill Rose (K5WTR)

- There will be another eclipse next year
- 2024-04-08
- A *total* eclipse this time, which means the *whole* sun will be covered
  - KG5LYE: more interesting things to see in the sky

## Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)

- glad to be past midterms
- apparently I did a great job forgetting all about it
- Went to Garner State Park to observe eclipse
  - Didn't think about activating Parks on the Air until just now
- My brother had his telescope with a solar filter and DSLR attachment
- [Shared photo album](#); in particular, check out the [composite time lapse image](#)
- Stopped by SeaWorld on the way back Sunday to get a behind-the-scenes tour
  - Got to meet a lot of the animals and trainers

## Jeff McDowell (KI5CES)

- Got about 500 ft of 18 AWG wire (stranded) if you need to build an antenna
- Question: since there isn't an "Advanced" class license anymore, what happened to the "Advanced" class band privileges? Do they get merged into General or Extra?
  - N5ZKF: "Advanced" is still called out on band plans, so I guess privileges remain the same, even if there are no new licensees in this class

## Phil Gates (N5ZKF)

- Looking for nominations for officer positions for the next year.
  - If you would like to nominate someone or self-nominate
  - Contact me if interested: [n5zKF@arrl.net](mailto:n5zKF@arrl.net)
- [Household Hazardous Waste collection](#)
  - 2023-10-21 07:00/14:00, "rain or shine"
  - Old TI building / [TAMU University Services Building](#)
  - **Enter from Harvey Road**
  - Can also bring books and blankets to donate

## Information Exchange

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## Joe Napoli (KG5SDF)

- Anyone know of a free antenna modeling program for Linux?
  - K5WTR: [EZNEC](#), not sure if a Linux version is available
  - N5ZKF: [xnec2c](#)

## Jerry Xu (KI5VYD)

- Anyone know if there is a WIRES-X repeater around here?
  - N5ZKF:
    - [W5BCS](#) has C4FM, but it's not connected to the Internet
    - K5ZY has some Yaesu Fusion repeaters in the area, one of them might be connected
  - KA5BKG:
    - Not familiar with it, but one of [Brenham repeaters](#) might be