

# Monthly Club Meeting Minutes

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**date**

2024-01-20

**convened**

11:58

**adjourned**

12:52

## Officers

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- **President:** David Bailey (K5DKB) *present*
- **Vice President:** Paul Bilke (KF5WGJ) *present*
- **Secretary:** Matthew Barry (KG5LYE) *present*
- **Treasurer:** Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ) *present*

## Attendees (32)

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*Quorum attained!*

- Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)
- Ron Hambric (N5SBN)
- Ken Wilson (KE5DFR)
- David Jones (WD5JJ)
- Pierre Catala (WA1UAT)
- Gary Baldwin (KF5ZRT)
- Joe Cucuzza (KA8WEP)
- Ray Meech (WA5IWB)
- Robert O'Connell (KC5DWB)
- Becky Darien (K5BEC)
- Kerry Miller (WD5ABC)
- Hunter Hambric
- John Walpole (K5ZY)
- Sherrie Walpole (N5SLW)
- Harold Turbyfill (KG5SDG)
- Jim Laird (KF5YY)

- Brad Snyder (KG5SDE)
- Rick Pfeil (W4RDP)
- Mike Mertes (KZ5M)
- Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)
- Paul Bilke (KF5WGJ)
- Bill Preston (KZ3G)
- John Walker (W1JCW)
- Jeff McDowell (KI5CES)
- Ralph Cobb (W5RYC)
- James Pfeffer (KJ5BRH)
- Jonathan Edwards (KI5YZR)
- Mindy Caldwell (KJ5MJC)
- Phil Gates (N5ZKF)
- Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)
- David Bailey (K5DKB)
- Christy Bailey (KI5WUM)

## Officer Reports

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### President

*David Bailey (K5DKB)*

- Balloon launch as part of Winter Field Day next weekend
  - Sunday, 2024-01-28 10:00
- Pass around the actual payload:
  - 10 mW 20 m transmitter
  - position and altitude
  - entire setup is about \$100... and you never get it back (but it's fun to track around the world!)

### Vice-President

*Paul Bilke (KF5WGJ)*

- Nothing to report

### Secretary

*Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)*

### Approval of Minutes

- Hearing no corrections, minutes stand approved as sent out

- Minutes from this meeting will be sent out later today

## Treasurer

*Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)*

- Annual financial statement available to be picked up

## Last Month's Statement

- Starting balance: \$8,435.06
- Income: \$198
  - \$185 membership dues
  - \$13 club swag
- Disbursements: nothing
- Ending balance: \$8,633.06

## Club Merchandise

- Winter Field Day 2023 stickers: \$2
- Club logo pins (limited): \$3
- Club logo stickers: \$2
- Club logo window clings: \$2
- Club logo patches: \$5
- Club logo keychains: \$2

## Membership Renewals

- \$15 individual
- \$20 family
- \$5 student

Membership can be renewed in any of the following ways:

- online at [Ham Club Online](#)
- request PayPal invoice via email
- mail in cash or check (PO Box 4442, Bryan, TX 77805-4442)
- bring cash or check in-person at a meeting

## Winter Field Day

- "The next big thing"
- Will be next weekend 2024-01-27/28
- at [American Legion Post 159](#)
- Scheduled events
  - 09:00 - Setup starts
    - Breakfast sandwiches donated from Whataburger

- 11:00-ish - Workbench Skills table
  - Anderson PowerPole connectors
  - Soldering
  - TNC Kit build
  - Antenna analyzers
- 13:00 to Sunday 13:00 - Operations
  - Will need operators to help overnight!
- Presentations
  - 13:00 - Emergency Management
  - 14:30 - 7290 Traffic Net
  - 16:00 - Low Power Ops from Antarctica
  - 17:30 - Panel Discussion
- 18:30 - Spaghetti Dinner
- (overnight operations)
- 08:00 - Pancake Breakfast
- 10:00 - Pico balloon launch
- 11:00 - Ham license exam
  - Will need VE's for the session
- We will need your help to make this happen!
  - Sign-up sheet for available volunteer positions

## Year-in-Review Presentation

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\_David Bailey (K5DKB)

- January: Social at Cooper's BBQ and Winter Field Day
- February: Offshore Solar
- March: Mike Wisby (KA5HIA) Battleship Texas
- April: Radio in the Park
- May: Parks on the Air by David Wisby (KI5SHY)
- June: Get ready for ARRL Field Day; Pico balloon launch
- July: Operation Iraqi Freedom Communication Networking
- August: QSO Card Bureau
- September:
  - Brenham Balloon Group
  - Charlie Culver (KD5DLW) honorary membership
  - Big Shots golf social event
- October: Radio in the Park,
- November: Pancakes, SteppIR Antennas and John Walker (W1JCW) Logging Software
- December:
  - Coffee and Donuts for American Legion Veteran's Breakfast

- A Case for FT8 by Mike Wisby (KA5HIA)
- Overall Activities
  - 12 meetings
  - 2 Field Days
  - 6 Social Meals (maybe 8 if you include Field Day)
  - 1 Post Donuts service opportunity
  - 2 Radio in the Park days
  - 8 meeting presentations (plus Field Day presentations)
    - 1 Phil
    - 1 Robert
    - 1 Mike
    - 1 John
    - **4 Davids**
  - 10 VE sessions, 9 with examinees, and 28 licenses gained or upgraded
  - Membership: started with 50 members, ended with 80
    - Testament to *you*, the friendly community and current membership of this club
- Plans for 2024 (so far)
  - More license exams
  - 2 Field Days
  - 3 social meals (this number will go up)
  - 4 service opportunities: sponsoring 5th week Kolaches for the Post
  - 1 Antenna rebuild (c/o Bill Preston (KZ3G) and John Walker (W1JCW))
  - More planning to come...
- Ideas?
  - Set up at Downtown Bryan:
    - First Fridays when weather warms up
    - return to Farmer's Market
  - More subcommittees and Special Interest Groups
    - DX
    - Parks on the Air
    - Digital and other modes: D-STAR, DMR, Internet link
  - Solar Eclipse coming up 2024-04-08
  - Encourage more ladies to get involved:
    - YL radio league: <https://ylrl.org>

## Health and Welfare / Good of the Order

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- If anyone needs help with anything please reach out to the club. You can contact any of the officers at:

◦ [officers@bryanarc.org](mailto:officers@bryanarc.org)

## Closing

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**Motion by John Walker (W1JCW):**

*to adjourn the meeting*

*Seconded by Ken Wilson (KE5DFR).*

**Outcome:** *passes unanimously*

## Next Meeting

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2024-02-17 09:30 at American Legion Post 159