

# Net Minutes

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**date**

2024-02-06

**opened**

20:00

**closed**

20:38

## Check-ins (28)

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- Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)
- Jeff McDowell (KI5CES)
- Avery McIntosh (N7ALM)
- Brian Gaskamp (KA5BKG)
- Garrett Martin (W5HVS)
- Ron Estes (KJ5EFO)
- John Walpole (K5ZY)
- Joe Napoli (KG5SDF)
- Thomas Sanborn (KJ5DAA)
- Ralph Cobb (W5RYC)
- Bill Rose (K5WTR)
- Don Ling (WB5CK0)
- Bill Preston (KZ3G)
- Dick Zimmer (W5DZ)
- Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)
- Ken Wilson (KE5DFR)
- Mike Wisby (KA5HIA)
- David Bailey (K5DKB)
- Becky Darien (K5BEC)
- Mike Mertes (KZ5M)
- Ron Hambric (N5SBN)
- Harold Turbyfill (KG5SDG)
- Bennie Naiser (KA5TWB)
- Phil Gates (N5ZKF)
- Jonathan Edwards (KI5YZR)
- Troyce Wilson (KC5CBI)
- Jonathan Graham (KD5GG)
- Pierre Catala (WA1UAT)

## Officer Reports

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### President

*David Bailey (K5DKB)*

- Next meeting

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

## Vice-President

Paul Bilke (KF5WGJ)

- *excused*

## Secretary

Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)

- Minutes will be sent out after the net.
- Winter Field Day point tally submitted: 3543 total points
  - 192 contacts (227 pts)
    - 157 phone contacts (1 pt each)
    - 35 CW contacts at (2 pts each; 70 pts)
  - Multiplier (for band/mode combos): ×9
    - phone on 80m, 40m, 20m, 15m, 10m
    - CW on 40m, 20m, 15m, 10m
  - 1500 bonus points (500 each):
    - alternate power source
    - antenna setup
    - operating away from home

## Treasurer

Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)

- 58 members
- Bank balance: \$9,086.14
- If you haven't yet renewed your 2024 membership, you can do so:
  - at our next meeting
  - Online at [HamClubOnline](#)
  - Email me at [treasurer@w5bcs.radio](mailto:treasurer@w5bcs.radio) for a PayPal invoice
- Next ham license exam after our next meeting: 2024-02-17 11:00

## Announcements / Comments

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Question #163 for conversation: *Winter Storm Yuri happened about this time a while ago and caused a lot of problems with power. What battery power do you keep for your ham radio equipment, if any?*

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

## Ron Hambric (N5SBN)

- Got back from cruise
- Carnival Jubilee
- Monday morning 09:00, the ship made a rescue of two men in a kayak
  - Their boat sank night before 10 mi off coast of Cancun
- N5BRZ ARES net tonight
  - 20:30 or after the W5BCS, whichever is later
  - [KD5DLW](#) repeater

## **Dick Zimmer (W5DZ)**

- 60 Ah AGM Deep cycle battery under desk
- Float (trickle) charger and a switch on the desk.

## **Bill Rose (K5WTR)**

- 4× 100 Ah AGM batteries
- 400 W solar panels and charge controller for the batteries
- 3000 W Sine wave inverter for house fridge and freezer
- “Batteries are the most expensive part”

## **Phil Gates (N5ZKF)**

- several small “previously serviced” AGM batteries in battery boxes
  - each has own voltmeter and ammeter
  - used them during Yuri to run radios and a few things around the house
- no solar; use power supply to charge them

## **Ken Wilson (KE5DFR)**

- Have 2× 100 Ah Li-Ion batteries and solar panels on the trailer

## **Joe Napoli (KG5SDF)**

- 20 Ah gel cell battery on a trickle charger
- Run VHF and HF rigs off of it

## **Information Exchange**

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### **Jonathan Graham (KD5GG)**

- \$18 CW decoder at walmart.com
  - doesn't have an enclosure
  - Connect audio out of radio, then speaker out other end
  - 12 V power supply

## **Closing Remarks**

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### **Ken Wilson (KE5DFR)**

- Figured out why generator wasn't pulling out of tank at Winter Field Day:
  - hole in the cap gasket