

# Net Minutes

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**date**

2024-02-13

**opened**

20:00

**closed**

20:36

## Check-ins (27)

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- Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)
- Brian Gaskamp (KA5BKG)
- Bill Rose (K5WTR)
- Don Ling (WB5CK0)
- Paul Bilke (KF5WGJ)
- Thomas Sanborn (KJ5DAA)
- Joe Napoli (KG5SDF)
- Dick Zimmer (W5DZ)
- Garrett Martin (W5HVS)
- Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)
- Mike Wisby (KA5HIA)
- Ken Wilson (KE5DFR)
- David Bailey (K5DKB)
- Becky Darien (K5BEC)
- Ron Estes (KJ5EF0)
- Brandon Bartlett (KG5LYN)
- Ralph Cobb (W5RYC)
- Robert Carter (NC5R)
- Harold Turbyfill (KG5SDG)
- Mike Mertes (KZ5M)
- Bennie Naiser (KA5TWB)
- Pierre Catala (WA1UAT)
- Phil Gates (N5ZKF)
- Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)
- Kevin Walton (N4RMF)
- Travis Scott (KI5TMS)
- Brad Snyder (KG5SDE)

## Officer Reports

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### President

*David Bailey (K5DKB)*

- Meeting this weekend
  - 2024-02-17 09:30

- American Legion Post 159
- Probably won't have an after-meeting presentation

## Vice-President

*Paul Bilke (KF5WGJ)*

- Will tweak squelch control on Echolink node
- We plan to recap Winter Field Day at the meeting this weekend
  - Be sure to fill out the [survey](#) (new link)
  - VE Session to follow meeting

## Secretary

*Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)*

- Minutes will be sent out after the net.
- It's Mardi Gras / Fat Tuesday / Shrove Tuesday, which means tomorrow is Ash Wednesday.
  - Also Valentine's Day
- Update net script to include Echolink translations

## Treasurer

*Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)*

- Bank balance: \$9,011.14
- 58 members
  - If you haven't renewed your membership, you can do so with any of the following methods:
    - On [HamClubOnline](#)
    - Contact [treasurer@w5bcs.radio](mailto:treasurer@w5bcs.radio) for a PayPal invoice
    - In-person with cash or check at the meeting this weekend
  - Dues are:
    - \$15 for individual
    - \$20 for family
    - \$5 for student
- VE License Exam Session following our meeting this weekend
  - 2024-02-17 11:00

## Announcements / Comments

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Question #164 for conversation: *What is your favorite Amateur Radio / Electronics retailer?*

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

## Phil Gates (N5ZKF)

- Mitch Savage (EA7KDO) / SK
  - Lived in Spain and passed away recently
  - Major proponent of DMR networks
- Like to spread business around, not just from single vendor
  - [Ham Radio Outlet](#) in Plano, TX
  - [R&L Electronics](#)
  - [GigaParts](#)
  - [Musicians Friend](#)

- [Sweetwater Music](#)
- [Guitar Center](#)

## **David Bailey (K5DKB)**

- My favorite vendors:
  - [DX Engineering](#)
  - Another plug for R&L Electronics

## **Ken Wilson (KE5DFR)**

- I shop around
  - Good experience from all vendors
  - Only one to be careful for is [eBay](#)

## **Robert Carter (NC5R)**

- [Main Trading Company](#), family-owned operation in Paris, TX

## **Brad Snyder (KG5SDE)**

- Joining via Echolink from Conroe!