

2024-03-19 Net Minutes

opened

20:00

closed

20:34

Check-ins (28)

- Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)
- Avery McIntosh (N7ALM)
- Jeff McDowell (KI5CES)
- Ken Wilson (KE5DFR)
- Brian Gaskamp (KA5BKG)
- Don Ling (WB5CKO)
- Garrett Martin (W5HVS)
- Travis Scott (KI5TMS)
- Tom Talley (W5XTT)
- Kevin Walton (N4RMF)
- Dick Zimmer (W5DZ)
- Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)
- Mike Wisby (KA5HIA)
- David Bailey (K5DKB)
- Patrick Zapalac (KJ5ATR)
- Brian Walpole (N5BLW)
- Becky Miller (K5BEC)
- Harold Turbyfill (KG5SDG)
- Ron Hambric (N5SBN)
- Brad Snyder (KG5SDE)
- David Vickers (KI5WEH)
- Pierre Catala (WA1UAT)
- Phil Gates (N5ZKF)
- Bill Rose (K5WTR)
- Jon Edwards (KI5YZR)
- Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)
- John Graesser (KC5DWD)

- Bill Preston (KZ3G)

Opening Remarks

- It was great to see everyone at the meeting on Saturday!
- N5ZKF: Sorry I missed last week, but allergies can be difficult!

Officer Reports

President

David Bailey (K5DKB)

- Special thank-you to everyone who attended our meeting this Saturday
 - 31 sign-ins, but there were probably more in the room!
 - Great time with show & tell; it was cool to see everyone's gadgets!

Vice-President

Paul Bilke (KF5WGJ)

excused

proxy Phil Gates (N5ZKF):

- Grateful for Echolink, W5BCS-R, and for *Broadcastify* live feed

Secretary

Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)

- Minutes will be sent out after the net.
- Yaesu repeater promotion came up at the meeting
 - Club voted to take advantage of this offer
 - Order has been submitted and approved by Yaesu
 - Should be coming in the next year or so

Treasurer

Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)

- 63 members
- Bank balance: \$9,113.46 (does not include purchase on new repeater)
- Next ham license exam 2024-04-20 11:00 at American Legion Post 159
 - Reminder: You must have a FCC Registration Number (FRN)

Announcements / Comments

Question #169 for conversation: *Have you ever received data from a weather satellite?*

(If interested in submitting a weekly question, email n5zkf@arrl.net)

Dick Zimmer (W5DZ)

- Had a weather satellite decoder box a long time ago
 - Satellites transmit on 137.62, 137.92, and 138.10
 - They beam back pictures of the ground
- N5ZKF: capture audio and can use [WXSat](#) software to demodulate

Bill Rose (K5WTR)

- FCC Affordable Internet plan (\$30 discount) goes away in April

Information Exchange

John Graesser (KC5DWD)

- Android app for digital repeaters

Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)

- Had a lightning strike a while back, and it took out a lot of network equipment around the house
 - Was thinking about it due to the recent storms
 - Probably came in through the Internet cable
 - Any thoughts for protection against lightning strikes from cable transients?
- KC5DWD: unplugging during lightning storm is the safest option
- W5XTT/N5ZKF: try to get a lightning arrester from [ISP Supplies](#)