

2024-03-26 Net Minutes

opened

20:00

closed

20:30

Check-ins (26)

- Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)
- Brian Gaskamp (KA5BKG)
- Joe Napoli (KG5SDF)
- Jeff McDowell (KI5CES)
- Brad Snyder (KG5SDE)
- Bill Rose (K5WTR)
- Don Ling (WB5CK0)
- Dick Zimmer (W5DZ)
- Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)
- Mike Wisby (KA5HIA)
- Brian Walpole (N5BLW)
- David Bailey (K5DKB)
- Avery McIntosh (N7ALM)
- Bill Preston (KZ3G)
- Rick Pfeil (W4RDP)
- Ralph Cobb (W5RYC)
- Robert Carter (NC5R)
- Rich Rychetsky (W5SON)
- Mike Mertes (KZ5M)
- David Vickers (KI5WEH)
- John Walpole (K5ZY)
- Phil Gates (N5ZKF)
- Jon Edwards (KI5YZR)
- Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)
- Travis Scott (KI5TMS)
- Bennie Naiser (KA5TWB)

Officer Reports

President

David Bailey (K5DKB)

- Thank you to our net-calling team for their regularity and for the notes, email, etc.!
 - Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)
 - Phil Gates (N5ZKF)

Vice-President

Paul Bilke (KF5WGJ)

excused

- New repeater has been ordered and approved by Yaesu

Secretary

Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)

- Always a pleasure to serve the club and local community!
 - Would like to hand
- Minutes will be sent out after the net.

Treasurer

Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)

- 63 members
- Bank balance: \$9,113.46
- Next Ham license exam will be 2024-04-20 11:00 after the monthly club meeting. You'll need the following:
 - \$15 exam fee
 - FCC Registration Number (FRN)

Announcements / Comments

Question #170 for conversation, courtesy of Kevin Walton (N4RMF): *How many of you will be going to see the solar eclipse on 2024-04-08?*

(If interested in submitting a weekly question, email n5zkgf@arrl.net)

Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)

- Will be going to Garner State Park for the eclipse
 - Was there in October for the previous eclipse
 - So rare to have two back-to-back and in the same location
- Been working with hardware development lately
 - I typically develop software at a higher level, but right now I'm developing some firmware for a project at work
 - Directly interfacing with GPIO pins
 - UART, SPI, and I²C comms
 - reading analog and digital sensors

David Vickers (KI5WEH)

- Planning to go to Killeen to see the eclipse!
 - 8 in Newtonian telescope with a camera
 - N5ZKF: they've declared a state of emergency because they're expecting so many people
- Saw the last total eclipse in 2017 when I was living in Nebraska

David Bailey (K5DKB)

- Headed in a vaguely northwestern direction with the wife for pictures

Jeff McDowell (KI5CES)

- Planning to stay here and observe
- Experienced a total eclipse a long time ago (in my teens)
- Hoping the next one will be closer

Bill Preston (KZ3G)

- Headed to Valley Mills toward Waco

Phil Gates (N5ZKF)

- Have solar filter for camera
- Hoping for good weather!

Closing Remarks

- Madeira Islands are on the air now!
- 14.270 MHz
 - CT9-UR9IDX