

2024-04-02 Net Minutes

opened

20:00

closed

20:31

Check-ins (25)

- Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)
- Brandon Bartlett (KG5LYN)
- John Walpole (K5ZY)
- Avery McIntosh (N7ALM)
- Paul Bilke (KF5WGJ)
- Brian Gaskamp (KA5BKG)
- Jeff McDowell (KI5CES)
- Dick Zimmer (W5DZ)
- Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)
- Mike Wisby (KA5HIA)
- Troyce Wilson (KC5CBI)
- David Bailey (K5DKB)
- Brian Walpole (N5BLW)
- Patrick Zapalac (KJ5ATR)
- Don Ling (WB5CKO)
- Becky Miller (K5BEC)
- Bill Rose (K5WTR)
- Phil Gates (N5ZKF)
- Ralph Cobb (W5RYC)
- Ron Hambric (N5SBN)
- Harold Turbyfill (KG5SDG)
- Rich Rychetsky (W5SON)
- David Vickers (KI5WEH)
- Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)
- Mike Mertes (KZ5M)

Officer Reports

President

David Bailey (K5DKB)

- Eclipse is coming up on Monday, 2024-04-08
- B/CS area won't have totality, so don't look directly at it without protective eye equipment
- Will need to travel 50-60 mi in order to be in the path of totality

Vice-President

Paul Bilke (KF5WGJ)

- Hoping there won't be any clouds next week during the eclipse!

Secretary

Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)

- Minutes will be sent out after the net.
- Planning to chase the eclipse and may be late getting back on Tuesday
 - I may not be back in time for the net next week
 - Minutes will be sent out regardless, thanks to our Broadcastify archive!

Treasurer

Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)

- 63 members
- Bank balance: \$9,112.82
- Next Ham License Exam
 - 2024-04-20 11:00 (after club meeting)
 - American Legion Post 159
 - \$15 fee
 - You must have your FCC Registration Number (FRN)

Announcements / Comments

Question #171 for conversation: *Did you work this weekend's CQ Worldwide WPX SSB Contest?*

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

Ron Hambric (N5SBN)

- [CEOC visit](#) on Friday, 09:00
 - Call (979) 821-1012 or on the [443.425 MHz FM \(KD5DLW\) repeater](#) to be let in
- N5BRZ ARES net 20:30 or after this net on 443.425 MHz (KD5DLW) repeater

David Bailey (K5DKB)

- Was not competing this weekend, but activated Abilene State Park
- It was rather difficult to do so due to all of the other hams who *were* participating in the contest

Bill Rose (K5WTR)

- Can we listen to the nets online?
- N5ZKF: yes, there's a streaming service called "Broadcastify" that our repeater is on:
 - Can browse and listen on the [Broadcastify website](#)
 - Live feed on the website at `/repeaters/w5bcs/`

Phil Gates (N5ZKF)

- Spent some time contesting this weekend (about 8 hours)
- Rapid exchange and records are easy to keep
- 201 contacts
 - 3 bands (most on 15 m)

- 15 countries, 5 continents
- Lots of DX!
- Next CQ Worldwide will be for CW