

# 2024-06-04 Net Minutes

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20:00

**closed**

20:38

## Check-ins (27)

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- Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)
- Avery McIntosh (N7ALM)
- Jeff McDowell (KI5CES)
- Don Ling (WB5CK0)
- John Graesser (KC5DWD)
- Bill Rose (K5WTR)
- Garrett Martin (W5HVS)
- Brad Snyder (KG5SDE)
- Brian Gaskamp (KA5BKG)
- Lee Kutty (KJ5GAB)
- Robert Grigsby (KI5WFZ)
- Ralph Cobb (W5RYC)
- Ron Estes (KJ5EF0)
- Bill Preston (KZ3G)
- Curtis Pool (KD5HEY)
- Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)
- David Bailey (K5DKB)
- Robert Carter (NC5R)
- Joe Napoli (KG5SDF)
- Harold Turbyfill (KG5SDG)
- Rich Rychetsky (W5SON)
- Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)
- Phil Gates (N5ZKF)
- Pierre Catala (WA1UAT)
- Russ McDonald (KL2PB)
- Stephen Arnold (KJ5FQN)
- Dick Zimmer (W5DZ)

# Officer Reports

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## President

*David Bailey (K5DKB)*

- It's June already!
- Field Day Committee meeting
  - 2024-06-06 (R) 18:30
  - online via Zoom; email [fieldday@w5bcs.radio](mailto:fieldday@w5bcs.radio) (or any of the officers) if you need the link

## Vice-President

*Paul Bilke (KF5WGJ)*

*excused*

## Secretary

*Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)*

- Minutes will be sent out after the net.

## Treasurer

*Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)*

- Bank balance: \$8,950.22
- 75 members
- Next ham license exam
  - Field Day, 2024-06-22 (S) 13:00
- Field Day idea: Salsa cooking contest as part of dinner!
- Update on ARRL Service disruption
  - [More details on their website:](#)

On or around May 12, 2024, ARRL was the victim of a sophisticated network attack by a malicious international cyber group. ARRL immediately involved the FBI and engaged with third party experts to investigate.

This serious incident was extensive and categorized by the FBI as “unique,” compromising network devices, servers, cloud-based systems, and PCs.

# Announcements / Comments

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Question #180 for conversation: *Have you ever been on the 1.25 m (220 MHz) band?*

Note: W5AC has a 1.25 m repeater on 223.820 MHz

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

## Ron Estes (KJ5EF0)

- [ARES CEOC Visit](#)
  - Meet at 08:50 head down at 09:00
- [ARES Net Tonight](#)
  - 20:30 or after this net, whichever is later
  - [KD5DLW repeater](#)
- New Brazos County SkyWarn website and email
  - David will be emailing after the net
  - <https://www.brazoskywarn.com>
  - [brazoskywarn@gmail.com](mailto:brazoskywarn@gmail.com)

## Dick Zimmer (W5DZ)

- Was also going to announce the ARES net tonight :-)

## Bill Preston (KZ3G)

- I was with the Orange County hospital group, and we regularly used ten frequencies for more secure comms.
  - Many frequencies were in the 220 MHz band.
- I have made arrangements with Whataburger on Rock Prairie Rd:
  - They will be providing free breakfast sandwiches for Field Day volunteers
  - I will be out of state and need someone to pick them up on Saturday

## Don Ling (WB5CK0)

- Long ago (1976-77), some radio operators (now silent keys)
  - Built a cross-band TV system on 1.296 GHz
- Airshow this weekend in Cameron, TX
  - 2024-06-08/09
  - Cameron Municipal Airpark (T35)

## Phil Gates (N5ZKF)

- Museum ships weekend this past weekend
  - Hit 17 out of the several dozen available

- Band conditions were rough
- Mark your calendar for next year! (First weekend in June?)