

2024-06-11 Net Minutes

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20:00

closed

20:39

Check-ins (31)

- Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)
- Avery McIntosh (N7ALM)
- Jeff McDowell (KI5CES)
- Don Ling (WB5CK0)
- Brian Gaskamp (KA5BKG)
- Curtis Pool (KD5HEY)
- Ron Hambric (N5SBN)
- Brad Snyder (KG5SDE)
- Ralph Cobb (W5RYC)
- Lee Kutty (KJ5GAB)
- Kevin Walton (N4RMF)
- Dick Zimmer (W5DZ)
- Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)
- Ron Estes (KJ5EF0)
- Bill Preston (KZ3G)
- Mike Wisby (KA5HIA)
- David Bailey (K5DKB)
- Brandon Bartlett (KG5LYN)
- Harold Turbyfill (KG5SDG)
- Michael Bobinski (N5NYL)
- Rich Rychetsky (W5SON)
- Robert Carter (NC5R)
- Pierre Catala (WA1UAT)
- Russ McDonald (KL2PB)
- Jonathan Graham (KD5GG)
- Bill Rose (K5WTR)
- Richard Aikman (KZ5E)
- Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)
- Jon Edwards (KI5YZR)

- Phil Gates (N5ZKF)
- John Graesser (KC5DWD)

Officer Reports

President

David Bailey (K5DKB)

- Meeting this Saturday
 - 2024-06-15 09:30
 - American Legion Post 159
 - Last meeting before Field Day!
 - final prep
 - need volunteers

Vice-President

Paul Bilke (KF5WGJ)

excused

Secretary

Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)

- Minutes will be sent out after the net.
- I will have to miss the meeting this month (again)
 - Friend is getting married (different from the one who got ordained last month)
 - I do plan to be at Field Day, however!

Treasurer

Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)

- Paul's wife was scheduled for Surgery today
 - We may not see him at Thursday's Field Day Committee Meeting
 - Hoping he'll make it to the meeting on Saturday
- Bank balance: \$8,960.22
- 76 members
- Next Ham License Exam(s)
 - 2024-06-15 11:00 - After club meeting
 - ARRL website has not been updated to remove this date, so we'll hold a test session anyway, just in case

- 2024-06-22 13:00 - Saturday of Field Day
- Field Day updates:
 - Committee Zoom Meeting 2024-06-13 18:30
 - N5ZKF: Salsa tasting contest at Field Day

Announcements / Comments

Question #xxx for conversation: *have you ever used JS8Call?*

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

Ron Hambric (N5SBN)

- [CEOC visit](#) Friday, 2024-08-14 09:00
 - Meet at 08:50
 - If you're late, call in on the [KD5DLW 443.425 MHz FM repeater](#) or (979) 821-1012

Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)

- Never heard of JS8Call before. What is it? How does it work?
 - Official website: <https://js8call.com>
 - It's been around for a while, but it's still considered experimental
 - Developed by Jordan Sherer, KN4CRD, a software developer
 - Uses FT8 encode/decode and protocol
 - Contains a payload on top of the usual FT8 protocol
 - Slow digital mode, but robust against high noise

Bill Rose (K5WTR)

- What callsign should you ask for when calling the CEOC on the repeater to get in?
 - N5ZKF: Call Ron, N5SBN, directly or use N5BRZ, Brazos County ARES callsign.

Phil Gates (N5ZKF)

- Definitely some [band openings](#) tonight
 - Made contact all the way to Junction, TX (200 mi) on KD5DLW repeater!

Buy / Sell

Jonathan Graham (KD5GG)

- Have 2 CW encoders for sale: PS/2 keyboard to CW key radio input

- Plus MFJ-452 keyer
- [Good on QRZ](#)

Information Exchange

Bill Rose (K5WTR)

- Link for VHF propagation again?
 - N5ZKF: <https://vhf.dxview.org>
 - KD5GG: Another cool tool: [HamClock](#)
 - can run on Raspberry Pi
 - Web browser version
 - various apps

Phil Gates (N5ZKF)

- I have a Tigertronics Signallink USB sound card that just stopped working. Has anyone else experienced this?
 - KD5GG: I had two that broke the same way.

Lee Kutty (KJ5GAB)

- barely hitting the repeater
- higher output power or higher gain (directional) antenna