

2024-06-18 Net Minutes

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20:00

closed

20:36

Check-ins (23)

- Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)
- Jeff McDowell (KI5CES)
- Don Ling (WB5CK0)
- Bill Rose (K5WTR)
- Brandon Bartlett (KG5LYN)
- Brad Snyder (KG5SDE)
- Brian Gaskamp (KA5BKG)
- Dick Zimmer (W5DZ)
- Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)
- David Bailey (K5DKB)
- Ron Estes (KJ5EF0)
- Mike Wisby (KA5HIA)
- Rick Pfeil (W4RDP)
- Ralph Cobb (W5RYC)
- Ron Hambric (N5SBN)
- Rich Rychetsky (W5SON)
- Michael Bobinski (N5NYL)
- Phil Gates (N5ZKF)
- Jon Edwards (KI5YZR)
- Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)
- Joe Napoli (KG5SDF)
- Tom Talley (W5XTT)
- Ken Wilson (KE5DFR)

Officer Reports

President

David Bailey (K5DKB)

- ARRL Field Day is this weekend!
- Setup starts Saturday, 2024-06-22 09:30
- Radio contesting starts at 13:00
- Looking for volunteers to help get things done
- Last Field Day Committee meeting will be this Thursday, 2024-06-20 18:30

Vice-President

Paul Bilke (KF5WGJ)

excused

Secretary

Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)

- Had the chance to see a good friend in Tennessee for his wedding
- Minutes will be sent out after the net.

Treasurer

Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)

- 79 members
- Bank balance: \$8,755.72
- Successful Ham License Exam after our meeting on Saturday, 2024-06-15
 - 1 upgrade from General to Extra
- Next Ham License Exam will be Saturday of Field Day, 2024-06-22 13:00
 - Looking for volunteer examiners to help staff
- The success of any club event depends on your participation
 - Be *Radio-active!*

Announcements / Comments

Question #182 for conversation: *Do you use an external sound card device in your radio operations?*

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

Ron Hambric (N5SBN)

- [CEOC visit](#) Friday, 2024-06-21 09:00
 - Meet shortly before, and we all go down together

- Call us on the [KD5DLW](#) repeater or (979) 821-1012

Brian Gaskamp (KA5BKG)

- Field Day plans for Brenham
 - Prairie Hill Volunteer Fire Department
 - 7559 FM 50, Brenham, TX
 - Monitoring Brenham UHF repeater, 443.250 MHz FM
 - 3A station classification
 - Listen for W5AUM

Jeff McDowell (KI5CES)

- Brother made it through his heart surgery and is recovering now
- Thanks to everyone who offered prayers!
- Plan to be there for Field Day to help with setup and flip pancakes
- Don't have an external sound card

Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)

- Does the sound card built into the Icom IC-7300 count? :-P
- USB plug, shows up as three devices on your computer:
 - serial device (for virtually pressing the PTT button)
 - microphone (for listening to the radio on the computer)
 - speaker (for sending a signal to the radio)
- Can configure software to control the rig and send/receive signals
 - e.g., [fldigi](#) can do CW, RTTY, and more

Dick Zimmer (W5DZ)

- Tigertronics SignalLink sound card: configurable for just about any radio
- Automatically keys up the radio (VOX mode)
- About \$100 apiece

Information Exchange

Bill Rose (K5WTR)

- Networked camera is changing IP addresses
- KG5LYE: Try setting a DHCP reservation for the camera's hardware/MAC address in your router admin panel
- N5ZKF: check online communities; someone may have the same problem

Don Ling (WB5CKO)

- Commercial AM radio stations back in the day
- Some stations had set up transmitters, but they realized no one was listening
- Shipped three boxcars of radios to give away to the public