

2024-06-25 Net Minutes

opened

20:00

closed

20:33

Check-ins (27)

- Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)
- Brad Snyder (KG5SDE)
- Ken Wilson (KE5DFR)
- David Bailey (K5DKB)
- Kevin Walton (N4RMF)
- Dick Zimmer (W5DZ)
- Avery McIntosh (N7ALM)
- Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)
- Troyce Wilson (KC5CBI)
- Curtis Pool (KD5HEY)
- Mike Wisby (KA5HIA)
- Ron Estes (KJ5EF0)
- Becky Miller (K5BEC)
- Stephen Arnold (KJ5FQN)
- Brandon Bartlett (KG5LYN)
- Robert Carter (NC5R)
- Joe Napoli (KG5SDF)
- Michael Bobinski (N5NYL)
- Rich Rychetsky (W5SON)
- Russ McDonald (KL2PB)
- Bennie Naiser (KA5TWB)
- Bill Rose (K5WTR)
- Jon Edwards (KI5YZR)
- Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)
- Kerry Miller (WD5ABC)
- Don Ling (WB5CK0)
- Brian Gaskamp (KA5BKG)

Officer Reports

President

David Bailey (K5DKB)

- Thank you to all who participated in Field Day this weekend!
 - Especially our volunteers who made it possible
- 50 people signed in
- Lots of good activities throughout the weekend:
 - Eating [repetition omitted for brevity]
 - Ham license exam
 - Presenters
 - Fox Hunt
 - Radio operations (all night long)

Vice-President

Paul Bilke (KF5WGJ)

excused

Secretary

Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)

- It was great to see everyone at Field Day!
 - Shout out to KA5BKG and the Brenham Club (W5AUM): contacted them on FT8 during Field Day
 - Honored to be a member of this great club!
- Minutes will be sent out after the net.

Treasurer

Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)

- 81 members
- Bank balance: \$9,348.72
- Successful Ham License Exam Saturday, 2024-06-22:
 - 2 new Technicians!
 - 2 upgrades to General!
- One final (post) Field Day Committee Zoom meeting this Thursday
- Next Ham License Exam:
 - 2024-07-20 11:00
 - American Legion Post 159

- After [W5BCS Monthly Meeting](#)

Announcements / Comments

Question #183 for conversation: *What was your favorite part of Field Day this year?*

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

Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)

- I worked large-scale FT8 for the first time
 - I had played around with it some, only a few contacts here and there, but this was my first time working
 - It's different, but it felt like real radio!
- I learned about the fantastic "Meshtastic" devices

Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)

- I also enjoyed working FT8 and learning a lot from David about it
 - Had the chance to learn one-on-one about it, and that would be a great thing to repeat in future Field Days

Kerry Miller (WD5ABC)

- Field Day report
- Much better propagation
 - Worked Alaska and Hawaii on 5 W (but not Louisiana)
- 100 W solar panel and a large boat battery that didn't need to be changed out
- Vertical and loop antennas
- A few FT8 contacts (just to say we did), but everything else on CW

Mike Wisby (KA5HIA)

- Very productive Field Day
- Great job by setup crew outside beforehand
- Everything was done safely
- Well-organized
- Something for everyone
- Missed having our CW expert
- Great food

Ron Estes (KJ5EF0)

- Same sentiment as everyone!

- Learning the Icom IC-7300 from KG5LYE
- Having KL2PB on the other side of the GOTA station

Brian Gaskamp (KA5BKG)

- Was with Brenham club for Field Day
- Best since I've been active again
- 500-ish FT8 contacts
- 6m, 2m simplex
- Martin Jue's nephew lives in Brenham (Martin is the founder of MFJ Enterprises)