

2024-07-09 Net Minutes

opened

20:00

closed

20:37

Check-ins (27)

- Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)
- Avery McIntosh (N7ALM)
- Brad Snyder (KG5SDE)
- Richard Epting (KG5WIV)
- Rich Rychetsky (W5SON)
- John Bosshard (AD5RN)
- Don Ling (WB5CK0)
- Ron Estes (KJ5EF0)
- Bill Preston (KZ3G)
- Dick Zimmer (W5DZ)
- Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)
- Garrett Martin (W5HVS)
- Curtis Pool (KD5HEY)
- Russ McDonald (KL2PB)
- Ken Wilson (KE5DFR)
- Mike Wisby (KA5HIA)
- David Bailey (K5DKB)
- Bill Rose (K5WTR)
- Becky Miller (K5BEC)
- Ralph Cobb (W5RYC)
- Robert Carter (NC5R)
- Michael Bobinski (N5NYL)
- Bennie Naiser (KA5TWB)
- Phil Gates (N5ZKF)
- Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)
- Pierre Catala (WA1UAT)
- Kevin Walton (N4RMF)

Opening Remarks

- Last call: William S. “Bill” Palmer (N5NCV)
 - Passed away 2024-06-25

Officer Reports

President

David Bailey (K5DKB)

- [Monthly Meeting](#) is coming up:
 - 2024-07-20 09:30 American Legion Post 159
- If you're interested in Meshtastic, I received an email from W5AC saying there is now a node on top of the O&M building
 - Strategically placed: I went from 1 node to 17 nodes from my house

Vice-President

Paul Bilke (KF5WGJ)

excused

Secretary

Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)

- Minutes will be sent out after the net.
- Initial point tally from Field Day:
 - 3 CW contacts
 - 162 FT8 contacts
 - 101 phone contacts
 - at least 500 bonus points... need documentation for potential others
 - If I did the math right, 1862 total points (for now)

Treasurer

Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)

- Bank balance: \$8,448.72
- 81 members
- Next ham license exam 2024-07-20 11:00 (after club meeting)

Announcements / Comments

Question #185 for conversation: *Have you started using Meshtastic?*

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

KG5EFO

- My node count went from 2 to 22 nodes with the new repeater.
- I think I can see K5DKB's node.

Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)

- Yes, and I've been trying to find nodes
- None were originally visible from my house, but I've found a couple while driving around town
- With the new repeater on campus, I can currently see 4 nodes directly, and 8 nodes in total.
 - More will probably come up later

Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)

- Robertson County ARES meeting
- 2024-07-13 09:30
- Franklin Fire station

Michael Bobinski (N5NYL)

- Didn't participate in Field Day
- I saw an article on KBTX

Dick Zimmer (W5DZ)

- Haven't kept up. What is the "900 Mesh?"
- N5ZKF: go to <https://meshtastic.org/> for full details
 - Low-power, encrypted
 - Higher power, no encryption in "HAM mode."
 - peer-to-peer mesh network originally intended for IoT devices
 - Open-source
 - "Chirp" spread-spectrum
- K5DKB: nothing to add

Information Exchange

Phil Gates (N5ZKF)

- I have a Tigertronics Signallink sound card
- Managed to ruin it a while ago, and looking to repair or replace it
- Tigertronics has been very responsive to emails, and they offer a repair service
 - \$15 diagnostic fee, additional charge for repair