

2024-07-23 Net Minutes

opened

20:00

closed

20:32

Check-ins (24)

- Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)
- Brad Snyder (W5BLS)
- Brian Gaskamp (KA5BKG)
- Garrett Martin (W5HVS)
- Ron Hambric (N5SBN)
- Rich Rychetsky (W5SON)
- Don Ling (WB5CK0)
- Patrick Zapalac (KJ5ATR)
- Ralph Cobb (W5RYC)
- Bill Preston (KZ3G)
- Ron Estes (KJ5EFO)
- Ken Wilson (KE5DFR)
- Troyce Wilson (KC5CBI)
- Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)
- Avery McIntosh (N7ALM)
- Matt Robinson (KJ5HIE)
- David Bailey (K5DKB)
- Jason Shutt (KI5LGO)
- Michael Bobinski (N5NYL)
- Bennie Naiser (KA5TWB)
- Phil Gates (N5ZKF)
- Bill Rose (K5WTR)
- Curtis Pool (KD5HEY)
- Pierre Catala (WA1UAT)

Opening Remarks

- N5ZKF: I'm back!
 - Sounds like a great week, great meeting, and successful ham license exam!

Officer Reports

President

David Bailey (K5DKB)

- Thanks to everyone who were at the meeting this weekend
 - Sorry about going over my time limit on the Meshtastic talk :)
- Great to hear from everyone this evening!

Vice-President

Paul Bilke (KF5WGJ)

- *excused*

Secretary

Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)

- Sent out minutes and slides from this weekend's meeting and presentation after
 - May have been some trouble sending it out due to attachment size
- At a friend's house this evening
- Minutes will be sent out after the net.

Treasurer

Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)

- 82 members
- Bank balance: \$8448.72
- Successful Ham License Exam
 - 2 new Technicians
 - 1 upgraded General
- Next Ham License Exam
 - 2024-08-17 11:00
 - American Legion Post 159
 - After Club meeting

Announcements / Comments

Question #186 for conversation: *have you explored the [M17 open source digital radio project](#)?*

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

Ron Hambric (N5SBN)

- [CEOC visit](#) this Friday 09:00
 - We'll meet out on the sidewalk about 10 mins early.
 - If you arrive late, call (979) 821-1012 or on [443.425 MHz FM \(KD5DLW\) repeater](#)

David Bailey (K5DKB)

- I am now running a Bulletin Board System (BBS) on our Meshtastic net
 - If you'd like to experiment with it, send direct message to node **DBBS**, and it will message you back with instructions
 - Still a work in progress
- N5ZKF: Makes me nostalgic for the good old dial-up days!

Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)

- M17... What is it?
- N5ZKF: Digital radio protocol similar to other digital modes (DMR, D-STAR, Yaesu System Fusion, etc.)
 - Can handle data, (code2-encoded) voice,
 - Entirely open-source and reliant on the community for innovation
 - No licensing fees
 - Created *for* amateur radio, as compared to others that have been adapted to amateur radio use.
 - Note: D-STAR is also open to implement, but AMBE licensing fees apply if you want to do so

Buy / Sell

Michael Bobinski (N5NYL)

- I found a couple of vintage Yaesu FT-11R radios, but batteries were dead
 - same form factor as FNB-14 batteries
 - Anyone have any laying around?
 - N5ZKF: NiCd battery? Or maybe FBA-17 alkaline case?
 - I usually monitor this repeater; just call out

Closing Remarks

- N5ZKF: “I think the reason these nets are shorter when I’m not on is because I talk too much”
- KG5LYE: I think it’s because you make them *interesting*!
 - You always have a question that makes for interesting discussion each week!
 - You’re cordial, welcoming, and are a great ambassador for Amateur Radio!
 - Thank you so much for what you’re doing!