

# 2024-08-06 Net Minutes

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**opened**

20:00

**closed**

20:34

## Check-ins (28)

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- Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)
- Jeff McDowell (KI5CES)
- Tom Talley (W5XTT)
- Garrett Martin (W5HVS)
- Brad Snyder (W5BLS)
- Ron Hambric (N5SBN)
- Don Ling (WB5CK0)
- Rich Rychetsky (W5SON)
- Phil Gates (N5ZKF)
- Brian Gaskamp (KA5BKG)
- Matt Robinson (KJ5HIE)
- Kevin Walton (N4RMF)
- Dick Zimmer (W5DZ)
- Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)
- Bill Preston (KZ3G)
- David Bailey (K5DKB)
- Ron Estes (KJ5EF0)
- Becky Miller (K5BEC)
- Rick Pfeil (W4RDP)
- Brandon Bartlett (KG5LYN)
- Ralph Cobb (W5RYC)
- Jason Shutt (KI5LG0)
- Pierre Catala (WA1UAT)
- Bennie Naiser (KA5TWB)
- Joe Napoli (KG5SDF)
- Jonathan Graham (KD5GG)
- Bill Rose (K5WTR)
- Avery McIntosh (N7ALM)

# Opening Remarks

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- Thoughts and prayers with N4RMF
  - Tropical Storm Debby is predicted to come his way

# Officer Reports

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## President

*David Bailey (K5DKB)*

- It's August already!
- Next club meeting will be 2024-08-17 09:30
  - [American Legion Post 159, 101 Waco St, Bryan](#)
  - No presentation is scheduled for after the meeting
    - Send me an email at [k5dkb@outlook.com](mailto:k5dkb@outlook.com) if you have an idea you would like to share
    - Doesn't have to be specific to ham radio; it can be ham-radio-adjacent

## Vice-President

*Paul Bilke (KF5WGJ)*

*excused*

## Secretary

*Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)*

- Minutes will be sent out after the net.

## Treasurer

*Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)*

- 81 members
- Bank balance: \$8,448.72
- Next ham license exam: 2024-08-17 11:00
  - After club meeting
- We will be sponsoring Kolaches for Veteran's Coffee on the 5th Thursday this month:
  - 2024-08-29 08:00

# Announcements / Comments

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Question #188 for conversation: *Do you have a spectrum or vector network analyzer?*

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

## Ron Hambric (N5SBN)

- First Tuesday of the month
  - [Brazos ARES net](#) 20:30 or after W5BCS net
- [CEOC visit](#) Friday 09:00

## Joe Napoli (KG5SDF)

- I have and use a [NanoVNA](#) for tuning my antennas
  - [NanoSaver software](#) and external display makes it easier
  - Runs on Linux!

## Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)

- [Robertson County ARES meeting](#) Saturday 09:30
- Volunteer Fire Department
- KG5EF0 will present on Skywarn

## Bill Preston (KZ3G)

- Field Fox with spectrum analyzer and much, much more!
  - Available to the club for anyone who needs it
- Spoke with a tower expert who is looking to sell a 106 ft tower trailer
  - Willing to give it to the club for \$15 K if we are interested

## Phil Gates (N5ZKF)

- KD5DLW repeater update:
  - the strange key-ups issue has been resolved
- I have a NanoVNA as well
- Mind the heat: it's going to be hot this week!
  - Stay hydrated, and stay out of the sun if you can

## Jonathan Graham (KD5GG)

- I have a 10 m beacon on 28.230 MHz is online
- If you can hear it, please send me an email
  - good on QRZ

# Buy / Sell

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## Matt Robinson (KJ5HIE)

- Looking for an automatic antenna switch similar to what MFJ made
  - Unfortunately, MFJ is slowing down production
  - N5ZKF: Not going out of business; still selling stuff
  - [matt@gearheadautomotiveperformance.com](mailto:matt@gearheadautomotiveperformance.com)