

2024-08-13 Net Minutes

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20:00

closed

20:44

Check-ins (26)

- Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)
- Garrett Martin (W5HVS)
- Brad Snyder (W5BLS)
- Ken Wilson (KE5DFR)
- Curtis Pool (KD5HEY)
- Matt Robinson (W5XMR)
- Joe Napoli (KG5SDF)
- Avery McIntosh (N7ALM)
- Patrick Zapalac (KJ5ATR)
- Dick Zimmer (W5DZ)
- Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)
- Don Ling (WB5CK0)
- Ian Duncan (AE5ID)
- Ron Estes (KJ5EFO)
- Bill Rose (K5WTR)
- Ralph Cobb (W5RYC)
- Jason Shutt (KI5LG0)
- Harold Turbyfill (KG5SDG)
- Bennie Naiser (KA5TWB)
- Pierre Catala (WA1UAT)
- Jon Edwards (KI5YZR)
- Phil Gates (N5ZKF)
- Ron Hambric (N5SBN)
- David Bailey (K5DKB)
- Mike Wisby (KA5HIA)
- Rich Rychetsky (W5SON)

Officer Reports

President

David Bailey (K5DKB)

- Club meeting this weekend
 - 2024-08-17 09:30
 - American Legion Post 159, [101 Waco St, Bryan, TX](#)
 - Possible after-meeting presentation by Paul Bilke (KF5WGJ)
 - Hope to see you there!

Vice-President

Paul Bilke (KF5WGJ)

excused

Secretary

Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)

- Minutes will be sent out after the net.
- The W5BCS forum is going live!
 - [forums.w5bcs.radio](#)
 - Will send out instructions and update the [w5bcs.radio](#) home page with a link

Treasurer

Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)

- 81 members
- Bank balance: \$8,148.72
- Ham License Exam after meeting
 - 2024-08-17 11:00
 - Requesting volunteer examiners: email treasurer@w5bcs.radio if you're available

Announcements / Comments

Question #189 for conversation: *Planet bounce: have you bounced any signals off of the moon or any other planet?*

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

Phil Gates (N5ZKF)

- Moon bounce is a common tactic
- Apparently, signals have been bounced off of Venus!

Ron Hambric (N5SBN)

- [Brazos County ARES Meeting](#) next Monday
 - 2024-08-19 18:30
 - American Red Cross, [4244 Boonville Rd, Bryan, TX](#)
 - Putting up a new HF Antenna
- [CEOC Visit](#) this Friday
 - 2024-08-16 09:00
 - If you're late, call the radio room at (979) 821-1012 or on the [443.425 MHz FM \(KD5DLW\) repeater](#)

Bennie Naiser (KA5TWB)

- Moving to Copperas Cove to be with family
- Not sure when, but sometime in the next two weeks
- Been in bad health lately
- Still plan to check in!

Ian Duncan (AE5ID)

- Howdy from W5AC!
- There's a Meshtastic node on the O&M building (~150 ft) in collaboration with AggieSAT
- Looking for someone in a good spot to host another node
 - It's a self-contained solar-powered unit; we just need some tower space.
 - Perhaps somewhere near the edge of city limits to the West or South
 - We're trying to connect Austin and/or Houston
- Get in touch with me directly at ae5id@proton.me
 - Also available on Discord or the W5AC mailing list
 - Info for these is on w5ac.tamu.edu

Buy / Sell

Brad Snyder (W5BLS)

- Two radios to sell:
 1. Yaesu FT-7900 dual-band mobile radio
 - MARS-modded

- asking \$125
- 2. Yaesu FT-450 (not 450D)
 - Not sure it's MARS-modded
 - asking \$325
- Good on [QRZ](#)

Information Exchange

Jason Shutt (KI5LGO)

- Does anyone have tips/tricks for dealing with interference in the home?
- I'm noticing a lot of noise from appliances and even the outside electric meter
- KG5LYE:
 - Talk to the city or power company: it may be a failing transformer
 - Proper grounding of metal cases
 - Watch for ground loops
- N5ZKF:
 - If it is coming from the power lines, recording the noise can help
 - BTU is usually very good about coming to investigate
 - Emphasis on grounding:
 - everything should be grounded
 - KG5LYE: put all of your radio equipment on its own isolated ground
 - there's a blue booklet from ARRL
 - Check out the ARRL website on [Radio Frequency Interference \(RFI\)](#)
 - Something you can do: turn all the breakers off and run your station off of a battery
 - if the noise goes away, it's definitely coming from your house
 - switch on one at a time until you find it
- KA5TWB:
 - Had a transformer causing a lot of noise
 - Reported it, and they didn't fix it
 - eventually, it blew up

Closing Remarks

- W5XMR: check out 7.210 on HF