

2024-09-24 Net Minutes

opened

20:00

closed

20:36

Check-ins (26)

- Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)
- Brad Snyder (W5BLS)
- Avery McIntosh (N7ALM)
- Ken Wilson (KE5DFR)
- Bill Preston (KZ3G)
- Don Ling (WB5CK0)
- Patrick Zapalac (KJ5ATR)
- Bill Rose (K5WTR)
- Garrett Martin (W5HVS)
- Joe Napoli (KG5SDF)
- Dick Zimmer (W5DZ)
- Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)
- David Bailey (K5DKB)
- Lee Kuty (KJ5GAB)
- Mike Wisby (KA5HIA)
- Jason Shutt (KI5LG0)
- Harold Turbyfill (KG5SDG)
- Russ McDonald (KL2PB)
- Tom Talley (W5XTT)
- Bennie Naiser (KA5TWB)
- Phil Gates (N5ZKF)
- Kevin Walton (N4RMF)
- John Graesser (KC5DWD)
- Ron Hambric (N5SBN)
- Jonathan Graham (KD5GG)
- Shawn VanHorn (KI5YPZ)

Officer Reports

President

David Bailey (K5DKB)

- Sounds like y'all had a great meeting in my absence
 - Went hunting with my father last weekend
- Election/nomination committee chaired by Mike Wisby (KA5HIA)
 - Thank you, Mike, for serving!
 - If Mike reaches out to you, please consider running
 - Also, please reach out to him if you know of someone who would be a good fit

Vice-President

Paul Bilke (KF5WGJ)

excused

Secretary

Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)

- Minutes will be sent out after the net.
- It was great to see everyone at the meeting this weekend
- My workplace, [Texas A&M Center for Applied Technology \(TCAT\)](#) will be celebrating 30 years tomorrow!

Treasurer

Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)

- 83 members
- Bank balance: \$8,115.72
- Ham license exam this weekend
 - 2 new generals
 - 1 new technician (a 13 year old young lady)
 - thank-you to our volunteer examiners!

Announcements / Comments

Question #195 for conversation: *Do you solder? If so, what is your favorite tool?*

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

Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)

- Brazos County ARES
 - Wixon Valley for National Night Out
 - 2024-10-01 18:00/20:30
 - We'll have a GOTA station; repeater/frequencies TBD
 - It'll be a W5BCS net night, so we can check in for that!

Joe Napoli (KG5SDF)

- I do a little soldering and have a couple of fine-point pencil iron with temperature control

John Graesser (KC5DWD)

- Been soldering for a long time: I just use a 15 W pencil iron
- Multiple single-board computers
- Butane iron that gets very hot

Phil Gates (N5ZKF)

- My soldering story
 - I've been soldering for a long time, too
 - Really cheap: Lots of low-quality tools
 - Recently, I've been using a nice Hakko temperature-controlled soldering station and de-soldering gun
 - Large 100 W pencil-iron stained glass iron
 - for large pieces of copper sheets or a large connector
 - butane-powered iron for field work
- Special event: 105th Anniversary of WWV
 - WWV Amateur Radio Club will be on the air 2024-09-28/10-01
 - using callsign WW0WWV

Lee Kutty (KJ5GAB)

- Got a new QYT radio, and could use some help from an experienced operator to learn more about the hobby
- Burleson County area
- Text me at (979) 200-1400 if able

Closing Remarks

- Echolink still having trouble

- virtual squelch coming in is not enough to key the handheld radio
- Was working a little over a week ago, but intermittently having trouble
- Has been moved on-site and would be better if it had a direct audio feed into the repeater
- Does someone have time and experience to help?