

# 2024-10-22 Net Minutes

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20:00

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## Check-ins (33)

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- Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)
- Avery McIntosh (N7ALM)
- Ken Wilson (KE5DFR)
- John Walpole (K5ZY)
- Jeff McDowell (KI5CES)
- Brian Gaskamp (KA5BKG)
- Travis Scott (KI5TMS)
- Curtis Pool (KD5HEY)
- Garrett Martin (W5HVS)
- Ralph Cobb (W5RYC)
- Rich Rychetsky (W5SON)
- Brad Snyder (W5BLS)
- David Vickers (KI5WEH)
- Bill Rose (K5WTR)
- Don Ling (WB5CK0)
- Bill Preston (KZ3G)
- Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)
- Troyce Wilson (KC5CBI)
- Ron Estes (KJ5EFO)
- David Bailey (K5DKB)
- Mike Wisby (KA5HIA)
- Robert Carter (NC5R)
- Harold Turbyfill (KG5SDG)
- Ron Hambric (N5SBN)
- Bennie Naiser (KA5TWB)
- Vic Pears (KX8V)
- Pierre Catala (WA1UAT)
- Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)
- Phil Gates (N5ZKF)

- Robert Grigsby (KB5RAG)
- John Graesser (KC5DWD)
- Russ McDonald (KL2PB)
- Jon Edwards (KI5YZR)

## Officer Reports

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### President

*David Bailey (K5DKB)*

- Thank-yous from this weekend
  - Thank you to all who came out to the meeting this weekend!
  - Thank you also to those who helped with the Ham License exam after!
  - Thank you to those who also made it out to Radio in the Park!
- Next meeting will be 2024-11-16 09:30
  - 2025 Officer nominations will be presented to club for approval
  - Please send nominations to Mike Wisby (KA5HIA) beforehand

### Vice-President

*Paul Bilke (KF5WGJ)*

- *excused*

### Secretary

*Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)*

- Minutes will be sent out after the net.
- If you're not receiving minutes via the Listserv, please double-check that you're subscribed:
  - [https://w5bcs.radio/mailman/listinfo/w5bcs\\_w5bcs.radio](https://w5bcs.radio/mailman/listinfo/w5bcs_w5bcs.radio)

### Treasurer

*Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)*

- 84 members
- Bank balance: \$8,159.72
- Successful and exciting Ham License Exam last Saturday:
  - New ham: Gabriel Rodriguez, passed Tech, General, and Extra in one go!
- Next Ham License Exam is 2024-11-16 11:00
  - Make sure you have your FRN!

# Announcements / Comments

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Question #199 for conversation: *Which networked digital radio mode(s) is/are your favorite?*

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

## Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)

- Of those modes, I've only used D-STAR
  - "CQ" groups or point-to-point
  - Interesting that it has the ability to call a single station directly no matter where they are
  - The system remembers where their signal was last received and re-broadcasts directly to there
  - Internet gateway, local repeater

## Phil Gates (N5ZKF)

- Last call last week... Maybe some folks don't know about it
- Said a few words at the last club meeting
- Final attempt to contact someone recently deceased
  - Call them 3 times, wait for response, announce "silent key" after not hearing back.
  - Give a brief bio if available
  - A way to memorialize their presence on the air as ham radio operators
  - First responders who use a lot of structured communications have similar rituals
- If a ham radio operator you know has passed and has ties to the local area, please let me know at [n5zkf@arrl.net](mailto:n5zkf@arrl.net)
- KX8V: My wife recently passed, KD8TWR
  - N5ZKF: Will honor her at start of next net

## Ron Estes (KJ5EF0)

- Don't have a radio that I'm using, but I do enjoy listening to the All-Star repeater system outside of Houston
- Fun to hear Alaska net and east coast nets
- All just linked repeaters, local one is "South Coast Reflector"
  - KA5AIR Repeater is local on Skyline Communications tower
- N5ZKF: ham radio port of asterisk VoIP protocol

## Phil Gates (N5ZKF)

- I enjoy the TGIF nets on DMR and sometimes check in
- Texas Lone Star DMR repeater - Talk group 2

# Buy / Sell

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## Phil Gates (N5ZKF)

- MFJ 4230 MVP adjustable switching power supply
  - Still relatively new
  - 25 A, 4-16 V
  - 30 A surge capacity
  - 2 pairs of Anderson Power Pole connectors on the back
  - \$150-ish range, make me an offer (maybe \$100) at [n5zkf@arrl.net](mailto:n5zkf@arrl.net) if interested

## Information Exchange

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### Rich Rychetsky (W5SON)

- Lesson learned: you never know who you could spark an interest in ham radio
  - Be ready to share your “elevator pitch”
  - Had that moment with Gabriel Rodriguez, a friend of my son
  - I learned that he took it to heart and just passed all 3 exams!
- N5ZKF: I have several info cards that I’ll hand out if anyone asks

## Closing Remarks

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- W5AC is participating in [School Club Roundup](#) competition.
  - Give them a call to help them get points!
  - Search for “W5AC” on <https://dxsummit.fi> to see if they’ve been spotted by anyone