

# 2024-10-29 Net Minutes

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20:00

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20:39

## Check-ins (33)

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- Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)
- Jeff McDowell (KI5CES)
- Bill Rose (K5WTR)
- Don Ling (WB5CK0)
- Ken Wilson (KE5DFR)
- Avery McIntosh (N7ALM)
- Ralph Cobb (W5RYC)
- Garrett Martin (W5HVS)
- Brian Gaskamp (KA5BKG)
- Curtis Pool (KD5HEY)
- Matt Robinson (W5XMR)
- Brad Snyder (W5BLS)
- Gabriel Rodriguez (AI5TN)
- Joe Napoli (KG5SDF)
- Ron Hambric (N5SBN)
- Bill Preston (KZ3G)
- Dick Zimmer (W5DZ)
- Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)
- Troyce Wilson (KC5CBI)
- Mike Wisby (KA5HIA)
- David Bailey (K5DKB)
- Ron Estes (KJ5EFO)
- Bennie Naiser (KA5TWB)
- Vic Pears (KX8V)
- Tom Talley (W5XTT)
- Phil Gates (N5ZKF)
- Jon Edwards (KI5YZR)
- Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)
- Kevin Walton (N4RMF)

- Jonathan Graham (KD5GG)
- Russ McDonald (KL2PB)
- Jason Shutt (KI5LGO)
- Elizabeth Shutt (KJ5IDP)

## Opening Remarks

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- Last call: Alice Pears (KD8CWR)
  - Tech class with code
  - Wife of Vic Pears (KX8V)
    - Met at hospital in Pennsylvania
  - On the air until health issues prevented it

## Officer Reports

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### President

*David Bailey (K5DKB)*

- Election season for just about everything
  - Please exercise your right to vote for general election
    - Early voting through 2024-11-01
    - Election day is next week, 2024-11-05
    - Anticipated to be record turnout
    - <https://brazosvotes.org>
  - Club officer elections
    - If you're interested in serving as club officer or nominating someone else, contact Mike Wisby (KA5HIA)
- January luncheon meeting
  - 2025-01-18 11:00
  - Get a plate of BBQ
  - We have the Llano Room until 13:00

### Vice-President

*Paul Bilke (KF5WGJ)*

- *excused*

### Secretary

Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)

- Minutes will be sent out after the net.
- Happy Halloween, All Saints' Day, and Día de los Muertos!
- Tonight's question is the big 200

## Treasurer

Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)

- 84 members
- Bank balance: \$8,169.72
- This Thursday is a 5th Thursday
  - Veteran's Coffee at American Legion
  - 2024-10-31 08:00/10:00
- Next Ham License Exam
  - 2024-11-16 11:00
  - After club meeting
  - Be sure you have your FRN!

## Announcements / Comments

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Question #200 for conversation: *What is your most exotic Amateur Radio equipment item?*

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

### Ron Hambric (N5SBN)

- Sent text to ARES members about net tonight
  - *That is incorrect*
  - Nets are on first Tuesday each month, which is *next week*
- [CEOC visit](#) this Friday

### Dick Zimmer (W5DZ)

- My exotic equipment: Satellite tracking antenna mount for talking through satellite repeaters

### Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)

- [Robertson County ARES meeting](#) coming up
  - 2024-11-09 09:30
  - Franklin Fire Dept on Glass St
  - Will be building a J-Pole antenna

## Jeff McDowell (KI5CES)

- NetLogger forums moving to Groups.io?
- KG5LYE:
  - NetLogging software isn't going anywhere; this is just their online community
  - STX Ares also has presence on groups.io

## Vic Pears (KX8V)

- New equipment on the air:
  - FTdx-101D
  - Yaesu FT-991A

## Phil Gates (N5ZKF)

- My exotic equipment:
  - Yaesu FT-710 - most advanced transceiver
  - Great display showing lots of cool things:
    - FFT DSP
    - Oscilloscope of received and transmitted audio
    - Band pass filter activity
  - Powered Noise-cancelling device
    - uses phase adjustment to cancel the noise received from a dedicated noise antenna
  - Several Whistler brand programmable receivers/scanners
    - They do a bunch of modes and modulation schemes across a broad frequency range
    - Fun to eavesdrop on local services