

# 2024-12-17 Net Minutes

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20:00

**closed**

20:38

## Check-ins (27)

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- Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)
- Brad Snyder (W5BLS)
- Jeff McDowell (KI5CES)
- Ken Wilson (KE5DFR)
- Curtis Pool (KD5HEY)
- Brian Gaskamp (KA5BKG)
- Jon Edwards (KI5YZR)
- Avery McIntosh (N7ALM)
- Garrett Martin (W5HVS)
- Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)
- John Graesser (KC5DWD)
- Bill Rose (K5WTR)
- Don Ling (WB5CK0)
- Elizabeth Shutt (KJ5IDP)
- Ron Estes (KJ5EF0)
- Mike Wisby (KA5HIA)
- Bill Preston (KZ3G)
- David Bailey (K5DKB)
- Ralph Cobb (W5RYC)
- Jason Shutt (KI5LG0)
- Harold Turbyfill (KG5SDG)
- Rick Pfeil (W4RDP)
- Phil Gates (N5ZKF)
- Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)
- Jonathan Graham (KD5GG)
- Rich Rychetsky (W5SON)
- Justin Pauler (W5JWP)

# Officer Reports

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## President

*David Bailey (K5DKB)*

- Club meeting this weekend!
  - 2024-12-21 09:30
  - American Legion Post 159, [101 Waco St, Bryan](#)
  - Officer elections
    - Returning officers on ballot:
      - President: David Bailey (K5DKB)
      - Secretary: Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)
      - Treasurer: Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)
    - New candidate:
      - Vice-President: Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)
        - Big thank-you to Paul Bilke (KF5WGJ) for his service as vice president!
    - Presentation (show-and-tell) by David Bailey (K5DKB) about a potential club build:
      - All-in-One Connector (AIOC) “thingy” - what it does and how it works
  - January Luncheon
    - 2025-01-18 11:00/13:00
    - Cooper’s BBQ, [3055 Earl Rudder Fwy S, College Station](#)
    - Grab a plate of BBQ and meet us in the Llano room

## Vice-President

*Paul Bilke (KF5WGJ)*

*excused, proxy Phil Gates (N5ZKF):*

- Thanks to Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ) for hosting party this weekend at her place
- Don’t forget you can use the repeater via [Echolink](#) if you’re traveling yourself
  - You’ll need to register, so be sure to do that beforehand
- Can also tune in via [Broadcastify](#)

## Secretary

*Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)*

- Sorry I was out last week
  - Spending time with family who were staying after my sister’s wedding last weekend
- Echo thanks to Lorna for hosting the party this weekend!
- Minutes will be sent out after the net.

# Treasurer

Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)

- 85 members
- Bank balance: \$7,887.68
- Next [ham license exam](#) is this weekend
  - 2024-12-21 11:00 (after club meeting)
  - American Legion Post 159
  - Be sure to register and bring your FRN!
- Dues are also coming up; can be paid online at [HamClubOnline](#)

## Announcements / Comments

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Question #206 for conversation: *What are your favorite amateur radio holiday memories?*

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

### Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)

- Favorite Christmas memory:
  - My dad wanted to get radio operator plates for my car
  - The plates were free, but the law said I needed a radio in the car
  - He offered to get me an Icom ID-5100A!

### Ron Estes (KJ5EF0)

- Holiday-adjacent memory:
  - Last Winter Field Day, I got my technician license!
  - Found the exam listed on the ARRL website, took the test, and joined the club!
  - It's been a great year!

### Phil Gates (N5ZKF)

- Not sure when exactly this was, but long ago my brother and I would get RadioShack project boxes
  - X-Y grid of holes and circuit components for soldering
  - Assembled kits for various radio receivers, metal detectors, etc.
- Thanks again to Lorna for the party on Sunday!

## Closing Remarks

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## Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)

- Next week is Christmas Eve, and the week after is New Year's Eve
  - In the past, we've just had "fireside chats" for anyone who wants to get on the air in the absence of anything "official"
  - (Note: nets are never required, but always encouraged.)
- Bill Rose (K5WTR)
  - Dec 24 is my birthday!
  - Saw a coffee cup that says, "I wonder what my job description says today"
- David Bailey (K5DKB)
  - My wife's birthday is the same day!
  - We'll chat about net plans during the meeting