

2025-01-07 Net Minutes

opened

20:00

closed

20:38

Check-ins (26)

- Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)
- Avery McIntosh (N7ALM)
- Ron Hambric (N5SBN)
- Ken Wilson (KE5DFR)
- Jeff McDowell (KI5CES)
- Joe Napoli (KG5SDF)
- Garrett Martin (W5HVS)
- Vic Pears (KX8V)
- Paul Bilke (KF5WGJ)
- Bill Rose (K5WTR)
- Brad Snyder (W5BLS)
- Brian Gaskamp (KA5BKG)
- Matt Robinson (W5XMR)
- Don Ling (WB5CKO)
- Dick Zimmer (W5DZ)
- Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)
- Mike Wisby (KA5HIA)
- David Bailey (K5DKB)
- Harold Turbyfill (KG5SDG)
- Russ McDonald (KL2PB)
- Jon Edwards (KI5YZR)
- Pierre Catala (WA1UAT)
- Phil Gates (N5ZKF)
- Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)
- Ron Estes (KJ5EFO)
- Elizabeth Shutt (KJ5IDP)

Opening Remarks

- Last call: Michael “Doug” Kingman (NS5E)
 - Novice class license in 1986
 - From a family of radio operators
 - Upgraded to Extra at a time when 20 WPM CW was required
 - His great uncle taught him and his father Morse code
 - Lived in Baytown
 - Handled traffic during many events
 - Survived by Marilyn Kingman (KE5VOT)
 - W5BCS club member

Officer Reports

President

David Bailey (K5DKB)

- Next scheduled meeting 2025-01-18 11:00
 - BBQ Luncheon at Cooper’s BBQ, [3055 Earl Rudder Fwy S, College Station](#)
 - Llano room until 13:00
- Thank you to Paul Bilke (KF5WGJ) for serving as Vice-President!
- Welcome to our new VP, Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)

Vice-President

Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)

- I have big shoes to fill and will do my best to do what I can!

Secretary

Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)

- Minutes will be sent out after the net.
- Not much from last two weeks
 - Thanks, Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ) for calling nets

Treasurer

Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)

- 46 members
- Bank balance: \$8,569.58

- Membership renewals can be paid at Cooper's or [HamClubOnline](#)
- Winter Field Day coming up
 - 2025-01-25/26
 - Schedule of activities:
 - setup begins Saturday 09:00
 - Ham License Exam 13:00
 - Presentation 14:30
 - Kit Builds 16:30
 - Raffle and Supper 18:00
 - Wrap-up on Sunday by 13:00
 - Need volunteers for:
 - equipment and meal setup
 - radio operations
 - cleanup
 - and more!

Announcements / Comments

Question #207 for conversation: *What are your amateur radio plans for the new year?*

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

Ron Hambric (N5SBN)

- [Brazos County ARES Net](#) tonight
- 20:30 or after W5BCS net, whichever is later

David Bailey (K5DKB)

- Ham radio plans for the new year
 - Hoping to finish 1000 contacts ("Kilo") for [Parks on the Air](#)
 - Favorite operating spot is [El Camino Real National Historic Trail](#) off OSR

Vic Pears (KX8V)

- Plans for the year:
 - To pay my dues :-), but I've encountered a problem accessing the form
 - Email: kx8v@rocketmail.com
 - Phone: 295-203-1444

Ron Estes (KJ5EF0)

- Weather update: it's cold!
- Possible winter storm on Thursday will be the big day

- Cold rain is most likely
- Slight chance of mixed sleet
- Be careful with limited visibility, wind chill, and ice
- My goals for 2025:
 - Get HF ready in the house

Matt Robinson (W5XMR)

- Working on HF amplifier retrofit
 - Tuning transformers right now
 - Making 800 W RMS
 - Fun project!

Phil Gates (N5ZKF)

- My plans for the year:
 - Planning to update firmware and code plugs and config for transceivers
 - Making a few AIOC thingies
 - Antenna tuning
 - Learning more about D-STAR
 - Maybe some other things, too.

Information Exchange

Phil Gates (N5ZKF)

- Happened across a company that makes screen protectors: [Boxwave](#)
 - Various types:
 - Matte finish anti-glare
 - Crystal clear
 - Privacy protection (small angle viewing)
 - They happen to make screen protectors for some radio equipment.

Closing Remarks

- Check us out online: <https://w5bcs.radio/>