

# 2025-01-21 Net Minutes

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**opened**

20:00

**closed**

20:28

## Check-ins (32)

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- Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)
- Jeff McDowell (KI5CES)
- Bill Rose (K5WTR)
- Jonathan Graham (KD5GG)
- Brian Gaskamp (KA5BKG)
- Don Ling (WB5CK0)
- Rich Rychetsky (W5SON)
- Robert Grigsby (KB5RAG)
- Matt Robinson (W5XMR)
- Brad Snyder (W5BLS)
- Joe Napoli (KG5SDF)
- Ron Hambric (N5SBN)
- Kevin Walton (N4RMF)
- Bill Preston (KZ3G)
- Dick Zimmer (W5DZ)
- John Walker (W1JCW)
- Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)
- Ken Wilson (KE5DFR)
- John Graesser (KC5DWD)
- Mike Wisby (KA5HIA)
- Ron Estes (KJ5EFO)
- David Bailey (K5DKB)
- Harold Turbyfill (KG5SDG)
- Russ McDonald (KL2PB)
- Vic Pears (KX8V)
- Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)
- Pierre Catala (WA1UAT)
- Phil Gates (N5ZKF)
- Jon Edwards (KI5YZR)

- Rick Pfeil (W4RDP)
- Patrick Zapalac (KJ5ATR)
- Travis Scott (KI5TMS)

## Opening Remarks

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- Hope everyone is staying warm this chilly evening

## Officer Reports

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### President

*David Bailey (K5DKB)*

- Thank-you to everyone who came out to our January meeting/luncheon at Cooper's BBQ last weekend!
  - Good food and fellowship!
- Winter Field Day, but more on that later.
- Sway warm!

### Vice-President

*Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)*

- Looking forward to seeing everyone this weekend for Winter Field Day!

### Secretary

*Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)*

- Minutes will be sent out after the net.
- The weather is certainly right for Winter Field Day!

### Treasurer

*Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)*

- Bank balance: \$8,810.27
- 59 members
  - Solid number for being so early in the year
- [Winter Field Day](#) is this weekend
  - American Red Cross on Boonville Rd

- Setup begins 09:00
- Radio operations begin 13:00
- A first for us: winter conditions for Winter Field Day
- W5BCS-sponsored [Veteran's Coffee and Donuts \(and Kolaches\)](#)
  - American Legion Post 159
  - Next Thursday, 2025-01-30 08:00/10:00

## Announcements / Comments

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Question #209 for conversation: *Do you do any antenna modeling (software, spreadsheet, CAD, etc.)?*

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

### Ron Hambric (N5SBN)

- [CEOC visit](#) Friday, 2025-01-24 09:00
- Meet on sidewalk, and we'll head in from there
- If you arrive late, call on 443.425 MHz FM (KD5DLW) repeater or (979) 821-1012

### Ron Estes (KJ5EF0)

- Weather update
  - We shouldn't see any more winter precipitation tonight
  - However, anything wet will freeze tonight
  - Wind chill will be in the low teens or single digits
  - Warming center: [Bryan Elks Lodge 859](#) has heating available overnight
    - [304 Mobile Ave, Bryan](#)
  - Check on elderly to make sure they're good for the night

### Phil Gates (N5ZKF)

- I don't do much antenna modeling, but I dabble in it
- I've used [EZNEC software](#) by W7EL
  - Version 7 available for free
  - Encode antenna segment positions

### Joe Napoli (KG5SDF)

- I've used [MMANA-GAL](#)
  - Somewhat simpler than EZNEC
  - Enter antenna dimensions

# Closing Remarks

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- Repeater enclosure has A/C, but no heat
  - Get on the air (W5BCS or KI5MMC) to warm up that enclosure!