

# 2025-02-11 Net Minutes

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20:00

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## Check-ins (28)

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- Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)
- Don Ling (WB5CK0)
- Jonathan Graham (KD5GG)
- Brad Snyder (W5BLS)
- Avery McIntosh (N7ALM)
- Joe Napoli (KG5SDF)
- Patrick Zapalac (KJ5ATR)
- John Walpole (K5ZY)
- Kevin Walton (N4RMF)
- Dick Zimmer (W5DZ)
- Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)
- Ron Estes (KJ5EF0)
- John Graesser (KC5DWD)
- Mike Wisby (KA5HIA)
- Matt Robinson (W5XMR)
- Elizabeth Shutt (KJ5IDP)
- Jason Shutt (KI5LG0)
- Mike Mertes (KZ5M)
- Ron Hambric (N5SBN)
- Rich Rychetsky (W5SON)
- Russ McDonald (KL2PB)
- Bill Rose (K5WTR)
- Jon Edwards (KI5YZR)
- Paul Bilke (KF5WGJ)
- Phil Gates (N5ZKF)
- Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)
- Brian Gaskamp (KA5BKG)
- David Bailey (K5DKB)

# Officer Reports

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## President

*David Bailey (K5DKB)*

- Meeting this weekend
  - 2025-02-15 09:30
  - American Legion Post 159, [101 Waco St, Bryan](#)
  - Still trying to finalize after-meeting presentation
  - Looking forward to seeing everyone there!

## Vice-President

*Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)*

- Looking forward to seeing everyone at the meeting on Saturday
- Enjoy the February weather we're getting right now

## Secretary

*Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)*

- Minutes will be sent out after the net.
- See you at the meeting
- It's nice to have seasonal weather again

## Treasurer

*Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)*

- Bank balance: \$8,925.37
- 62 members
  - We're still accepting membership renewals
    - in-person at the meeting this weekend
    - via PayPal through [HamClubOnline](#)
- Next Ham License Exam
  - 2025-02-15 11:00 (after meeting and presentation)
  - Still need volunteer examiners
    - Will send out email soon
    - Please reply if available to help
  - Expecting at least 2 Technician exams

# Announcements / Comments

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Question #211 for conversation: *Amateur radio in film: What's your favorite movie that has Amateur Radio depicted in it somehow?*

(If interested in submitting a weekly question, email [n5zkgf@arrl.net](mailto:n5zkgf@arrl.net))

## Ron Hambric (N5SBN)

- [CEOC visit](#) this Friday, 2025-02-14 09:00
  - If you arrive late, call on [443.425 MHz FM \(KD5DLW\) repeater](#) or (979) 821-1012
- [Monthly ARES meeting](#) next week
  - 2025-02-17 18:30
  - American Red Cross, [4244 Boonville Rd](#)

## Brian Gaskamp (KA5BKG)

- Washington County Amateur Radio Club is hosting a Special Event Station for Texas Independence Day
  - [Washington on the Brazos Recreation area](#)
  - Hope to start operations Saturday, 2025-03-01 09:00
  - Not sure on bands (probably 10 m, 15 m, and 20 m)
  - Special callsign: W5C
  - More info to follow
  - [Good on QRZ](#)
- Movie: *Twisters* (2024) might've had a radio on the dashboard, but no antennas. Bob Pack ()

## Jason Shutt (KI5LGO)

- Late night on TV in the '80s, called [High Frequency \(1988\)](#)
  - Young actor playing ham radio operator in Pacific Northwest talking to researcher on mountaintop station
  - Someone calls out to woman to warn that she can be seen remotely through some surveillance system
  - Not to be confused with similarly named [High Fidelity \(2000\)](#) starring John Cusack

## Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)

- I can think of three:
  - [Tremors \(1990\)](#) - Burt, the "prepper" (more CB than ham radio, but in the same vein)
  - [Contact \(1997\)](#) - can't remember exactly how ham radio was involved
  - [Frequency \(2000\)](#) - talking across time using father's radio

## Phil Gates (N5ZKF)

- Funeral for Ralph Cobb (W5RYC) last weekend
- Also have [Frequency \(2000\)](#)
- Fond of [Phenomenon \(1996\)](#) – Nate has a Kenwood, QSL cards, used callsign WB6QLF

## Buy / Sell

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### Dick Zimmer (W5DZ)

- Something for free:
  - I had an antenna on my rotor on a 60 ft tower
  - 2m SSB beam, 13 elements, was being blown around by the wind
  - Decided to take it down. It's available if anyone wants it
- Recommend [Highpoint Signs](#) if you need tower work
- If interested, contact me at [w5dz@arrl.net](mailto:w5dz@arrl.net)
  - (Claimed by Jon Edwards (KI5YZR))

### David Bailey (K5DKB)

- W5BCS is selling an Icom ID-52A
  - From estate of Ernie Laney (K5ENL)
  - VHF/UHF D-STAR capable handheld transceiver
  - Pricing:
    - Sells new for \$599 on DX Engineering
    - Recent sale on Ebay for \$420
    - We're asking \$380
- Still in the box
  - Contents:
    - Spare battery
    - Antenna
    - Soft case
    - Manuals
  - Appears unused (or barely used)
  - Hasn't been fully tested yet.
- Will be available this weekend, 2025-02-15
  - starting 09:00 before the meeting
  - silent auction open until 10:45 (if multiple bids)
- 48 hr “buyer's remorse” period for returns (if broken, significant other objects, etc.)