

2025-03-04 Net Minutes

opened

20:00

closed

20:34

Check-ins (27)

- Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)
- Bill Rose (K5WTR)
- Brad Snyder (W5BLS)
- Jeff McDowell (KI5CES)
- David Bailey (K5DKB)
- Ken Wilson (KE5DFR)
- Joe Napoli (KG5SDF)
- Avery McIntosh (N7ALM)
- Don Ling (WB5CK0)
- Phil Gates (N5ZKF)
- Brandon Roberrson (KJ5JWV)
- Kevin Walton (N4RMF)
- Dick Zimmer (W5DZ)
- John Graesser (KC5DWD)
- Ron Estes (KJ5EFO)
- Mike Wisby (KA5HIA)
- Brian Gaskamp (KA5BKG)
- Rick Pfeil (W4RDP)
- Harold Turbyfill (KG5SDG)
- Russ McDonald (KL2PB)
- Jon Edwards (KI5YZR)
- Pierre Catala (WA1UAT)
- Jim Laird (KF5YY)
- Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)
- Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)
- John Walker (W1JCW)
- Jonathan Graham (KD5GG)

Opening Remarks

- Hard to believe it's already March!

Officer Reports

President

David Bailey (K5DKB)

- This month's [club meeting](#) is 2025-03-15 09:30
 - American Legion Post 159, 101 Waco St, Bryan [[Google](#)]
 - Looking for a presenter
 - if you have anything interesting you'd like to present, please let me know at k5dkb@outlook.com.
 - Won't be there: it's my dad's birthday

Vice-President

Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)

- Looking forward to seeing you at the meeting
- This weekend had some beautiful weather!
 - Hope you had the chance to get out and enjoy it

Secretary

Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)

- Minutes will be sent out after the net.

Treasurer

Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)

- 67 members
- Bank balance: \$9,275.37
- Next [ham license exam](#) will be 2025-03-15 11:00 (after club meeting)
 - American Legion Post 159
 - Be sure to have your FRN
- [Robertson County ARES meeting] this Saturday, 2025-03-07 09:30
 - Volunteer Fire Dept on Glass St

Announcements / Comments

Question #213 for conversation: *Do you use a smartphone or tablet in your radio hobby? Any favorite apps or other use?*

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

Bill Rose (K5WTR)

- “Ides of March?”
 - N5ZKF:
 - Reference to tragedy of Julius Caesar by William Shakespeare
 - Has to do with March 15 being the date Caesar was assassinated
 - Act I, Scene 2: “Beware the ides of March”
 - Hopefully there aren’t any plans to assassinate our president :-P

Dick Zimmer (W5DZ)

- [Brazos County ARES Net](#) Tonight on KD5DLW repeater: 443.425
- Happy Birthday to Henry on 2025-03-15!
- My birthday is on 2025-03-16

Ron Estes (KJ5EF0)

- Skywarn:
 - It’s windy today and should be breezy through the weekend
 - Fire hazard facts:
 - Avoid burning things outdoors
 - Also avoid heat-producing/sparking things (sparking chains on roadway, welding, etc.)
 - Don’t park vehicles on grass
- (iOS) Apps:
 - Radio Mail (Winlink)
 - Echolink
 - Meshtastic
 - Repeater Book
 - Broadcastify
 - Morse Code

Kevin Walton (N4RMF)

Not heard: Echolink stopped carrying for some reason

Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)

- Can recommend iOS apps:
 - Meshtastic and Repeater Book (previously mentioned)
 - Morse Toad (for exercises)
- Will probably be away from the radio during next week's net

John Graesser (KC5DWD)

- Android apps:
 - Repeater Book
 - Brandmeister Hoseline app for DMR
 - DroidStar - uses phone to simulate DMR radio and hotspot

Closing Remarks

- D-STAR repeater: [KI5MMC](#)
- Online resources at <https://w5bcs.radio>