

Mar 2025 Club Meeting Minutes

date

2025-03-15

convened

09:30

adjourned

10:14

Officers

- **President:** David Bailey (K5DKB) *absent*
- **Vice President:** Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG) *present*
- **Secretary:** Matthew Barry (KG5LYE) *present*
- **Treasurer:** Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ) *present*

Attendees (27)

Quorum attained!

- Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)
- Ron Hambric (N5SBN)
- Brad Snyder (W5BLS)
- Ken Wilson (KE5DFR)
- John Walker (W1JCW)
- John Graesser (KC5DWD)
- Phil Gates (N5ZKF)
- Garrett Martin (W5HVS)
- David Cooper (KI5JPG)
- Mike Streiff (KJ5EEV)
- Joe Napoli (KG5SDF)
- Wayne Pecena (N1WP)
- Kerry Miller (WD5ABC)
- Becky Miller (K5BEC)
- Bill Preston (KZ3G)
- Ron Estes (KJ5EFO)

- Ray Meech (WA5IWB)
- Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)
- Rich Rychetsky (W5SON)
- Kip Martin
- Russ McDonald (KL2PB)
- Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)
- Mike Wisby (KA5HIA)
- David Wisby (KI5SHY)
- Bob O'Connell (KC5DWB)
- Rick Pfeil (W4RDP)
- Kimber Pfeil 🐾

Officer Reports

President

David Bailey (K5DKB)

excused

Vice-President

Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)

- Field Day 2025-06-28/29
- Radio in the Park after next meeting
 - Club would like to provide lunch
 - Need to know how many people are going to be there
 - Let us know if you plan on attending
 - Call in on Tuesday net or email officers@w5bcs.radio

Secretary

Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)

Approval of Minutes

- Hearing no corrections, minutes stand approved as sent out
- Minutes from this meeting will be sent out later today

Treasurer

Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)

Last Month's Statement

- Starting balance: \$8,925.37
- Income: \$510
 - \$105 Membership Dues
 - \$370 Sale of HT radio
 - \$35 VE fees
- Disbursements: \$160
 - \$35 VE fees to ARRL
 - \$100 donation to American Red Cross as thank-you for Winter Field Day
 - \$25 reimbursement for repairing antenna
- Ending balance: \$9,275.37
- Thank-you letter from Ralph Cobb's family for our presence at his funeral
- Flex radio for sale
 - Set up at the back on a dummy load
 - Asking \$2,400

Club Merchandise

- Winter Field Day 2023 stickers: \$2
- Club logo pins (limited): \$3
- Club logo stickers: \$2
- Club logo window clings: \$2
- Club logo patches: \$5
- Club logo keychains: \$2

Membership Renewals

Membership can be renewed in any of the following ways:

- online at [Ham Club Online](#)
- request PayPal invoice via email
- mail in cash or check (PO Box 4442, Bryan, TX 77805-4442)
- bring cash or check in-person at a meeting

Other Business

Brazos County ARES

Ron Hambric (N5SBN)

- Hail last night; severe weather net
- [Monthly ARES meeting](#) coming up
 - 2025-03-17 18:30
 - American Red Cross
 - ARES trailer is no longer serviceable
 - Cost will be \$5000 to repair
 - Will be disassembling and selling it off
 - Hoping to collect funds to build a new trailer

Robertson County ARES

Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)

- Join us for our weekly [net each Thursday](#)
- [Meeting every 2nd Saturday](#)
 - Next is 2025-04-12
 - Working with NetLogger
 - Hoping to get everyone familiar with it
- We got our 501(c)3 status

Skywarn

Ron Estes (KJ5EFO)

- Golfball size hail last night
- Red flag watch and warning
 - Be mindful of sparks and fire

RACES

Mike Wisby (KA5HIA)

- Contractor has installed twelve 7/8 hardlines from roof to radio room
 - 9 for 2m and up
 - 3 for HF
- 900 MHz amateur radio repeater
 - A node in Internet-connected network of other 900 MHz repeaters
- Antennas should be finished in 2-3 weeks
- Yaesu FT-DX10

Parks on the Air: Washington on the Brazos

Mike Wisby (KA5HIA)

- Invitation by Brian Gaskamp (KA5BKG)

- Coordinating with David Bailey (K5DKB)
- Visit the park
 - Texas Historical Commission is doing a lot of remodeling and renovations
- Visit the hardware store and restaurant in Navasota

Contact the FCC

Phil Gates (N5ZKF)

- FCC Public Notice [25-133](#)
 - Titled “Delete delete delete”
 - Surprisingly vague, but key verbiage related to removing FCC regulations
 - Potential for reallocating Amateur spectrum for commercial use
 - Voice your opinion to the FCC by 2025-04-28
- Avoid using forms or automated means to contact representatives
 - File proceedings directly to the FCC at <https://www.fcc.gov/ecfs/search/docket-detail/25-133>

Missing Equipment from Winter Field Day

Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)

- Lorna is missing a Heil headset from Winter Field Day
 - If it ended up with your gear, please check and let me know
- ARES is missing a 50-ft section of coaxial cable
- Hen House (name tag manufacturer) is apparently closed...
 - Stuff is still in the shop
 - Leasing company may have changed hands
 - Signs on all of the shops in the strip center

ARES Trailer

Rick Pfeil (W4RDP)

- Setting up non-profit status Brazos County ARES
- Seeking donations for trailer (see letter below)

Howdy,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to you on behalf of Brazos County ARES (Amateur Radio Emergency Service), an organization dedicated to ensuring reliable emergency communications for our community. We stand ready to bridge communication gaps during crises, providing a lifeline when other systems fail.

Our mission is driven by a commitment to preparedness and resilience. Through rigorous training and community involvement, our team of volunteer amateur radio

operators is always prepared to step in during emergencies. We also participate in local events, enhancing public awareness about the critical role of emergency communications.

However, to continue our vital work, we rely on the generous support of individuals and organizations like yours. Your donation will help us:

- Maintain and upgrade our communication equipment
- Provide ongoing training for our members
- Expand our outreach and community engagement efforts

We invite you to join us in this important mission. Your contribution, no matter the size, will make a significant difference in our ability to serve and protect our community.

Thank you for considering our request. Together, we can ensure that Brazos County remains resilient and connected, no matter what challenges we face.

Sincerely,
Brazos County ARES
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c/o Rick Pfeil
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customkamo@yahoo.com

<https://www.brazosares.org/>

Health and Welfare / Good of the Order

- Dick Zimmer (W5DZ) sends his greetings
 - has a power wheelchair that *goes*
- If anyone needs help with anything please reach out to the club. You can contact any of the officers at:
 - officers@bryanarc.org

Closing

Motion by **John Walker (W1JCW)**:

to adjourn the meeting

Seconded by David Wisby (KI5SHY).

Outcome: *passes unanimously*

Next Meeting

2025-04-19 09:30 at American Legion Post 159