

# 2025-03-18 Net Minutes

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20:00

**closed**

20:35

## Check-ins (29)

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- Bill Rose (K5WTR)
- Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)
- Ken Wilson (KE5DFR)
- Brad Snyder (W5BLS)
- Kevin Walton (N4RMF)
- Don Ling (WB5CK0)
- Bill Preston (KZ3G)
- Dick Zimmer (W5DZ)
- Troyce Wilson (KC5CBI)
- Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)
- John Walker (W1JCW)
- John Graesser (KC5DWD)
- Ron Estes (KJ5EFO)
- David Bailey (K5DKB)
- Brian Gaskamp (KA5BKG)
- Harold Turbyfill (KG5SDG)
- Ron Hambric (N5SBN)
- Russ McDonald (KL2PB)
- Travis Scott (KI5TMS)
- Pierre Catala (WA1UAT)
- Phil Gates (N5ZKF)
- Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)
- Jon Edwards (KI5YZR)
- James Leavelle (N5JVL)
- Thomas Sanborn (KJ5DAA)
- Mike Wisby (KA5HIA)
- Garrett Martin (W5HVS)
- Rich Rychetsky (W5SON)
- Matt Robinson (W5XMR)

# Opening Remarks

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- It's been very windy and stormy lately!

# Officer Reports

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## President

*David Bailey (K5DKB)*

- Apologies for my absence from the meeting on Saturday
- It's been an interesting week in the Bailey household involving COVID
  - Didn't get to do my expected traveling after all
- Sounds like you had an interesting meeting anyway
- Lots of buzz in the amateur radio community regarding public comments for changes to FCC regulation
  - FCC docket, "Delete, Delete, Delete"
  - Hoping to send an announcement to club members with a copy of the notice and how to make your opinions known

## Vice-President

*Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)*

- Enjoyed seeing everyone at the meeting on Saturday
- Thanks for putting up with my stumbling through it

## Secretary

*Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)*

- Minutes will be sent out after the net.
- Apologies for absence during last week's net
  - Was in San Antonio visiting friends, both human and flippered
- Regarding FCC regulations:
  - We benefit from the presence of regulations to protect our hobby
  - Could benefit from relaxing of regulations, for example, the 300 symbol
- N5ZKF: saw a video recently about some positive things about the docket

## Treasurer

*Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)*

- 69 members

- Bank balance: \$11,695.37
- Next Ham License Exam:
  - 2025-04-19 11:00
  - After club meeting
  - Be sure to bring your FCC Registration Number (FRN)
- N5ZKF: do you need an FRN if you already have a callsign?
  - KI5FIZ: It's easy to look up FRN from a callsign, but we *definitely* need the FRN if you don't already have a callsign

## Announcements / Comments

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Question #215 for conversation: *Did you have any damage from Saturday morning's storms?*

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

### Ron Hambric (N5SBN)

- Thanks to all who attended the ARES meeting last night!
- Made good progress dismantling the old tower trailer
- CEOC visit on Friday 09:00
  - Meet on sidewalk
  - Call on 443.425 MHz FM (KD5DLW) repeater or (979) 821-1012 if you're late

### Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)

- FRN is on your license if you printed out the physical card
- Radio in the Park coming up
  - 2025-04-19 (Easter weekend)
  - Tanglewood Park,
  - Club will provide lunch (fried chicken strips), but we need to know how many people will be there
  - Let us know if you're going to be there no later than the Tuesday evening net 2025-04-15

### Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)

- No damage to the land-based shack
- "Mobile shack" got a few dings from the hail

### Ron Estes (KJ5EF0)

- Next couple of days there is a fire watch
  - Watch sparks and flame
- Look for rain in the coming weekend

# Closing Remarks

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- Reminder that our website is <https://w5bcs.radio>
- Passed out 3 or 4 of my Amateur Radio “business cards” in the last week
  - People are really interested!
  - Keep your elevator pitch handy