

2025-03-25 Net Minutes

opened

20:00

closed

20:27

Check-ins (28)

- Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)
- Avery McIntosh (N7ALM)
- Jeff McDowell (KI5CES)
- Brad Snyder (W5BLS)
- Dominick Adamo, Jr. (KG5JRA)
- Garrett Martin (W5HVS)
- Ken Wilson (KE5DFR)
- Patrick Zapalac (KJ5ATR)
- Kevin Walton (N4RMF)
- Bill Preston (KZ3G)
- Dick Zimmer (W5DZ)
- Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)
- Mike Wisby (KA5HIA)
- Ron Estes (KJ5EFO)
- David Bailey (K5DKB)
- Bill Rose (K5WTR)
- John Graesser (KC5DWD)
- Rick Pfeil (W4RDP)
- Harold Turbyfill (KG5SDG)
- Mike Mertes (KZ5M)
- Russ McDonald (KL2PB)
- Ricardo Pena (WN5RMP)
- Don Ling (WB5CKO)
- Phil Gates (N5ZKF)
- Jon Edwards (KI5YZR)
- Jason Shutt (KI5LG0)
- Pierre Catala (WA1UAT)
- Brian Gaskamp (KA5BKG)

Opening Remarks

- Past the Vernal Equinox: Spring is here!
 - Sun is feeling pretty warm already
 - Nice weather lately, too

Officer Reports

President

David Bailey (K5DKB)

- I'll save SKYWARN Training details for Ron Estes (KJ5EF0)
 - Encourage everyone to attend!
- Beautiful weather indeed!

Vice-President

Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)

excused

Secretary

Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)

- Minutes will be sent out after the net.
- I'd also encourage everyone to get SKYWARN training if able
 - Very helpful for understanding and reporting severe weather events such as the hail and thunderstorms we've had recently

Treasurer

Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)

- Bank balance: \$11,710.37
- 70 members
 - If you haven't renewed your membership for 2025 yet, you can do so at [HamClubOnline](#) or in person at the next meeting
- Next [Ham License Exam](#)
 - 2025-04-19 11:00, after [W5BCS club meeting](#)
 - American Legion Post 159, 101 Waco St, Bryan [[Google Maps](#)]
 - FCC Registration Number (FRN) is required
 - Will be looking for Volunteer Examiners to help proctor the exam

- [Radio in the Park](#) after next meeting
 - N5ZKF: Reminder that the club will be providing lunch (fried chicken strips)
 - Let Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG) know if you're planning to be there so we can have enough for everyone

Announcements / Comments

Question #216 for conversation: *Will you be attending the SKYWARN Spotter Training 2025-04-17?*

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

Ron Estes (KJ5EF0)

- SKYWARN Training coming up Thursday, 2025-04-17
 - Two sessions:
 - [Afternoon: 13:00/15:00](#)
 - [Evening: 18:00/20:00](#)
 - CEOC in Downtown Bryan: 110 N Main St, Ste 100 [[Google Maps](#)]
 - RSVP to azaragoza@cstx.gov
- Rain this week Thursday and Friday

Ken Wilson (KE5DFR)

- Looking forward to attending SKYWARN training
 - Will be my 3rd training
 - Always very informative and a good refresher

Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)

- Will also be attending SKYWARN training
 - Get there early for a parking spot
 - Also my 3rd time

Russ McDonald (KL2PB)

- Plan to attend the afternoon session
- This will be my first time!

Bill Preston (KZ3G)

- My 3rd time, just like Lorna
 - Hopefully it sticks this time
 - Will probably attend the evening session

Buy / Sell

Bill Rose (K5WTR)

- Just bought a new Bluetooth microphone and want to know how it works.
 - Receiver plugs into the microphone port
 - N5ZKF: sounds good, maybe a little close to the mouth?

Closing Remarks

- Echolink node in KI5MMC
- Visit us online at w5bcs.radio.