

# 2025-04-01 Net Minutes

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20:00

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20:40

## Check-ins (32)

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- Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)
- Joe Napoli (KG5SDF)
- Jeff McDowell (KI5CES)
- Paul Bilke (KF5WGJ)
- Garrett Martin (W5HVS)
- Avery McIntosh (N7ALM)
- Brandon Bartlett (KG5LYN)
- Bill Rose (K5WTR)
- Ken Wilson (KE5DFR)
- Kevin Walton (N4RMF)
- Bill Preston (KZ3G)
- Dick Zimmer (W5DZ)
- Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)
- Brian Gaskamp (KA5BKG)
- John Graesser (KC5DWD)
- Thomas Sanborn (KJ5DAA)
- Ron Estes (KJ5EF0)
- David Bailey (K5DKB)
- Robert Carter (NC5R)
- Harold Turbyfill (KG5SDG)
- Russ McDonald (KL2PB)
- Rick Pfeil (W4RDP)
- Ricardo Pena (WN5RMP)
- Matt Robinson (W5XMR)
- Tom Talley (W5XTT)
- Phil Gates (N5ZKF)
- Jon Edwards (KI5YZR)

- Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)
- Don Ling (WB5CK0)
- Vic Pears (KX8V)
- Ron Hambric (N5SBN)
- Brad Snyder (W5BLS)

## Opening Remarks

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- Announcement from *The Sparky Examiner*, [HamTestOnline](#)'s newsletter
  - [FCC Announces New Ham Radio Requirement](#)
  - New “Element 5” requirements go into effect today, 2025-04-01 ;-)
- Last call: James Stietenroth (W5MN)
  - Extra class operator from Normangee
  - Passed away 2025-03-19
  - USMC veteran
  - Mechanical/electrical engineer
  - In lieu of flowers, send donations to Lone Star Veteran's Association

## Officer Reports

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### President

*David Bailey (K5DKB)*

- SKYWARN training 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](mailto:azaragoza@cstx.gov)
- Next meeting
  - 2025-04-19 09:30
  - American Legion Post 159
  - Radio in the park afterward
  - I hear food will be provided (more on this later)

### Vice-President

*Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)*

- Club will be providing lunch for Radio in the Park 2025-04-19 after club meeting
  - Chicken Fingers from Layne's
  - Need to know how much, so let any of the officers know
    - I'm [Good on QRZ](#)
  - Let us know by 2025-04-15, the Tuesday Net before the meeting

## Secretary

Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)

- Lots of April Foolery going around
- Minutes will be sent out after the net.

## Treasurer

Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)

- 70 members
- Bank balance: \$11,710.37

## Announcements / Comments

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Question #217 for conversation: *Where is your radio shack?*

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

### Dick Zimmer (W5DZ)

- Today is the first Tuesday of the month
- There will be an [ARES net](#) this evening
  - 20:30 or after this net, whichever is later
  - [443.425 MHz FM KD5DLW Repeater](#)

### Jeff McDowell (KI5CES)

- Ham shack is in my office room
- I'll be going to the Belton Ham Fest this Saturday
  - 2025-04-05 07:00/13:00
  - Have room for 3 others if you want to carpool
  - Contact me if you want a ride
    - (979) 595-6916
    - [jeffjmcowell@gmail.com](mailto:jeffjmcowell@gmail.com)

## Bill Rose (K5WTR)

- Good wishes to W5MN “Conrad” and his family!
- Was an old friend of mine
- My shack is in a corner of my workshop
  - 20x16 sqft

## Ron Estes (KJ5EF0)

- SKYWARN report
- Increasing chances for thunderstorms leading into the weekend
- Helped out with the Big Barn Dance this past Thu, Fri, and Sat to monitor weather situation
- N5ZKF: looks like a cold front will be coming through

## Matt Robinson (W5XMR)

- Been a ham about a year now
- My shack is a shared space to be around the family
- Front office, where I’ve run a conduit through the brick wall

## Vic Pears (KX8V)

- Have a newly rebuilt station in a mobile building

## Phil Gates (N5ZKF)

- My shack is a corner desk tucked into a spare bedroom
  - Used to be in the living room, but moved here during COVID

## Buy / Sell

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### Matt Robinson (W5XMR)

- Looking to buy some non-working Ameritron 600 or 606 amplifiers to fix them up
- [Good on QRZ](#)

## Closing Remarks

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- Brad Snyder (W5BLS): Celebrating 24th anniversary today with the wife!

- Visit us online at [w5bcs.radio](http://w5bcs.radio).