

2025-04-15 Net Minutes

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20:00

closed

20:39

Check-ins (33)

- Jeff McDowell (KI5CES)
- Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)
- Ron Hambric (N5SBN)
- Avery McIntosh (N7ALM)
- Paul Bilke (KF5WGJ)
- Pierre Catala (WA1UAT)
- Brad Snyder (W5BLS)
- Patrick Zapalac (KJ5ATR)
- Ken Wilson (KE5DFR)
- Bill Rose (K5WTR)
- Don Ling (WB5CK0)
- Vic Pears (KX8V)
- Rich Rychetsky (W5SON)
- Kevin Walton (N4RMF)
- Brandon Roberrson (KJ5JWV)
- Dick Zimmer (W5DZ)
- Brian Gaskamp (KA5BKG)
- David Bailey (K5DKB)
- Ron Estes (KJ5EFO)
- Mike Wisby (KA5HIA)
- John Graesser (KC5DWD)
- Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)
- Kerry Miller (WD5ABC)
- Robert Carter (NC5R)
- Harold Turbyfill (KG5SDG)
- Rick Pfeil (W4RDP)
- Russ McDonald (KL2PB)

- Phil Gates (N5ZKF)
- Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)
- Chuck Mertes (KD9DVB)
- Matt Robinson (W5XMR)
- Garrett Martin (W5HVS)
- Jason Shutt (KI5LGO)

Opening Remarks

- Shout-out to guest Chuck Mertes (KD9DVB)!
 - Visiting Jeff McDowell (KI5CES)

Officer Reports

President

David Bailey (K5DKB)

- [Club meeting](#) this Saturday, 2025-04-19 09:30
 - American Legion Post 159, 101 Waco St, Bryan [[Google Maps](#)]
 - Would love to see you there!
- We'll be selling a few items for the club, more on this later...
- Radio in the Park, more from Tom in a moment because there will be food involved!

Vice-President

Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)

- [Radio in the Park](#) after club meeting this weekend
 - Tanglewood Park in Bryan [[Google Maps](#)]
 - Club will be providing Layne's Chicken Fingers for lunch
 - Need a final count by tonight!
 - Send me an email at tomdj56@yahoo.com to let me know if you will be there

Secretary

Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)

- Minutes will be sent out after the net.
- Looking forward to seeing everyone at the meeting and at the park this weekend

Treasurer

Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)

- 71 members
- Bank balance: \$11,710.37
- Next [Ham License Exam](#) will be 2025-04-19 11:00 (after club meeting)
 - Be sure to bring your FCC Registration Number!
 - Looking for Volunteer Examiners
 - Will go to Radio in the Park after... Save us some Layne's

Announcements / Comments

Question #219 for conversation: *Do you have a handheld directional antenna?*

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

Ron Hambric (N5SBN)

- No [CEOC visit](#) this Friday
- April [Brazos County ARES meeting](#) on Monday, 2025-04-21 18:30
 - American Red Cross on Boonville Rd [[Google Maps](#)]
 - Working on ARES communications trailer

Robert Carter (NC5R)

- Armadillo Repeater Network
 - Linked network of 35 repeaters across Southern US
- Now an open system, renamed to *Crossroads Ham Radio Club*
 - <https://crhrc.org>
 - Also on All-Star: node 28528
- N5ZKF: We have an Armadillo repeater on campus: 443.625 MHz FM

Garrett Martin (W5HVS)

- I have two handheld Arrow antennas
 - One for satellites
 - One for fox hunts

Phil Gates (N5ZKF)

- Homemade 3-element Yagi with adjustable driven element

- Arrow Antenna II, dual-band antenna for satellite work

Buy / Sell

Bill Rose (K5WTR)

- Allen Menefee (KD5MMH) is trying to sell Henry Menefee's (W5RAS) equipment
- Still has tower, antenna, hazer, cables, and other stuff
- kd5mmh@mail.com

David Bailey (K5DKB)

- W5BCS is selling two items this month:
 - AnyTone AT-D878UVII Plus Transceiver
 - DMR Handheld transceiver
 - 2m / 70 cm
 - Digital and analog
 - Bluetooth and GPS
 - Full APRS RX and TX
 - Includes Bridgecom mic and PTT
 - Desk charger
 - Skybridge hotspot
 - Asking \$175
 - RigExpert Stick Pro analyzer
 - Firmware 1.4
 - New is \$450, asking \$250
- Both have been powered up but not fully tested
- They will be available to view at 09:00 before the club meeting this weekend
- We'll take offers until 10:30
 - If more than one offer, it'll be silent-auction style
- We'll accept cash, check, or PayPal



Information Exchange

Jason Shutt (KI5LGO)

- Heard ISS on a camping trip
- Thanks, N5ZKF, for the info last week!

Closing Remarks

- Visit us online at w5bcs.radio.