

2025-04-29 Net Minutes

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20:00

closed

20:30

Check-ins (27)

- Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)
- Bill Rose (K5WTR)
- Jeff McDowell (KI5CES)
- Avery McIntosh (N7ALM)
- Garrett Martin (W5HVS)
- Brad Snyder (W5BLS)
- Larry Shiver (KJ5KFU)
- Ron Hambric (N5SBN)
- Joe Napoli (KG5SDF)
- Patrick Zapalac (KJ5ATR)
- John Graesser (KC5DWD)
- Don Ling (WB5CK0)
- Kevin Walton (N4RMF)
- Dick Zimmer (W5DZ)
- Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)
- David Bailey (K5DKB)
- Mike Wisby (KA5HIA)
- Ron Estes (KJ5EF0)
- Robert Carter (NC5R)
- Harold Turbyfill (KG5SDG)
- Rick Pfeil (W4RDP)
- Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)
- Jon Edwards (KI5YZR)
- Matt Robinson (W5XMR)
- Phil Gates (N5ZKF)
- Pierre Catala (WA1UAT)
- Rich Rychetsky (W5SON)

Officer Reports

President

David Bailey (K5DKB)

- Nothing to report; great to hear everyone!

Vice-President

Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)

- ARRL Field Day is approaching 2025-06-28/29
 - looking for suggestions for our program
 - Also looking for Volunteers
 - Will set up a Zoom meeting schedule to start planning for Field Day
 - Contact me at tomdj56@yahoo.com with any suggestions or if you would like to help make Field Day happen

Secretary

Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)

- Minutes will be sent out after the net.

Treasurer

Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)

- Bank balance: \$10,521.58
- 73 members
- Next [Ham License Exam](#)
- 2025-05-17 11:00
- American Legion Post 159

Announcements / Comments

Question #221 for conversation: *If you have a handheld radio, do you use an aftermarket antenna with it?*

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

Ron Hambric (N5SBN)

- [CEOC meeting](#) this Friday, 2025-05-02 09:00
 - Meet a little early, then go in
 - If you're late, just call (979) 821-1012 or on the [443.425 MHz FM \(KD5DLW\) repeater](#), and we'll let you in

Jeff McDowell (KI5CES)

- Yaesu FT-1DR with SMA to BNC adapter
- Comet Dual-band BNC-24 Antenna
- Easy to swap to my car antenna

David Bailey (K5DKB)

- I have a BNC adapter on my radio as well!
 - Got the idea from Jeff McDowell (KI5CES)
- Flexible Signal Stick by [SignalStuff](#)
 - I got the “boring” black one so it matches the radio
 - Nearly indestructible
 - Proceeds go to help <https://hamstudy.org>

Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)

- Baofeng with stock antenna, but I'll often use a Nagoya 14-inch whip for the extra gain
- I also have ladder-line J-Pole at home that I swap out with my desktop rig (using right now)
- Can also will use mag-mount Tram antenna on my mobile rig

John Graesser (KC5DWD)

- Two baofengs with several after-market antennas:
 - Nagoya “super-stubby”
 - Tri-band whip for 2 m, 1.25 m, and 70 cm
 - DMR radio in the car that connects to roof-mounted antenna

Phil Gates (N5ZKF)

- Generally use manufacturer antenna
 - Have to be careful about stressing the antenna connector
- Exceptions:
 - OPEK brand whip, similar to Signal Stick
 - Also have 2 m ladder-line J-Pole

Buy / Sell

Bill Rose (K5WTR)

- Reminder that Henry Menefee (W5RAS) is downsizing.
- Allen Menefee (KD5MMH), his son, is helping to sell his dad's HF equipment, including:
 - 4-element HF antenna
 - Two 2 m antennas
 - Hazer and tower
- If interested in viewing or purchasing, contact kd5mmh@mail.com

Closing Remarks

- Visit us online at w5bcs.radio.