

2025-05-06 Net Minutes

opened

20:00

closed

20:44

Check-ins (27)

- Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)
- Jeff McDowell (KI5CES)
- Larry Shiver (KJ5KFU)
- Garrett Martin (W5HVS)
- Don Ling (WB5CK0)
- Kevin Walton (N4RMF)
- Dick Zimmer (W5DZ)
- Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)
- David Bailey (K5DKB)
- Brad Snyder (W5BLS)
- Ron Estes (KJ5EF0)
- Mike Wisby (KA5HIA)
- Elizabeth Shutt (KJ5IDP)
- Thomas Sanborn (KJ5DAA)
- John Graesser (KC5DWD)
- Brian Gaskamp (KA5BKG)
- Harold Turbyfill (KG5SDG)
- Ron Hambric (N5SBN)
- Ricardo Pena (WN5RMP)
- Russ McDonald (KL2PB)
- Rick Pfeil (W4RDP)
- Bill Rose (K5WTR)
- Matt Robinson (W5XMR)
- Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)
- Phil Gates (N5ZKF)
- Pierre Catala (WA1UAT)
- Jon Edwards (KI5YZR)

Opening Remarks

- Hope everyone has remained safe and dry in today's rainy weather!
 - Lots of street flooding!
 - 3.3 inches on N5ZKF's weather system

Officer Reports

President

David Bailey (K5DKB)

- Lots to report (in various sections tonight)
- May started "early" in the weekly cycle this month.
- Upcoming [club meeting](#) will be 2025-05-17 09:30
 - American Legion Post 159, 101 Waco St, Bryan [[Google Maps](#)]

Vice-President

Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)

- [ARRL Summer Field Day](#) is coming up
 - If something interests you, let me know at tomdj56@yahoo.com
 - Working on schedule and programs
 - Zoom committee meetings will be starting soon

Secretary

Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)

- Minutes will be sent out after the net.

Treasurer

Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)

- 74 members
- Bank balance: \$10,188.77
- Next [License Exam](#)
 - 2025-05-17 11:00 after W5BCS club meeting
 - American Legion Post 159, 101 Waco St, Bryan [[Google Maps](#)]
- 2025-05-29 08:00 is [Kolache Thursday \(with Veterans\)](#)

- Also at American Legion Post 159
- [Robertson County ARES meeting](#) this weekend
 - Saturday, 2025-05-10 09:30
 - at Volunteer Fire Department in Franklin [[Google Maps](#)]

Announcements / Comments

Question #222 for conversation: *Voice Modulation: what have you used other than FM and SSB?*

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

Ron Hambric (N5SBN)

- First Tuesday of Month: [Brazos County ARES net](#) tonight
 - [443.425 MHz FM \(KD5DLW\) repeater](#)
 - 20:30 or after W5BCS net (whichever is later)
- [CEOC Visit](#) this Friday, 2025-05-09 09:00

David Bailey (K5DKB)

- [NOAA has announced](#) that on 2025-06-16 18:00Z, they will decommission the last of the VHF POES satellites:
 - NOAA-15, 18, and 19
- They are getting old: 16 years for the youngest, 21 years for the oldest
- They will continue to operate for a time, but some things will be switched off

Brian Gaskamp (KA5BKG)

- Parks on the Air activation in Huntsville
 - 10 m band was dead
 - Made 50 contacts on 20 m band in about an hour
 - Packed up and had radio on 146.520 MHz FM (national calling frequency)
 - Saw radio plates on a car travelling in the opposite direction
 - Called on radio and made a simplex contact from a passing car!

Dick Zimmer (W5DZ)

- [Arm Forces Day crossband test](#) is this Saturday, 2025-05-10

Jeff McDowell (KI5CES)

- Anyone know of a radio repair place that does Yaesu handhelds?
 - VFO A is not working on my FT-1D
 - Email me at jeffjmcowell@gmail.com or call me at (979) 595-6916

Phil Gates (N5ZKF)

- I enjoy working Crossband Test
- Split-band:
 - Receive on one frequency in one band
 - Transmit on different frequency in a different band
- Lots of interesting places to talk with, including the Pentagon: callsign WAR

Buy / Sell

David Bailey (K5DKB)

- Another item for sale by the club from the estate of Ernie Laney (K5ENL/SK)
- Will be available at the meeting on 2025-05-17
- Elecraft KX3 Transceiver “Shack-in-a-Pack” kit:
 - Transceiver
 - PX-3 Panadapter
 - Keyer Paddle assembly
 - ES-80 Carrying Case
- Additional equipment:
 - Box of cables, connectors, and brackets
 - Microphone, but appears to need repair
 - AX1 Multi-band Whip antenna
 - Elecraft T1 Automatic Antenna Tuner
- Price is about \$3,400 new
- Offered to club members for \$2,500



- Additional Stats:
 - Ultra-portable, all-band/all-mode, high-performance for home/mobile/field use
 - 160 m through 6 m; 2 m with KX3-2M module (might or might not be included)
 - SSB/CW/DATA/AM/FM modes; 10 W+ PEP (100 W with KXPA100 amp)
 - Low current drain (150 mA); takes 8 AA cells
 - DSP with dual-watch, noise reduction, noise blanking, auto notch filter, stereo effects, audio peaking filter (APF)
 - Software-Defined radio (SDR)
- Sale procedure:
 - Available for inspection 2025-05-17 09:00 before club meeting
 - Taking offers through 10:30, silent auction style for multiple bidders
 - 48 hours “buyer’s remorse” window

Information Exchange

Bill Rose (K5WTR)

- Signal report for KI5FIZ
- unusually weak/noisy tonight
- Something might’ve happened with the storms earlier today

Closing Remarks

- Visit us online at w5bcs.radio.