

2025-05-13 Net Minutes

opened

20:00

closed

20:36

Check-ins (24)

- Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)
- Bill Rose (K5WTR)
- Bill Preston (KZ3G)
- Larry Shiver (KJ5KFU)
- Garrett Martin (W5HVS)
- Brad Snyder (W5BLS)
- Ken Wilson (KE5DFR)
- Matt Robinson (W5XMR)
- Kevin Walton (N4RMF)
- Dick Zimmer (W5DZ)
- Mike Wisby (KA5HIA)
- Ron Estes (KJ5EF0)
- David Bailey (K5DKB)
- John Graesser (KC5DWD)
- Elizabeth Shutt (KJ5IDP)
- Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)
- Rick Pfeil (W4RDP)
- Ron Hambric (N5SBN)
- Jon Edwards (KI5YZR)
- Phil Gates (N5ZKF)
- Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)
- Russ McDonald (KL2PB)
- Jason Shutt (KI5LGO)
- Robert Picckell (AA3RP)

Opening Remarks

- Lower numbers on the air tonight...
- Perhaps due to recent TAMU graduation or schedule change?

Officer Reports

President

David Bailey (K5DKB)

- I blame longer days for lower attendance
 - People maybe spending more time outside or away from the house
- May monthly meeting coming up this weekend
 - 2025-05-17 09:30
 - 101 Waco St, Bryan [[Google Maps](#)]
 - Gearing up for [ARRL Field Day](#)
 - Brief show-and-tell for HamClock after
 - Ham-specific alternative to Geochron, which was presented recently

Vice-President

Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)

- Tentative schedule for Field Day ready to present
- Will need volunteers to make it happen
- Please be prepared to sign up for something at the meeting

Secretary

Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)

- Minutes will be sent out after the net.
- Much to celebrate this graduation season:
 - My sister graduated with her M.D.: Dr. Mariah Wedelich
 - I also (finally) graduated with my M.S.!

Treasurer

Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)

- 74 members

- Bank balance: \$10,188.77
- [Ham license exam](#) this Saturday, 2025-5-17 11:00 (after club meeting)
 - Have one volunteer examiner, need at least two more
 - No one has contacted me about taking the exam, so we might not need to host one
 - Be sure to have your FRN and \$15 exam fee

Announcements / Comments

Question #223 for conversation: *Do you have a disposition/estate plan for your ham radio equipment?*

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

Ron Hambric (N5SBN)

- Monthly [ARES meeting](#) this coming Monday
 - 2025-05-19 18:30
 - American Red Cross, 4244 Boonville Rd, [[Google Maps](#)]
- [CEOC Visit](#) this Friday
 - 2025-05-16 09:00
- Not seeing Field Day listed on ARRL website yet

Phil Gates (N5ZKF)

- VHF and UHF have been really open lately
 - Tropospheric ducting, perhaps?
 - Had a DX contact through this repeater!
 - Mornings are slightly better, but I've been hearing stuff all throughout the day
- Important consideration to have a plan for your equipment and records in the event you become a silent key.
 - ARRL has estate planning workbook:
 - Things you might want sold, donated, etc.
 - Potential donations for the ARRL (and other non-profits)
 - Some people have a large collection of QSL cards and logbooks
 - These are important records to the hobby
 - There are groups that understand the importance of preserving these records

Buy / Sell

Matt Robinson (W5XMR)

- I have two Kenwood HF radios for sale:
 1. TS-440S (needs some work)
 - works below 10 MHz, but needs tuning above that
 2. TS-850S in great condition
 - Microphone(s) and speaker
- Contact me if interested
 - Will hang around after the net
 - [Good on QRZ](#)

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-refined 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

Closing Remarks

- Shout-out to/from Robert Pickell (AA3RP) — all the way from Lake Limestone!
 - Minor noise on the signal, but very readable
- Visit us online at w5bcs.radio.