

May 2025 Club Meeting Minutes

date

2025-05-17

convened

09:30

adjourned

10:30

Officers

- **President:** David Bailey (K5DKB) *present*
- **Vice President:** Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG) *present*
- **Secretary:** Matthew Barry (KG5LYE) *present*
- **Treasurer:** Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ) *present*

Attendees (24)

Quorum attained!

- David Bailey (K5DKB)
- Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)
- Ron Estes (KJ5EF0)
- Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)
- Phil Gates (N5ZKF)
- Ron Hambric (N5SBN)
- Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)
- Marilyn Kingman (KE5VOT)
- Garrett Martin (W5HVS)
- Jeff McDowell (KI5CES)
- Bob O'Connell (KC5DWB)
- Rick Pfeil (W4RDP)
- Bill Preston (KZ3G)
- Brad Snyder (W5BLS)

- Harold Turbyfill (KG5SDG)
- John Walker (W1JCW)
- Ken Wilson (KE5DFR)
- Mike Wisby (KA5HIA)
- David Snyder
- Micah White
- John Graesser (KC5DWD)
- Hunter Hambric
- Lee Lance (N05B)
- Kimber 🐾

Officer Reports

President

David Bailey (K5DKB)

- This week, I got an email from “Lorna”
 - Addressed to my president@w5bcs.radio
 - Claimed she was out of town and that we had an overdue payment
 - This is how I knew it wasn't Lorna
 - Asked if I would be willing to pay it and I would be reimbursed
- Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ) got one claiming to be from Phil Gates (N5ZKF)
- Brad Snyder (W5BLS) and Matthew Barry (KG5LYE) got one claiming to be from me.
- Be careful online!
- N5ZKF: you have to be skeptical of everything these days
 - Time is on your side: pause to think
 - You are under no obligation to do anything

Vice-President

Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)

- ARRL Field Day is coming up
 - 4th full weekend of June
 - 2025-06-28/29
- Tentative Schedule:
 - Saturday, 2025-06-28
 - 09:00/11:30 - Setup
 - 10:00/12:30 - Swap tables
 - 11:30/13:00 - Lunch

- 13:00 - On the air
- 13:00/14:30 - License Exam
- 14:30/21:00 - Swap tables
- 15:00/16:00 - Presentation: Jeanelle Johnson
- 16:30/17:30 - Presentation: David Bailey
- 18:00/19:30 - Dinner and Raffle Drawing
- Sunday, 2025-06-29
 - 09:00/13:00 - Swap tables
 - 09:00/10:30 - Pancake breakfast
 - 12:00/14:00 - Pack up
 - 13:00 - Off the air
- KI5CES: ladder on antenna trailer needs to be replaced
 - Recommend purchasing a new one
- We'll also do some simple builds (Wago to PowerPole connector)
- Usually ask for \$500 to fund Field Day expenses
 - Paperwork
 - Food
 - Raffle prizes

Motion by John Walker (W1JCW):

to allocate a budget not to exceed \$500 for ARRL Field Day 2025

Seconded by Bob O'Connell (KC5DWB).

Outcome: *passes unanimously*

Secretary

Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)

Approval of Minutes

- Hearing no corrections, minutes stand approved as sent out
- Minutes from this meeting will be sent out later today

Treasurer

Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)

Last Month's Statement

- Starting balance: \$11,710.37
- Income: \$535

- \$25 - donation
- \$30 - club dues
- \$465 - club sales
- \$15 - VE fees
- Disbursements: \$2,071.60
 - \$15 - VE fees to ARRL
 - \$117.82 - Layne's chicken
 - \$475 - to American Legion Auxiliary to sponsor young lady for Girls' State
 - \$1,115.97 - three laptops for use at Field Day
 - \$347.81 - Southern Tire Mart club trailer and ARES tires
 - ARES owes \$86
 - W4RDP's son gave employee discount, donated labor, and received tax exemption
- Ending balance: \$10,173.77

Club Merchandise

- Winter Field Day 2023 stickers: \$2
- Club logo pins (limited): \$3
- Club logo stickers: \$2
- Club logo window clings: \$2
- Club logo patches: \$5
- Club logo keychains: \$2

Membership Renewals

Membership can be renewed in any of the following ways:

- online at [Ham Club Online](#)
- request PayPal invoice via email
- mail in cash or check (PO Box 4442, Bryan, TX 77805-4442)
- bring cash or check in-person at a meeting

Other Business

Brazos County ARES

Ron Hambric (N5SBN)

- This coming Monday is our monthly ARES meeting
 - 2025-05-19 18:30

- American Red Cross on Boonville Rd
- Bring your “Go Kits” for show and tell
- CEOC visits each Friday 09:00
 - Radio room check-up
 - Training for operations
- KI5FIZ: N5BRZ Cares is now an official 501(c)(3) organization!

Robertson County ARES

Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)

- Last meeting:
 - Winlink
 - Mixed results
 - “Telnet Post Office” - Peer-to-peer
- Next meeting: 2025-06-14
 - At Lorna’s house: 509 Wheelock St [[Google Maps](#)]
 - Prepare K5ENL’s equipment for sale at Field Day
 - Putting Anderson Power Poles
 - Need vehicles that can “haul stuff”

Radio for Sale

- 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
- Caveats to be aware of:
 - Microphone is not functional (needs to be replaced or repaired)
 - It does have the keyer (untested)
 - Panadapter is also untested:
 - Missing connector cable between panadapter and transceiver (\$15.95 replacement)
 - Power adapter to panadapter is also missing (uses same cable as transceiver)

SKYWARN

Ron Estes (KJ5EF0)

- It’s going to be *hot* and *humid* this week
- Pop-up thunderstorms, but no fronts
- Hurricane season starts 2025-06-01
 - Start paying attention to the tropics

RACES

Mike Wisby (KA5HIA)

- District 5 ARES round-table at CEOC first week of May
 - Thanks to KI5FIZ for helping coordinate that!
- New facility at RELLIS is still in progress
 - Hardline and dual-band Diamond antennas working very well (SWR 1.02)

License Exam

- No one taking test today?
- Next license exam will be *Field Day* (not at June meeting)

Health and Welfare / Good of the Order

- If anyone needs help with anything please reach out to the club. You can contact any of the officers at:
 - officers@w5bcs.radio
- Visit us online at w5bcs.radio

Closing

Motion by **Rick Pfeil (W4RDP)**:

to adjourn the meeting

Seconded by John Walker (W1JCW).

Outcome: *passes unanimously*

Next Meeting

2025-06-21 09:30 at American Legion Post 159

After-Meeting Presentation

[HamCLOCK](#) by David Bailey (K5DKB)

We had a really impressive Geochron presentation [previously](#), and heard about this other

similar product