

# 2025-05-27 Net Minutes

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20:00

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20:33

## Check-ins (27)

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- Phil Gates (N5ZKF)
- Rich Rychetsky (W5SON)
- Bill Rose (K5WTR)
- David Bailey (K5DKB)
- Avery McIntosh (N7ALM)
- Brian Gaskamp (KA5BKG)
- Robert Grigsby (KB5RAG)
- Jeff McDowell (KI5CES)
- Bill Preston (KZ3G)
- Dick Zimmer (W5DZ)
- Brad Snyder (W5BLS)
- Larry Shiver (KJ5KFU)
- Garrett Martin (W5HVS)
- Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)
- John Walker (W1JCW)
- Ron Estes (KJ5EF0)
- Mike Wisby (KA5HIA)
- Harold Turbyfill (KG5SDG)
- Russ McDonald (KL2PB)
- Matt Robinson (W5XMR)
- Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)
- Ken Wilson (KE5DFR)
- Patrick Zapalac (KJ5ATR)
- Curtis Pool (KD5HEY)
- Thomas Sanborn (KJ5DAA)
- Joe Napoli (KG5SDF)
- Clifton Smith (K5CFS)

# Officer Reports

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## President

*David Bailey (K5DKB)*

- Thanks for being here tonight.
- Thanks for filling in to log the net.

## Vice-President

*Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)*

- [ARRL Field Day](#) is 2025-06-28/29
- Coming together very well
- Very grateful for all the help
- [tomdj56@yahoo.com](mailto:tomdj56@yahoo.com)

## Secretary

*Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)*

*absent*

## Treasurer

*Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)*

- Bank balance: \$9,7xx.77
- 74 members
- Next Ham License Exam 2025-06-28 13:00
  - ARRL Field Day
  - \$15 Exam fee
  - Technician candidates need to get their FRN from the FCC
- Kolaches for Veteran's Coffee
  - Thursday, 2025-05-29 08:00
- Field Day Committee Zoom planning meeting 2025-06-05 18:30
  - Contact Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG) for link

## Announcements / Comments

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Question #225 for conversation: *What would you say to someone who is interested in*

*Amateur Radio?*

*(If interested in submitting a weekly question, email [n5zkf@arrl.net](mailto:n5zkf@arrl.net))*

## **Phil Gates (N5ZKF)**

- Professional radio engineering
- Didn't see value in Amateur Radio at first
- Got a GMRS license first
  - \$35 for 10 years for everyone in family
- Charlie Culver has GMRS repeater that he will let local GMRS licensees use

## **Bill Rose (K5WTR)**

- What is frequency of Repeater?
  - 462.700 MHz
  - Charlie will set CTCSS tone for general use

## **David Bailey (K5DKB)**

- Thanks for coordinating!
- Working on a project in Brenham
  - CTCSS 100.0 Hz
  - Somerville repeater is back
  - 444.825
  - Linked to 147.260 repeater in Brenham
  - Located in Birch Creek

## **Rich Rychetsky (W5SON)**

- What I would say to someone interested in amateur radio:
  - A way to talk with others around the world with no Internet or cell phone and maybe no power
  - Good hobby to be able to lay down and pick back up whenever you want
- What made Matt Robinson (W5XMR) decide to get his license?
  - The fact that he could get on the air with no test (with supervision of another ham)
  - That gave him the interest he needed

## **Jeff McDowell (KI5CES)**

- Handy Talkie
- Talked to John Walker (W1JCW) and mentioned the problem; suggested a reset

# Brian Gaskamp (KA5BKG)

## Information Exchange

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### Matt Robinson (W5XMR)

- What was the frequency and CTCSS tone for Somerville Repeater?
- Were the other Washington County repeaters offline yesterday?
- (Unknown)

## Closing Remarks

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