

2025-06-10 Net Minutes

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20:00

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Check-ins (29)

- Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)
- Bill Rose (K5WTR)
- Avery McIntosh (N7ALM)
- Paul Bilke (KF5WGJ)
- Joe Napoli (KG5SDF)
- Ken Wilson (KE5DFR)
- Vic Pears (KX8V)
- Brian Gaskamp (N5WCT)
- Matt Robinson (W5XMR)
- Don Ling (WB5CK0)
- John Walpole (K5ZY)
- Brad Snyder (W5BLS)
- David Bailey (K5DKB)
- Rich Rychetsky (W5SON)
- Troyce Wilson (KC5CBI)
- Dick Zimmer (W5DZ)
- Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)
- Mike Wisby (KA5HIA)
- Ron Estes (KJ5EF0)
- Mike Streiff (KJ5EEV)
- Harold Turbyfill (KG5SDG)
- Pierre Catala (WA1UAT)
- Phil Gates (N5ZKF)
- Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)
- Jonathan Graham (KD5GG)
- Matthew Cadman (KJ5IIF)
- Russ McDonald (KL2PB)

- Tim Hasselbach (K9ZZK)
- Garrett Martin (W5HVS)

Officer Reports

President

David Bailey (K5DKB)

- We are within the fortnight of our next regular [club meeting!](#)
- 2025-06-21 09:30
- American Legion Post 159, 101 Waco St, Bryan [[Google Maps](#)]
- Final meeting before [ARRL Field Day](#) activities
 - Prep for lots of planning and things to finalize to make that happen
- N5ZKF: It'll also be the summer solstice

Vice-President

Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)

- ARRL Field Day plans are going well
 - [Scheduled for 2025-06-28/29](#)
 - [Will be held at American Legion Post 159](#)
 - Planning committee Zoom meeting 2025-06-19 18:30
- Looking for possible movies to show at movie night as part of festivities (complete with Popcorn!)

Secretary

Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)

- Minutes will be sent out after the net.
- More to say later about Meshtastic!

Treasurer

Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)

- 75 members
- Bank balance: \$9,669.11
- Next License Exam will be at Field Day
 - No exam at our next meeting

- Still need volunteer examiners
- Those looking to take the technician exam must receive an FCC Registration Number (FRN)
- Also at Field Day:
 - Large swap table from silent key Ernie Laney (K5ENL)
 - Swap tables also open for others to contribute
 - Mark your items with contact info so buyers can get in touch

Announcements / Comments

Question #227 for conversation: *Are you using Meshtastic?*

From the [Meshtastic website](#):

An open source, off-grid, decentralized, mesh network built to run on affordable, low-power devices.

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

Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)

- Enjoy tinkering with Meshtastic!
- Not too active on the main messaging channel
- I do more listening and data relaying for my own devices
- Enjoy it for its own sake: seeing how widespread and active the network is
 - Over 100 active nodes in the local area
 - My radio lights up every few minutes
- I like to take it with me whenever I go traveling to spot other nodes along the way
 - 471 total nodes seen so far

Joe Napoli (KG5SDF)

- Haven't been to Field Day in a while; location?
 - N5ZKF: We'll be at the American Legion Post 159
- Planning to bring someone else
- I'll need transportation to the meeting on 2025-06-21
 - Near intersection of Wellborn and Deacon Dr (401 Heather Ln)
 - [Good on QRZ](#)
 - KJ5EEV: I'm nearby and can help

Mike Streiff (KJ5EEV)

- Been doing Meshtastic for a few months now
- Really cool to just see the network
- All the way out to Biloxi, MS

Ron Estes (KJ5EF0)

- I have the hardware, but I don't use it actively
- I like the peace of mind of having it available

Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)

- Robertson County ARES: this Saturday, 2025-06-14, is our monthly meeting
- However, instead of meeting at the fire station, we'll be meeting in my garage
 - Gather at 09:30
 - Address is [good on QRZ](#)
- 07:45 Breakfast beforehand
- Preparing all of the stuff from K5ENL for sale at Field Day
- It'll be hot and dirty, so dress accordingly

Matthew Cadman (KJ5IIF)

- Howdy from W5AC!
- Will the aforementioned sale be at W5BCS Field Day?
 - N5ZKF: yes, will be at our ARRL Field Day location
 - 2025-06-28/29
 - American Legion Post 159
 - Will include in W5AC announcements
- Some notes on Meshtastic
 - At end of last semester, we put a beam antenna meshtastic node on O&M building pointed at Austin
 - Local "upper roof" coverage node, but we have reports that signal coverage from local area node is not as good as we would like
 - Hoping to investigate when the radar can be turned off

Tim Hasselbach (K9ZZK)

- Greetings from Fairfield, TX! (about 90 miles north of B/CS)
- Great propagation! There must be some tropospheric ducting going on.
- Pretty significant rain coming in up here.

Closing Remarks

- Visit us online at w5bcs.radio.