

# 2025-06-17 Net Minutes

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## Check-ins (28)

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- Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)
- Paul Bilke (KF5WGJ)
- Bill Rose (K5WTR)
- Don Ling (WB5CK0)
- Garrett Martin (W5HVS)
- Jeff McDowell (KI5CES)
- Ken Wilson (KE5DFR)
- Brad Snyder (W5BLS)
- Pierre Catala (WA1UAT)
- David Bailey (K5DKB)
- Kevin Walton (N4RMF)
- Ron Estes (KJ5EF0)
- Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)
- Mike Wisby (KA5HIA)
- John Graesser (KC5DWD)
- Matthew Cadman (KJ5IIF)
- Roseanne Cunningham (KC5FGG)
- Elizabeth Shutt (KJ5IDP)
- Jason Shutt (KI5LGO)
- Harold Turbyfill (KG5SDG)
- Ron Hambric (N5SBN)
- Ricardo Pena (WN5RMP)
- Russ McDonald (KL2PB)
- Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)
- Phil Gates (N5ZKF)
- Avery McIntosh (N7ALM)
- Dick Zimmer (W5DZ)

- Troyce Wilson (KC5CBI)

# Officer Reports

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## President

*David Bailey (K5DKB)*

- Regular monthly club meeting is this Saturday
  - 2025-06-21 09:30
  - Also the Summer Solstice!
  - Talking about ARRL Field Day, which is the following weekend (2025-06-28/29)
- W5BCS has a *lot* of things that we'll be selling at the swap tables
  - Here's a quick list of just a few available things:
    - Coax cables
    - Begali and Vibroplex keys
    - Soldering station
    - Crystal radio kit
    - Gin pole set
    - Buddipole with coils
    - MFJ 40-ft mast
    - Oscilloscopes (yes, more than one)
    - Mag loop antenna
    - Yaesu azimuth elevation rotor
    - ...and much more!
  - Swap will open after license exam, around 14:00

## Vice-President

*Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)*

- Plans are coming together very well
- Zoom meeting this Thursday, 2025-06-19 18:30

## Secretary

*Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)*

- Minutes will be sent out after the net.
- This weekend, two weekends after Pentecost, the Catholic Church celebrates the *Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)*

- Eucharistic procession in downtown Bryan this Saturday, 2025-06-21 09:00
- St. Joseph to St. Anthony: will have to cross Texas Ave at some point
- Traffic will be blocked for a while

## Treasurer

*Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)*

- 75 members
- Bank balance: \$9,874.13
- Special thank-you to the 9 members who spent last weekend in my garage pricing things from K5ENL/SK!
- No ham license exam after club meeting this Saturday
  - Will be part of ARRL Field Day, 2025-06-28 13:00
  - Remember: you must have your FRN in order to take the exam!

## Announcements / Comments

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Question #228 for conversation: *Have you worked with surface-mount electronic components? (the really small ones)*

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

### Ron Hambric (N5SBN)

- Good to be back in town
- CEOC meeting this Friday, 2025-06-20 09:00
  - If you're running late, call (979) 821-1012 or on 443.425 MHz FM (KD5DLW) repeater

### Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)

- Surface mounts:
  - I'm impressed at how small they've gotten!
  - Only experience is with removing them
  - I can't imagine holding a soldering iron steady enough to put them on

### Paul Bilke (KF5WGJ)

- 0603 size can be done surprisingly easily with electric skillet, heat gun, toaster oven, etc.
- Surface tension from solder and flux aligns components for you

# Buy / Sell

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## Don Ling (WB5CK0)

- 2-element high-gain beam antenna available
- 6-ft boom
- On a Hazer: can crank it down to roof level, but you'll have to get on the roof to take it off
- asking \$100
- [Good on QRZ](#)
- ...
- N5ZKF:
  - DX Engineering catalog
  - Software for designing beam antennas
  - Insulators
- KF5WGJ: source for aluminum antenna elements is Texas Towers in DFW area

## Closing Remarks

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- Visit us online at [w5bcs.radio](http://w5bcs.radio).