

Jun 2025 Club Meeting Minutes

date

2025-06-21

convened

09:30

adjourned

10:34

Officers

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

Attendees (34)

Quorum attained!

- David Bailey (K5DKB)
- Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)
- Roseanne Cunningham (KC5FGG)
- Jon Edwards (KI5YZR)
- Ron Estes (KJ5EF0)
- Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)
- Phil Gates (N5ZKF)
- Ron Hambric (N5SBN)
- Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)
- Jim Laird (KF5YY)
- Garrett Martin (W5HVS)
- Gregg McCravey
- Russ McDonald (KL2PB)
- Jeff McDowell (KI5CES)
- Shawn McGee (KJ5HBA)

- Joe Napoli (KG5SDF)
- Bob O'Connell (KC5DWB)
- Wayne Pecena (N1WP)
- Rick Pfeil (W4RDP)
- Bill Preston (KZ3G)
- Larry Shiver (KJ5KFU)
- Elizabeth Shutt (KJ5IDP)
- Jason Shutt (KI5LGO)
- Brad Snyder (W5BLS)
- Mike Streiff (KJ5EEV)
- John Walker (W1JCW)
- Ken Wilson (KE5DFR)
- Mike Wisby (KA5HIA)
- David Snyder
- Kimber Pfeil 🐾
- Church Wilson
- Nathan Wood (KN4TTV)
- Chuck Wilson
- Michelle Wilson

Officer Reports

President

David Bailey (K5DKB)

- ARRL Field Day is next week, 2025-06-28/29
- Lots of planning to do, so I'll hand it over to him as soon as possible

Vice-President

Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)

- Samples of embroider hats from HamThreads.com to inspect
 - Business cards available for you to order from them directly

Field Day Planning

In chronological order:

- **Setup:**
 - Doors open Saturday, 2025-06-28 09:00

- Antenna setup can begin earlier since we don't need building access
- Volunteers needed to help set up, move chairs and tables, etc.
 - Whataburger has donated breakfast for you
 - We'll have pizza for lunch as well
- **Radio Operations**
 - starts Saturday, 2025-06-28 13:00
 - overnight to Sunday, 2025-06-29 13:00
 - We'll be a **2A** station
 - GOTA station (don't use W5BCS callsign)
 - Generators for power
 - Radio equipment from estate of Ernie Laney (K5ENL) /SK
 - W5AC will be here on Saturday, but not Sunday
 - KI5ZPG got a HamClock and will have that going in the background
- **Ham License Exam**
 - starts at same time as radio operations (13:00)
- **Swap table** starting after exam
 - special thank-you to everyone who went to Lorna's house to sort through it
 - bring your own stuff to sell
- **Presentations**
 - Antennas for beginners... the "for beginners" part is key
 - Janelle Johnson returning (and will be taking her Technician exam!)
- **Raffle prize:** Yaesu FT-6DR
 - Tickets are \$1, available at Field Day entrance
 - Drawing will be 18:00 with dinner to follow
- **Saturday Dinner**
 - Pulled pork sandwiches for dinner Saturday
 - \$10 suggested donation
 - Prepared by Rick Pfeil (W4RDP)
 - Bring some desserts!
- **Movie night**, complete with popcorn!
- **Overnight operations**
 - Door will be locked, but there will be a number posted on the front door
- **Pancake breakfast** Sunday 09:00

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)

- 75 members
- We now have a credit card reader from PayPal!

Last Month's Statement

- Starting balance: \$10,173.77
- Income: \$141
 - \$86 Brazos ARES reimbursement for trailer tires
 - \$40 donation to cover logo digitizing fee
 - \$15 member dues
- Disbursements: \$660.66
 - \$226 PO Box rental (going up next time)
 - \$40 HamThreads digitizing fee
 - \$66.20 Elecraft replacement cables (will be returned for partial refund)
 - \$103.53 laptop cases and mice for radio operations laptops
 - \$109.95 DX engineering for Raffle prize
 - \$114.98 for Veteran's Coffee Kolache
- Ending balance: \$9,654.11

Club Merchandise

- Winter Field Day 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

Radio for Sale

- Elecraft KX3 Transceiver “Shack-in-a-Pack” kit:
 - “The Cadillac of QRP radios”
 - 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)
- **Caveats to be aware of:**
 - Microphone is not functional (needs to be repaired or replaced)

Brazos County ARES (N5BRZ)

Ron Hambric (N5SBN)

- CEOC visits every Friday 09:00
 - two Winlink I-Gates
 - ICOM 706 with PACTOR-3 modem
 - Bands yesterday were pretty bad, but we can try again next week
- ARES meetings 3rd Monday of each month 18:00

Robertson County ARES

Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)

- Thursday night nets on W5KVN repeater
- Previous meeting was to go through equipment
 - There was ice cream!

- Fun fact: Most of the Robertson County ARES members actually live in Brazos County

SKYWARN

Ron Estes (KJ5EF0)

- Lots of potential in the atmosphere from this week
- The Atlantic is eerily quiet this hurricane season
- Lakes are very low... Texas needs a lot of rain right now

Madison/Leon County ARES

- Lightning strike: lost a lot of equipment!
- Thankfully, insurance will cover new radios and antennas

RACES

Mike Wisby (KA5HIA)

- Grimes County will have a Field Day location
- Carlos GMRS repeater for severe weather nets (and other emergency support comms)
 - We also have a GMRS repeater (KD5DLW) on Tabor Rd
- 900 MHz repeater at RELLIS going up on 2025-07-02
 - Will have radio programming info later
- Contractor still needs to install two more antennas
- For more info about RACES, visit [TDEM's website](#)

Dang Squirrels! (Check your main electric drops)

Rick Pfeil (W4RDP)

- I had some squirrels chew through the main drop
- put 240 volts through the house
- Check your wires! If you see anything wrong, call BTU: they'll fix it for free
- I lost everything that wasn't on a surge protector!

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 **Jeff McDowell (KI5CES)**:

to adjourn the meeting

Seconded by Ken Wilson (KE5DFR).

Outcome: *passes unanimously*

Next Meeting

2025-07-19 09:30 at American Legion Post 159