

2025-07-01 Net Minutes

opened

20:00

closed

20:27

Check-ins (30)

- Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)
- Jeff McDowell (KI5CES)
- Avery McIntosh (N7ALM)
- Ken Wilson (KE5DFR)
- Don Ling (WB5CK0)
- Garrett Martin (W5HVS)
- Curtis Pool (KD5HEY)
- John Walpole (K5ZY)
- Patrick Zapalac (KJ5ATR)
- Brad Snyder (W5BLS)
- Thomas Sanborn (KJ5DAA)
- Bill Rose (K5WTR)
- Ron Hambric (N5SBN)
- Kevin Walton (N4RMF)
- Dick Zimmer (W5DZ)
- Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)
- Mike Wisby (KA5HIA)
- Mike Streiff (KJ5EEV)
- Ron Estes (KJ5EFO)
- John Graesser (KC5DWD)
- Brian Gaskamp (N5WCT)
- Phil Gates (N5ZKF)
- Travis Scott (KI5TMS)
- James Rosser (AA5W)
- Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)
- Roseanne Cunningham (KC5FGG)
- Paul Bilke (KF5WGJ)

- Carrie Kirchner (KJ5JWN)
- Rich Rychetsky (W5SON)
- John Walker (W1JCW)

Opening Remarks

- N5SBN calling in via Echolink, W5BCS-R, from Alaska:
 - 150 mi south of Anchorage in Soldotna
 - Sunset is at 23:30 AK time

Officer Reports

President

David Bailey (K5DKB)

excused

Vice-President

Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)

- Field Day committee Zoom meeting Thursday 18:30
- Expect report at next meeting

Secretary

Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)

- Minutes will be sent out after the net.
- Great to see everyone at Field Day this weekend!
 - Sorry I wasn't able to be there for the whole thing
 - Preliminary Points tally:
 - 237 contacts (632 points)
 - 79 CW (158 points)
 - 158 Phone (158 points)
 - 1,270 bonus points
 - **1,902 total points**

Treasurer

Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)

- 76 members
- Bank balance: \$12,182.36
- Thank you to everyone who worked hard to make Field Day a success this year!
 - Two ham license exam sessions!

Announcements / Comments

Question #230 for conversation: *Do you, or have you, used packet radio?*

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

Dick Zimmer (W5DZ)

- [Brazos County ARES Net](#) tonight 443.425 MHz FM ([KD5DLW](#)) repeater
 - After the W5BCS net or 20:30
- We do use packet radio in RACES and ARES: *Winlink!*

Phil Gates (N5ZKF)

- Serial terminal on a computer with a TNC
 - Would patch through nodes in a chain until there wasn't enough time for ACKs
- APRS transmissions

Information Exchange

Phil Gates (N5ZKF)

- Repeater care team has been working on Echolink:
 - Different computer node
 - Improved audio levels

Rich Rychetsky (W5SON)

- What's left of Ernie Laney (K5ENL) estate from Field Day?
 - Who is main point of contact?
- N5ZKF: probably best to contact Lorna at treasurer@w5bcs.radio

Closing Remarks

- Visit us online at w5bcs.radio.