

2025-07-08 Net Minutes

opened

20:00

closed

20:26

Check-ins (27)

- Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)
- Bill Rose (K5WTR)
- Jeff McDowell (KI5CES)
- Ken Wilson (KE5DFR)
- Avery McIntosh (N7ALM)
- Larry Shiver (KJ5KFU)
- Paul Bilke (KF5WGJ)
- Bill Preston (KZ3G)
- Don Ling (WB5CKO)
- Joe Napoli (KG5SDF)
- Brad Snyder (W5BLS)
- Kevin Walton (N4RMF)
- Dick Zimmer (W5DZ)
- Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)
- David Bailey (K5DKB)
- Mike Wisby (KA5HIA)
- Ron Estes (KJ5EFO)
- Emery Hyden (K5OWO)
- Matt Robinson (W5XMR)
- Pierre Catala (WA1UAT)
- Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)
- Phil Gates (N5ZKF)
- Curtis Pool (KD5HEY)
- Justin Brown (K5JWB)
- Roseanne Cunningham (KC5FGG)
- Brandon Bartlett (KG5LYN)
- Brian Gaskamp (N5WCT)

Opening Remarks

- Last call: Charlie H. Liles (W5AQ) /SK
 - Passed away 2025-06-25 at 101 years old
 - Very accomplished Extra Class amateur radio operator!
 - Served in armed forces
 - Radio DJ on WFUN
 - Retired 1979
 - Moved to College Station in 2002

Officer Reports

President

David Bailey (K5DKB)

- 25th Anniversary last week: I was on the gulf coast with my wife
- Next [W5BCS club meeting](#) 2025-07-19 09:30
 - American Legion Post 159, 101 Waco St, Bryan [[Google Maps](#)]
 - Field Day “hot wash” — come with your feedback and suggestions for next year

Vice-President

Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)

- Keep the hill country in your thoughts and prayers!
- “It’s a lot worse than it looks”

Secretary

Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)

- Minutes will be sent out after the net.
- (to K5DKB): 25 years? Congrats! That’s your silver jubilee!
- Support for flooding in Kerrville:
 - Outpouring from community has been tremendous: exceeding capacity for donated goods
 - Can still use financial support, but be careful of scams!
 - Can also use “boots on the ground” if able, but be sure to coordinate your efforts to prevent from adding to the chaos.

Treasurer

Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)

- 77 members
- Bank balance: \$12,162.39
- Next [Ham License Exam](#) 2025-07-19 11:00
 - After club meeting
 - Need volunteer examiners: let me know if you're able to help!
- Robertson County ARES (N5RC0)
 - [Next meeting](#): 2025-07-12 09:30
 - Volunteer Fire Station on Glass St. [[Google Maps](#)]
 - Breakfast at Amigo's beforehand [[Google Maps](#)]

Announcements / Comments

Question #231 for conversation: *Do you use a digital voice gateway or hotspot?*

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

John Graesser (KC5DWD)

- Digital hotspot for DMR radios
 - Raspberry Pi Zero with Pi-Star set up (with backup Pi 3) for most of DMR traffic
 - Will also use W5AC DMR repeater in the car

Closing Remarks

- Visit us online at w5bcs.radio.