

# 2025-07-15 Net Minutes

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20:43

## Check-ins (27)

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- Phil Gates (N5ZKF)
- Don Ling (WB5CK0)
- Bill Rose (K5WTR)
- Jeff McDowell (KI5CES)
- Kevin Walton (N4RMF)
- Dick Zimmer (W5DZ)
- Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)
- Troyce Wilson (KC5CBI)
- Ron Estes (KJ5EF0)
- Brad Snyder (W5BLS)
- David Bailey (K5DKB)
- Ken Wilson (KE5DFR)
- Harold Turbyfill (KG5SDG)
- Joe Napoli (KG5SDF)
- Rich Rychetsky (W5SON)
- Russ McDonald (KL2PB)
- Robert Grigsby (KB5RAG)
- Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)
- Vic Pears (KX8V)
- Matt Robinson (W5XMR)
- Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)
- John Graesser (KC5DWD)
- Brian Gaskamp (N5WCT)
- Roseanne Cunningham (KC5FGG)
- Jonathan Graham (KD5GG)
- Garrett Martin (W5HVS)
- Pierre Catala (WA1UAT)

# Officer Reports

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## President

*David Bailey (K5DKB)*

- Reminder: monthly meeting this weekend
  - 2025-07-19 09:30
  - American Legion Post 159, 101 Waco St, Bryan [[Google Maps](#)]

## Vice-President

*Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)*

- Hope to see you at the meeting on Saturday!
  - Field Day Recap

## Secretary

*Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)*

- Minutes will be sent out after the net.

## Treasurer

*Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)*

- 77 members
- Bank balance: \$12,162.39
- Ham License Exam Saturday, 2025-07-19 11:00 (after meeting)
  - Remember to have your FRN!

## Announcements / Comments

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Question #232 for conversation: *Amateur radio “every day carry” (EDC)... What do you have with you every day?*

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

## Don Ling (WB5CK0)

- Henry Menefee (W5RAS) suffered stroke on 2025-07-04
  - Fell and broke several vertebrae

- He's in Rm 309 at St. Joseph Manor, 2345 Manor Dr, Bryan [[Google Maps](#)]
- Not doing well: semi-paralyzed, pain, can't really talk, anxiety
- Go and visit him right now
- He's never been what I'd consider "fragile;" it was odd to see him in this condition
- Moved from Madisonville to Bryan and set up two-way carrier: first two-way radio presence in the area

## Rich Rychetsky (W5SON)

- Brian and I are testing C4FM/System Fusion on the W5BCS repeater
  - Got a new Yaesu HT radio
  - Feel free to join in!
- If you're carrying an HT, how do you do carry it without it getting in the way?
- N5ZKF: I have a hot spot and would love to join in!

## David Bailey (K5DKB)

- I carry Tidradio TD-H3
  - USB-C chargeable
  - Cheap! It's not the end of the world if it gets lost or walks off!
- On the side of my backpack
- 3 radios that I carry each day:
  - Tidradio H8
    - Bluetooth programmable
  - Baofeng DM-32 DMR radio
  - Baofeng BF-F8HP Pro
    - Puts out 12 W
    - Made by American branch of Baofeng: better QA
    - V85 Antenna is the best cheap antenna I've used

## Phil Gates (N5ZKF)

- In my daily carry:
  - Name-brand HT, digital-capable
  - Handheld scanner for local and neighboring county frequencies
  - Spare batteries for receiver and HT
  - Spare higher-gain antenna
  - SMA-to-BNC Adapter
  - Amateur Radio "greeting card"

- Other gear in the car: other radios/scanners, HF ground vertical antenna, etc.

## Buy / Sell

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### Rich Rychetsky (W5SON)

- Lightly used FT-60 available for sale since I've upgraded
- [Good on QRZ](#)
- Can bring it to the meeting on Saturday

### Jeff McDowell (KI5CES)

- Selling Ultimax DXtreme Long-wire antenna
- Asking \$50
- W5XMR: I'm interested! Power rating?
  - N5ZKF: 2 KW
  - Will get in touch after net

## Closing Remarks

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- Visit us online at [w5bcs.radio](http://w5bcs.radio).
- Have a care for the Menefee family