

Jul 2025 Club Meeting Minutes

date

2025-07-19

convened

09:32

adjourned

10:35

Officers

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

Attendees (24)

Quorum attained!

- David Bailey (K5DKB)
- Gary Baldwin (KF5ZRT)
- Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)
- Roseanne Cunningham (KC5FGG)
- Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)
- Ron Hambric (N5SBN)
- Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)
- Marilyn Kingman (KE5VOT)
- Garrett Martin (W5HVS)
- Russ McDonald (KL2PB)
- Ray Meech (WA5IWB)
- Rick Pfeil (W4RDP)
- Bill Preston (KZ3G)
- Larry Shiver (KJ5KFU)
- Elizabeth Shutt (KJ5IDP)

- Jason Shutt (KI5LGO)
- Brad Snyder (W5BLS)
- Mike Streiff (KJ5EEV)
- Richard Taylor (KJ5LXI)
- Harold Turbyfill (KG5SDG)
- David Snyder
- Kimber Pfeil 🐾
- Daniel Rodriguez
- Thomas Sanborn (KJ5DAA)

Officer Reports

President

David Bailey (K5DKB)

bryanarc.org Suspended

- Old club website, bryanarc.org, is no longer active
- Official club website is w5bcs.radio (and has been for a while)
- This has been a source of confusion for a long time
- Club looking to acquire bryanarc.org and redirect it to w5bcs.radio

W5BCS has been the victim of a crime

- Theft in the amount of between \$1,000 and \$1,200
- Some of the items on the swap table have disappeared without someone paying for them
 - Two Begali keys
 - 150 ft roll of new RG-8U coax cable
 - RadioSport headset
- Evidence points heavily towards the perpetrator being a member of the club
 - Specific window of time the items went missing
 - Only club members were in the building at the time
- Items were used, so hard to place an actual value on them
- The club was offering them for sale at a significant discount
- No police report filed
 - No way to know exactly who
 - Items were not insured
 - Headset and coax have no identification
 - Unlikely to show up in a pawn shop

Vice-President

Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)

- Thanks, everyone, who was here for Field Day!
 - Especially our volunteers!
 - Received good suggestions in our post-event recap committee meeting
- Hats and other apparel with club logo available from HamThreads.com
 - “All prices include a logo and call sign embroidered on your selected hat, shirt, vest, or jacket”

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

ARRL Field Day 2025 Points

Entry received at: 2025-06-29 18:12:43

Call Used: W5BCS
ARRL/RAC Section: STX
Class: 2A
Participants: 65
Club/Group Name: Bryan Amateur Radio Club
Power Source(s): Generator, Battery
Power Multiplier: 2X

Preliminary Total Score: 1,902

Bonus Points: 1,270

100% emergency power	200
Media Publicity	100
Public location	100
Public information table	100
Formal message to ARRL SM/SEC	100
Formal messages handled (10 x 10, max of 100)	100
Natural power QSOs completed	100
Site visit by invited served agency	100
Educational activity	100

Youth participation (1 x 20, max of 100)	20
Safety officer	100
Social media	100
Entry submitted via web	50

Score Summary:

	CW	Phone	Total
Total QSOs	79	158	
Total Points	158	158	316

Claimed Score = (QSO points x power mult) = 632

Band/Mode QSO Breakdown:

	CW	Phone
160m		2
40m	42	17
20m	24	105
15m	13	27
10m		7
TOTAL	79	158

Treasurer

Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)

Last Month's Statement

- Starting balance: \$9,654.11
- Income: \$3,043
 - \$10 - Club merchandise sales
 - \$165 - VE exam fees
 - \$15 - Club Dues
 - \$318 - Field Day meals, raffle
 - \$2,535 - Silent Key sales
- Disbursements: \$714.72
 - \$60.01 - Meat for Field Day
 - \$39.98 - Power Pole distribution block for Field Day
 - \$30.50 - Band plan posters for Field Day literature table
 - \$13.10 - USPS postage to return Elecraft cables (we found the missing ones)
 - \$19.47 - Netflix for movie night
 - \$54.41 - Groceries for Field Day from HEB
 - \$88.44 - Groceries for Field Day from Sam's Club
 - \$93.81 - Pizza for Field Day

- \$165 - VE exam fees to ARRL
- \$150 - Cleaning fee to American Legion for Field Day
- Ending balance: \$11,982.39

Field Day Breakdown

Came out in the negative this year (by \$247.89)

- Income: \$328
 - \$148 - raffle ticket sales
 - \$170 - meal donations (much less on usual)
 - \$10 - club merchandise sales
- Expenses: \$575.89
 - \$109.95 - radio for raffle
 - \$202.86 - food for pulled pork supper
 - \$93.81 - Pizza
 - \$150 - cleaning fee to American Legion

But thankfully, sales from the swap table (\$2,470) helped to cover for this

Potential Kit Build Idea

- Fused Anderson PowerPole distribution block
- From Ham Radio Workbench: <https://www.hamradioworkbench.com/dc-power-strip.html>
- \$49.95 from DigiKey
- Would be a fun club build project!
 - About a dozen interested people here
 - Will send out a club communication from HamClubOnline with a link to pay

Club Merchandise

- Winter Field Day 2023 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

Brazos County ARES Meeting

Ron Hambric (N5SBN)

- [Monthly ARES meeting](#) is coming up
- Monday, 2025-07-21 18:30
- American Red Cross, 4244 Boonville Rd, Bryan [[Google Maps](#)]
- Topic: Delivering messages to family outside of the area
- Take a look at [Winlink](#)
 - Don't have to have a radio/TNC to use; can send using the Internet

Robertson County ARES

Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)

- Interesting event this past week's net: Crossroads net was using same frequency as W5KVN repeater
 - Propagation shut us down
- Regroup on [KD5DLW Tabor Repeater](#)
- [Nets](#) every Thursday 20:00
- [Monthly meeting](#) every 2nd Saturday, 2025-08-09

RACES

Rick Pfeil (W4RDP)

- RELLIS building antennas have been tested
 - Used DPS Winlink system
- HF radios are in
- Room is still being set up
 - Still need coax whips from bus to radios
 - Dual-band radios have not come in yet
- Could be operational now with some personal equipment
- Staging center on standby for flooding in East Texas

Leon/Madison County ARES

Larry Shiver (KJ5KFU)

- Christmas in July: new equipment (lost a lot to a bad lightning strike)

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 **Brad Snyder (W5BLS)**:

to adjourn the meeting

Seconded by Mike Streiff (KJ5EEV).

Outcome: *passes unanimously*

Next Meeting

2025-08-16 09:30 at American Legion Post 159