

# 2025-07-22 Net Minutes

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20:00

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20:42

## Check-ins (30)

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- Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)
- Joe Napoli (KG5SDF)
- Bill Rose (K5WTR)
- Avery McIntosh (N7ALM)
- Vic Pears (KX8V)
- Rich Rychetsky (W5SON)
- Brad Snyder (W5BLS)
- Curtis Pool (KD5HEY)
- Ken Wilson (KE5DFR)
- Ron Hambric (N5SBN)
- John Walpole (K5ZY)
- Kevin Walton (N4RMF)
- Don Ling (WB5CK0)
- Dick Zimmer (W5DZ)
- Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)
- Troyce Wilson (KC5CBI)
- John Graesser (KC5DWD)
- Ron Estes (KJ5EF0)
- Roseanne Cunningham (KC5FGG)
- Thomas Sanborn (KJ5DAA)
- David Bailey (K5DKB)
- Harold Turbyfill (KG5SDG)
- Jason Shutt (KI5LGO)
- Russ McDonald (KL2PB)
- Brian Gaskamp (N5WCT)
- Matt Robinson (W5XMR)
- Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)

- Phil Gates (N5ZKF)
- Mike Streiff (KJ5EEV)
- Elizabeth Shutt (KJ5IDP)

## Opening Remarks

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- Last call: Henry Menefee (W5RAS) /SK
  - Passed away this Saturday, 2025-07-19
  - Amateur Extra operator
  - Served in the Navy during WW2 on a WW1 sub
  - Got back to Texas as fast as he could
  - Met Joyce; married 71 years until her death in 2021
  - Heavy Equipment company
  - 2-way radio telephone service
  - Fundamental to founding W5BCS, and a faithful member
  - Will be dearly missed!
  - “Now operating on a band with a much lower noise floor”

## Officer Reports

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### President

*David Bailey (K5DKB)*

- Condolences for the Menefees
  - 71 years! congrats to him
- Good to see everyone at the meeting

### Vice-President

*Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)*

- Good meeting Saturday

### Secretary

*Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)*

- Minutes will be sent out after the net.
- Heart goes out to the Menefee family

- Henry helped me when I was a budding ham

## Treasurer

Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)

- 77 members
- Bank balance: \$11,984.40
- Next ham license exam 2025-08-16 11:00
  - After W5BCS meeting
  - Be sure to bring your FRN
  - Successful test session at last meeting: new technician!
  - Thank you to Volunteer Examiners who helped!
- Henry will be a sad loss for the club
  - Didn't know him well myself, but I know there are many who knew him

## Announcements / Comments

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Question #233 for conversation: *What are your favorite memories of Henry Menefee (W5RAS)?*

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

### Joe Napoli (KG5SDF)

- I know of a few young people who are going to be ready to take the test. When is it?
  - Saturday, 2025-08-16 11:00 after the meeting

### Ron Hambric (N5SBN)

- Will miss Henry
- I remember him being there with the Submariners
- [CEOC visit](#) this Friday, 2025-07-25 09:00
  - Will be monitoring W5BCS repeater (we've switched due to 400 MHz interference)

### Don Ling (WB5CKO)

- Henry had a 60' tower, and I've purchased it to help the family out
- I have a gin pole and rope, but I need some help disassembling the tower
- [wb5cko@arrl.net](mailto:wb5cko@arrl.net), (979) 229-9124 *mobile*

## Dick Zimmer (W5DZ)

- Spent a lot of time with Henry in the early days
- He built the first W5BCS repeater and gave it to us
- Antenna is in basically the same place today (Charlie Culver's shop)
- Still have the same Wacom duplexers
- He will be missed!

## Bill Rose (K5WTR)

- Henry kept me on the radio; I almost quit
  - Got my license and was disappointed that not many people wanted to talk about electronics
- Got to be very good friends with him
- Talk to his son Allen Menefee (KD5MMH) every night on the 146.490 rag chew

## John Walpole (K5ZY)

- When I first got my ham license, Henry was the first person I talked to
- Invited me to his house and gave me a Kenwood TS-700 base station
  - Was on his roof pressure-washing his roof
- Used to watch *The Virginian* with him and his wife

## Don Ling (WB5CKO)

- Wacom cavities are the gold standard for 2-way repeater business
- The first ones were made of aluminum, and they would de-tune every time the weather changed
- The one time Henry refused to help he gave them 3 warnings
  - re-tuning cavity duplexers
- Climbed his tower to adjust his TV antenna at 95 years old

## Phil Gates (N5ZKF)

- Henry helped me in my early days, 1992-ish
- Always monitoring the repeater throughout the day for conversation and help
- Amateur radio is designed to be self-policing, and Henry would respectfully call folks on the phone to help them be better operators
- Used to live in Rainbow Acres (southern part of Brazos County)
  - Moved to northern part of the county
  - Disassembled part of his home (took the roof), moved entire house, and reassembled
- Would talk and have a good time with just about anyone

- Brought some magazines to share with American Legion Submariners
- Articles about WW1 sub he served on, names of those with whom he served
- Was also an honorary member of the W5BCS club

## Closing Remarks

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- Visit us online at [w5bcs.radio](http://w5bcs.radio).