

# 2025-07-29 Net Minutes

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20:00

closed

20:27

## Check-ins (29)

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- Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)
- Jeff McDowell (KI5CES)
- Ken Wilson (KE5DFR)
- Paul Bilke (KF5WGJ)
- Brian Gaskamp (N5WCT)
- Bill Rose (K5WTR)
- Curtis Pool (KD5HEY)
- Don Ling (WB5CK0)
- Ron Hambric (N5SBN)
- Garrett Martin (W5HVS)
- Brad Snyder (W5BLS)
- Russ McDonald (KL2PB)
- Dick Zimmer (W5DZ)
- Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)
- Troyce Wilson (KC5CBI)
- Mike Wisby (KA5HIA)
- Ron Estes (KJ5EF0)
- David Bailey (K5DKB)
- Roseanne Cunningham (KC5FGG)
- John Graesser (KC5DWD)
- Robert Carter (NC5R)
- Joe Napoli (KG5SDF)
- Harold Turbyfill (KG5SDG)
- Mike Mertes (KZ5M)
- Emery Hyden (K5OW0)
- Matt Robinson (W5XMR)
- Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)

- Phil Gates (N5ZKF)
- Robert Grigsby (KB5RAG)

# Officer Reports

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## President

*David Bailey (K5DKB)*

- Stay cool: it's going to be hot the next few days!

## Vice-President

*Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)*

- Yup, weather's getting hot!

## Secretary

*Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)*

- Minutes will be sent out after the net.
- I recall hearing about "phase change materials" a while ago that might be helpful in the heat...
  - Melting things (solid-to-liquid) hold a constant temperature until everything is melted
  - PCM vests contain a combo of special salts and water that has freezing/melting point at 65°F, so it will stay at that temperature for a long time even in the heat.

## Treasurer

*Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)*

- 77 members
- Bank balance: \$11,984.40
- Next license exam: 2025-08-16 11:00 after W5BCS meeting
  - Make sure you have your FRN
- This coming Thursday, 2025-07-31, is a 5th Thursday, which means it is Kolache Thursday
  - W5BCS provides Kolaches for Veteran's Coffee and Donuts event
  - 08:00 American Legion Post 159

# Announcements / Comments

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Question #234 for conversation: *What stories do you have about VHF band openings?*

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

## Ron Hambric (N5SBN)

- CEOC visit this Friday
  - 2025-08-01 09:00
  - Call us on *W5BCS* if you're late
- Coming Monday will be First Monday of August
  - American Red Cross, Boonville Rd
  - 2025-08-05 18:30

## Matt Robinson (W5XMR)

- Part 90 UHF repeater at RELLIS
- Couldn't use it due to multiple incoming signals (-80 dB)
  - Digital and voice!
- Extreme amount of skip going on!

## Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)

- Very early memory, so it's a bit fuzzy...
- One of the first contests I helped out with (Field Day? TX QSO party?)
- Worked South America on 6 m or 10 m: Bolivia? maybe Brazil?

## Phil Gates (N5ZKF)

- Quite a band opening this morning
  - Hearing so many packets coming in from everywhere, covering each other up
    - Very few good decodes
  - Able to talk to someone in Winnie, TX, (140 mi) on VHF calling frequency
  - Also heard:
    - Dallas
    - Louisiana
    - Texas Gulf Coast (with talk of communications to Brownsville)
- Ducting opens up with hot temperature and moisture
  - Feels uncomfortably warm, in fact the NWS is forecasting triple digits this week
  - Stay cool and hydrated!
- Update on the Tropics:

- Only a few named storms in the Atlantic, but the Pacific has been very busy:
  - Watching 3 areas with high chance of development in coming days
  - Tropical storm Keli southeast of Hawaii
  - Hurricane Iona south of Hawaii

## Closing Remarks

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