

2025-08-05 Net Minutes

opened

20:00

closed

20:34

Check-ins (28)

- Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)
- Bill Rose (K5WTR)
- Avery McIntosh (N7ALM)
- Joe Napoli (KG5SDF)
- Ken Wilson (KE5DFR)
- Brad Snyder (W5BLS)
- Don Ling (WB5CK0)
- Larry Shiver (KJ5KFU)
- Brian Gaskamp (N5WCT)
- Paul Bilke (KF5WGJ)
- Kevin Walton (N4RMF)
- Dick Zimmer (W5DZ)
- Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)
- Robert Grigsby (KB5RAG)
- David Bailey (K5DKB)
- Thomas Sanborn (KJ5DAA)
- John Graesser (KC5DWD)
- Roseanne Cunningham (KC5FGG)
- Robert Carter (NC5R)
- Ron Hambric (N5SBN)
- Harold Turbyfill (KG5SDG)
- Rich Rychetsky (W5SON)
- Russ McDonald (KL2PB)
- Emery Hyden (K5OW0)
- Matt Robinson (W5XMR)
- Phil Gates (N5ZKF)
- Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)

- James Rosser (AA5W)

Officer Reports

President

David Bailey (K5DKB)

- After the July meeting
- WA5IWB donated a solar Meshtastic node to the club
 - Has been installed in Downtown Bryan
 - Look for [W5BCS-1](#) on the mesh!
 - Line of sight to W5AC's node on the O&M building

Vice-President

Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)

- Hopefully you got some of the rain from yesterday
 - It dried up really quick!

Secretary

Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)

- Minutes will be sent out after the net.
- I can see the [W5BCS-1](#) node right now!
- Planning to add a section for new folks (newly licensed, new to the area) to check in ahead of others
 - Recommended at some point by someone... W5AC? N4RMF?

Treasurer

Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)

- 77 members
- Bank balance: \$11,869.42
- Next [Ham License Exam](#)
 - 2025-08-16 11:00 after Club Meeting
 - American Legion Post 159, 101 Waco St, Bryan [[Google Maps](#)]
 - If you're planning to take the Technician exam, you must apply for a [FCC Registration Number \(FRN\)](#)

- Will need volunteer examiners to assist
- [Robertson County ARES Meeting](#) this weekend
 - Saturday 2025-08-09
 - Volunteer Fire Station on Glass St, [[Google Maps](#)]

Announcements / Comments

Question #235 for conversation: *Which transceiver do you use the most? Why?*

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

Ron Hambric (N5SBN)

- [CEOC visit](#) this Friday, 09:00
 - 821-1012 or on 146.680 MHz FM (W5BCS) repeater
- [Brazos County ARES \(N5BRZ\) Net](#) Tonight
- 20:30 or after this W5BCS net

Joe Napoli (KG5SDF)

- Yaesu FT-710
- Only HF transceiver that I have.

Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)

- Like a camera, the best radio is the one you have with you...
 - In my case, usually my humble Baofeng HT
 - Close second: Icom IC-746, what I'm using now (works on 2m)

Don Ling (WB5CKO)

- I'm an Icom guy...
 - IC-230, IC-211, IC-221, IC-706 Mk2KG, etc.
- Also some Kenwood and Yaesu rigs...
- Use IC-706MKIIG the most

Brian Gaskamp (N5WCT)

- I also have a IC-706MKIIG and love it
 - Ahead of its time!
- 6m was open yesterday and I worked 13 grids in about 30 mins!
 - Tennessee, Kentucky, Georgia

Robert Carter (NC5R)

- Thanks, WB5CK0, for talking long enough to let me roll the trash out :-)
- Glad to hear KG5LYE is getting good use of the IC-746!
 - Got a lot of help with it from so many folks
 - Brings back a lot of good memories
- Currently on my Kenwood TH-D75
 - 100% accessible: all menus spoken
- Kenwood TM-D750 Mobile radio coming out that should also be fully accessible

Buy / Sell

Matt Robinson (W5XMR)

- I'll have a table at the [huge gun show](#) in Bryan this weekend
 - Legends Event Center at Midtown Park [[Google Maps](#)]
 - Lots of HT Antennas for sale there
 - About \$15 each, performance guaranteed
 - Other miscellaneous cheap handhelds, kits, etc.
 - \$17.07 event admission

Closing Remarks

- Visit us online at w5bcs.radio.