

2025-08-12 Net Minutes

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20:00

closed

20:44

Check-ins (27)

- Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)
- Don Ling (WB5CK0)
- Paul Bilke (KF5WGJ)
- Brad Snyder (W5BLS)
- Brian Gaskamp (N5WCT)
- Avery McIntosh (N7ALM)
- Ken Wilson (KE5DFR)
- Curtis Pool (KD5HEY)
- Jason Shutt (KI5LGO)
- Elizabeth Shutt (KJ5IDP)
- Kevin Walton (N4RMF)
- Bill Preston (KZ3G)
- Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)
- Thomas Sanborn (KJ5DAA)
- Mike Wisby (KA5HIA)
- David Bailey (K5DKB)
- Roseanne Cunningham (KC5FGG)
- Dick Zimmer (W5DZ)
- Ron Estes (KJ5EFO)
- Brandon Bartlett (KG5LYN)
- Joe Napoli (KG5SDF)
- Rich Rychetsky (W5SON)
- Ron Hambric (N5SBN)
- Matt Robinson (W5XMR)
- Phil Gates (N5ZKF)
- Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)
- Mike Mertes (KZ5M)

Officer Reports

President

David Bailey (K5DKB)

- [Monthly club meeting](#) this weekend
 - 2025-08-16 09:30
 - American Legion Post 159, 101 Waco St, Bryan [[Google Maps](#)]
 - No confirmation yet from presenter, but hopefully something in the works!

Vice-President

Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)

- Realization: the “lazy days” of summer are the “too hot to do anything outdoors” days

Secretary

Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)

- Minutes will be sent out after the net.
- It is definitely unpleasantly hot out...

Treasurer

Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)

- 78 members
- Bank balance: \$11,869.42
- Next [license exam](#) after meeting
 - 2025-08-16 11:00
 - If you're taking the technician exam, you'll need an FCC Registration Number (FRN)
 - See the [quickstart](#) for more info
 - Still need more volunteer examiners: only one signed up so far

Announcements / Comments

Question #236 for conversation: *New transceivers: new radios will be hitting the market soon. Are there any that you have your eye on?*

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

Ron Hambric (N5SBN)

- [CEOC visit](#) Friday 09:00
- If you're late, no problem!
 - Call 821-1012 or on [W5BCS repeater](#)
- [ARES meeting](#) this coming Monday
 - 2025-08-18
 - American Red Cross
 - Setting up HF rig for digital operations

Ron Estes (KJ5EF0)

- KHGX radar taken offline for maintenance
- KGRK suits the Brazos Valley area better anyway

Don Ling (WB5CK0)

- Perseids Meteor Shower peaks tonight
- 100 meteors per hour
 - Moon might be too bright to see them, though
 - From NE to NW
- Mainly after midnight
- Opportunity to work meteor scatter
 - Point your antenna to the North
 - Bands: 6m, 2m, 70 cm
 - Modes: SSB, FM

Brian Gaskamp (N5WCT)

- ISS made some good passes over the weekend
- Made contact with Mexico through ISS repeater Saturday 17:00
- Heard a station from Cuba this morning

David Bailey (K5DKB)

- Recalled presentation from Winter Field Day in January
- VHF satellites are being turned off and moved to less-traveled orbit:
 - NOAA 18 decommissioned earlier this year
 - NOAA 15 decommissioned today
 - NOAA 19 to be decommissioned next Tuesday, 2025-08-19
- All American satellites will be gone :-(

- Russian Satellites will still be available
 - Less predictable

Matt Robinson (W5XMR)

- Will be able to give GMRS presentation after this weekend's meeting
- Hopefully my son will be getting his license as well!

Buy / Sell

David Bailey (K5DKB)

- They're turning off my satellites, and I'm looking to expand my capabilities to use GOES satellites
- Need a **dish antenna (old small satellite TV antenna)**
- If you have one or see one lying around, please let me know: k5dkb@outlook.com

Ken Wilson (KE5DFR)

- I've upgraded to a new radio and am looking to sell my **Kenwood TS-480HX**
 - 6 m plus HF
 - all-mode
 - 200 W
- Let me know if you're interested: ke5dfr@gmail.com

Information Exchange

Joe Napoli (KG5SDF)

- Need a ride to the meeting on Saturday
- I live close to Deacon Dr and Wellborn Rd [[Google Maps](#)]
- Call or text me: (979) 219-6883

Don Ling (WB5CK0)

- Selling a Hy-Gain 2-element beam TH-5 Mk2 (10/15/20 m)
 - Asking \$50
- Also have 60' Rohn tower, concrete base, put in by W5RAS (so you know it was done right!)
 - Need someone to help climb it and take it down

- Contact me at wb5cko@arrl.net

Closing Remarks

- Visit us online at w5bcs.radio.