

2025-08-19 Net Minutes

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20:00

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Check-ins (31)

- Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)
- Bill Rose (K5WTR)
- Vic Pears (KX8V)
- Brandon Bartlett (KG5LYN)
- Avery McIntosh (N7ALM)
- Don Ling (WB5CK0)
- Curtis Pool (KD5HEY)
- Ken Wilson (KE5DFR)
- Brad Snyder (W5BLS)
- Jared Cleere (KJ5KGD)
- Ron Hambric (N5SBN)
- Patrick Zapalac (KJ5ATR)
- Brian Gaskamp (N5WCT)
- Kevin Walton (N4RMF)
- David Hyden (KJ5MDC)
- Bill Preston (KZ3G)
- Dick Zimmer (W5DZ)
- John Graesser (KC5DWD)
- Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)
- Ron Estes (KJ5EFO)
- Mike Wisby (KA5HIA)
- David Bailey (K5DKB)
- Joe Napoli (KG5SDF)
- Rich Rychetsky (W5SON)
- Emery Hyden (K5OW0)
- Tom Talley (W5XTT)
- Matt Robinson (W5XMR)

- Travis Scott (KI5TMS)
- Phil Gates (N5ZKF)
- Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)
- Mike Mertes (KZ5M)

Opening Remarks

- **Last Call:** Ray Meech (WA5IWB) /SK
 - Regular in the club and at ham fests
 - Amateur Extra
 - US Air Force Veteran
 - Secure communications
 - Enjoyed CW operations, satellites, balloon tracking, and Digital modes
 - Will be missed: please keep the family in your thoughts and prayers!

Officer Reports

President

David Bailey (K5DKB)

- Thanks to all who came to our meeting
- Excellent presentation by Matt Robinson (W5XMR)
- About a month ago, the late Ray Meech (WA5IWB) donated a Meshtastic node to the club (W5BCS-1)
 - Received another node from him and Gary Baldwin (KF5ZRT)
 - Installed as W5BCS-2 on the east side of town
 - Plan to install a third node on the west side of town soon
 - Preliminary plans to put one on the south side as well

Vice-President

Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)

- Will be starting prep for Winter Field Day soon
 - Stay tuned: volunteers needed for planning committee

Secretary

Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)

- Minutes will be sent out after the net.

Treasurer

Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)

- 78 members
- Bank balance: \$12,270.72
- Next Ham License Exam 2025-09-20 11:00
 - Be sure to have your FCC Registration Number (FRN)

Announcements / Comments

Question #237 for conversation: *Remembering Ray Meech (WA5IWB) /SK... Alternatively, do you use HamClock or Geochron?*

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

Ron Hambric (N5SBN)

- ARES meeting last night
- Exercised HF radio equipment
- [CEOC visit](#) this Friday, 2025
 - (979) 821-1010 or 146.680 MHz FM (W5BCS) repeater

Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)

- Will miss seeing Ray at the meeting
- Fondly remembered him coordinating picoballoon launches
 - Especially the one that ended up not happening at Winter Field Day

Emery Hyden (K50W0)

- HamClock was the first piece of software I set up, and I use it every day!
- [Tailscale](#) allows you to connect to it remotely

Mike Wisby (KA5HIA)

- Echoing Lorna's sentiments
- Will miss Ray and his efforts to support the club and Amateur Radio in general all over the state
- Remember traveling south to watch another balloon launch

Phil Gates (N5ZKF)

- Recall hearing about Geochron
- Loved presentation at the meeting
- I've also seen HamClock demoed and finally have it running
 - Old Dell workstation from a flea market
 - Put Linux (openSUSE Leap) on it
 - Compiled HamClock to run within that
 - Still need a better monitor for it, but it's good enough for now

Closing Remarks

- Visit us online at w5bcs.radio.