

# Aug 2025 Club Meeting Minutes

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**date**

2025-08-16

**convened**

09:30

**adjourned**

10:28

## Officers

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- **President:** David Bailey (K5DKB) *present*
- **Vice President:** Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG) *present*
- **Secretary:** Matthew Barry (KG5LYE) *present*
- **Treasurer:** Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ) *present*

## Attendees (30)

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*Quorum attained!*

- David Bailey (K5DKB)
- Gary Baldwin (KF5ZRT)
- Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)
- Paul Bilke (KF5WGJ)
- Roseanne Cunningham (KC5FGG)
- Ron Estes (KJ5EF0)
- Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)
- Phil Gates (N5ZKF)
- Robert Grigsby (KB5RAG)
- Ron Hambric (N5SBN)
- Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)
- Jim Laird (KF5YY)
- Garrett Martin (W5HVS)
- Russ McDonald (KL2PB)

- Bob O'Connell (KC5DWB)
- Rick Pfeil (W4RDP)
- Bill Preston (KZ3G)
- Matt Robinson (W5XMR)
- Rich Rychetsky (W5SON)
- Thomas Sanborn (KJ5DAA)
- Elizabeth Shutt (KJ5IDP)
- Jason Shutt (KI5LGO)
- Brad Snyder (W5BLS)
- Harold Turbyfill (KG5SDG)
- John Walker (W1JCW)
- Mike Wisby (KA5HIA)
- Nathan Wood
- David Snyder
- Kane Robinson
- Kimber Pfeil 🐾

## Officer Reports

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### President

*David Bailey (K5DKB)*

- “Ways to increase participation at meetings: enjoy the carnival!”
  - Just kidding...
- Ray Meech (WA5IWB) /SK
  - Passed away Sunday night, 2025-08-10 at his home in Brenham
  - His wishes: Have a party instead of a funeral
  - Sometime in November; will share info as it becomes available
- Club build: fused Power Pole DC distribution box
  - lots of interest
  - We are on the calendar for November
    - Post was not available September or October
  - Cost will be about \$52 per kit
    - Note: due to cost, we are not planning to order extras
  - Sign-up and payment will be sent out via email
- Radio in the Park
  - Usually done in October after club meeting
  - Would there be interest in doing a club Parks on the Air (POTA) activation?
    - Might have lower turnout

- (Show of hands) still good interest from members
- Closest park *with facilities* is Washington on the Brazos
- Washington County Radio Club would be interested in playing radio, too
- Semi-related side note: Crossroads Ham Radio Club is expanding
  - Seen activating Huntsville State Park
  - Corpus Christi, up the coast and inland
  - Network of connected repeaters
- Should we try to purchase the [bryanarc.org](http://bryanarc.org) domain?
  - Still in print, shows up on Google, etc.
  - Currently suspended but due to expire 2025-10-09
  - Can pay GoDaddy \$100 to seek to acquire it (from themselves) on our behalf
    - Might trigger the current owner to renew it rather than let us obtain it

**Motion by Rick Pfeil (W4RDP):**

*to set aside up to \$150 to obtain [bryanarc.org](http://bryanarc.org) and provides up to \$100/yr to maintain ownership*

*Seconded by Matt Robinson (W5XMR).*

**Outcome:** *passes unanimously*

## Vice-President

*Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)*

- Radio in the (Washington on the Brazos State) Park (on the Air) in October
- Build in November
- Stay tuned for committee emails

## Secretary

*Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)*

## Approval of Minutes

- Hearing no corrections, minutes stand approved as sent out
- Minutes from this meeting will be sent out later today

## Treasurer

*Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)*

- 78 members

## Last Month's Statement

- Starting balance: \$11,982.39
- Income: \$210
  - \$15 - VE fees
  - \$15 - dues
  - \$180 - in silent key sales
- Disbursements: \$322.97
  - \$192.99 - Tuner for use at Field Day
  - \$15 - exam fees to ARRL
  - \$114.98 - Kolaches for Veteran's Coffee
- Ending balance: \$11,869.42

Note: Next Veteran's coffee will be at end of October

## Club Merchandise

- Winter Field Day 2023 stickers: \$2
- Club logo pins (limited): \$3
- Club logo stickers: \$2
- Club logo window clings: \$2
- Club logo patches: \$5
- Club logo keychains: \$2

## Membership Renewals

Membership can be renewed in any of the following ways:

- online at [Ham Club Online](#)
- request PayPal invoice via email
- mail in cash or check (PO Box 4442, Bryan, TX 77805-4442)
- bring cash or check in-person at a meeting

## Other Business

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### Brazos County ARES

*Ron Hambric (N5SBN)*

- Monday, 2025-08-18
- Meeting at Red Cross Building
- Working with radio station there

# Robertson County ARES

*Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)*

- Firestation on Glass St in Franklin
- Next topic: Cross-band repeaters

## RACES

*Mike Wisby (KA5HIA)*

- Meetings at RELLIS on Wednesdays
- Radio room still

## SKYWARN

*Ron Estes (KJ5EF0)*

- First atlantic hurricane: Erin
- “Nothing to see here, folks”

## Books for Giveaway

*KJ5FGG*

- Free books: Manuals, ARRL publications

## Voyager Probe

Ken Wilson (KE5DFR)

- Currently 1 light day away

## Health and Welfare / Good of the Order

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- If anyone needs help with anything please reach out to the club. You can contact any of the officers at:
  - [officers@w5bcs.radio](mailto:officers@w5bcs.radio)
- Visit us online at [w5bcs.radio](http://w5bcs.radio)

## Closing

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**Motion by Mike Wisby (KA5HIA):**

*to adjourn the meeting*

*Seconded by Ken Wilson (KE5DFR).*

**Outcome:** *passes unanimously*

## Next Meeting

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2025-09-20 09:30 at American Legion Post 159

## After-Meeting Presentation

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*License-Free and Easy License Bands (FRS, GMRS, MURS)* by Matt Robinson (W5XMR)