

2025-08-26 Net Minutes

opened

20:00

closed

20:39

Check-ins (34)

- Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)
- Don Ling (WB5CK0)
- Avery McIntosh (N7ALM)
- Ron Hambric (N5SBN)
- Ken Wilson (KE5DFR)
- James Warmuth (KJ5HMQ)
- Brad Snyder (W5BLS)
- Jason Shutt (KI5LGO)
- Elizabeth Shutt (KJ5IDP)
- Rich Rychetsky (W5SON)
- Vic Pears (KX8V)
- Robert Grigsby (KB5RAG)
- Larry Shiver (KJ5KFU)
- Brandon Roberrson (KJ5JWV)
- Curtis Pool (KD5HEY)
- Joe Napoli (KG5SDF)
- Paul Bilke (KF5WGJ)
- Bill Rose (K5WTR)
- Kevin Walton (N4RMF)
- Dick Zimmer (W5DZ)
- Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)
- Mike Streiff (KJ5EEV)
- Mike Wisby (KA5HIA)
- Ron Estes (KJ5EF0)
- David Bailey (K5DKB)
- Bill Preston (KZ3G)
- Harold Turbyfill (KG5SDG)

- Rick Pfeil (W4RDP)
- Matt Robinson (W5XMR)
- Phil Gates (N5ZKF)
- Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)
- Brandon Bartlett (KG5LYN)
- Jonathan Graham (KD5GG)
- David Hyden (KJ5MDC)

Opening Remarks

- Welcome, James Warmuth (KJ5HMQ)
 - Visiting from Victoria to take some classes this week at TEEX
 - Heard about the net from some folks
 - Will be in the area until Thursday and hope to be on the repeaters in the afternoon/evening each day I'm here

Officer Reports

President

David Bailey (K5DKB)

- [Meshtastic](#) update
 - *The mesh grows!*
 - We now have nodes on the west, east, and north sides of town!
 - All labeled “W5BCS”
 - Thanks to those who have donated!

Vice-President

Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)

- Will be starting prep for [Winter Field Day 2026](#)
 - 2026-01-24/25
- Looking for volunteers and ideas to make it a success

Secretary

Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)

- Minutes will be sent out after the net.

Treasurer

Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)

- Bank balance: \$12,350.32
- 78 members
- Next [Ham license exam](#)
 - 2025-09-20 11:00
 - American Legion Post 159, 101 Waco St, Bryan [[Google Maps](#)]
 - Be sure to have your FCC Registration Number (FRN)

Announcements / Comments

Question #238 for conversation: *Ham Radio DIY: what would you most like to build from a kit or learn to build from scratch?*

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

Ron Hambric (N5SBN)

- [CEOC visit](#) this Friday, 09:00
 - Arrive about 10 mins early on sidewalk
 - If you're late, give us a shout on the W5BCS repeater or (979) 821-1012

Ron Estes (KJ5EF0)

- Labor day coming up: might have some rain in the forecast

Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)

- DIY: fused Anderson PowerPole distributor ;-)
 - (we'll be doing this as a club... more info later)
- digital encoders and decoders
 - can be done with SDR or, more interestingly, physical hardware
 - How did they do that with analog circuits back in the day?
 - RTTY, PSK, etc.
 - N5ZKF: [GNU Radio](#) might be a tool to look into

Mike Streiff (KJ5EEV)

- DIY is one of my favorite things to do: putting parts together and seeing

everything work

- Learning to build antennas
- Want to get into baluns and band-pass filters

Paul Bilke (KF5WGJ)

- It's amazing what you can build yourself or with some help from [JLCPCB](#)
- If you can think of it, I'm always game to do it (even if I'm a bit further away now)
- GNU Radio Companion - doing SDR while avoiding the math and code
 - N5ZKF: note, their conference is coming up

Phil Gates (N5ZKF)

- I like building things, but it's been a while since I did anything from scratch
 - Really satisfying!
- I do also enjoy soldering and putting kits together
- Wire antennas, J-pole antennas, etc.

Buy / Sell

Matt Robinson (W5XMR)

- Been making antennas (modifying commercial antennas)
 - Work well on a Baofeng
 - SMA Male connector
- If interested, let me know! I'm [good on QRZ](#)

Closing Remarks

- Visit us online at [w5bcs.radio](#).