

# Sep 2025 Club Meeting Minutes

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**date**

2025-09-20

**convened**

09:30

**adjourned**

10:42

## 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 (29)

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*Quorum attained!*

- David Bailey (K5DKB)
- Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)
- Roseanne Cunningham (KC5FGG)
- Ron Estes (KJ5EF0)
- Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)
- Phil Gates (N5ZKF)
- Ron Hambric (N5SBN)
- Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)
- Garrett Martin (W5HVS)
- Russ McDonald (KL2PB)
- Shawn McGee (KJ5HBA)
- Mike Mertes (KZ5M)
- Joe Napoli (KG5SDF)
- Bob O'Connell (KC5DWB)
- Rick Pfeil (W4RDP)

- Bill Preston (KZ3G)
- Larry Shiver (KJ5KFU)
- Brad Snyder (W5BLS)
- Mike Streiff (KJ5EEV)
- Harold Turbyfill (KG5SDG)
- John Walker (W1JCW)
- Ken Wilson (KE5DFR)
- Mike Wisby (KA5HIA)
- David Snyder
- Bailey Hollis (KJ5CP0)
- Nicholas Pappas
- Nathan Wood (KN4TTV)
- Josh McMillin (KJ5DA0)
- Kimber Pfeil 🐾

# Officer Reports

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## President

*David Bailey (K5DKB)*

- Ruffling off six Meshtastic devices today
  - Don't have to have a license to use these
- Liability insurance has been renewed
- Officer election season is coming
  - Mike Wisby (KA5HIA) has volunteered to lead nomination committee
  - If you'd like to nominate someone (incl. yourself), contact [ka5hia@arrl.net](mailto:ka5hia@arrl.net)
  - Ballot needs to be finalized before November meeting
- Alternate Radio in the Park idea for next month: Parks on the Air activation
  - Washington on the Brazos
  - Has been undergoing some major renovation over the years and is currently closed for continuing renovations
  - Park has typically remained open, except recently (since they were repaving the roads)
  - Supposed to be open again as of yesterday
  - Should be open for our planned activation after our October meeting on 2025-10-18
- [bryanarc.org](http://bryanarc.org) is no longer an option for us... The previous owner has

renewed it for 10 years

## Vice-President

*Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)*

## Winter Field Day

- Scheduled 2026-01-24/25
- Operating “2I South Texas (STX)”
- The “usual suspects” have agreed to do what they normally do
  - Will set up regular committee Zoom meeting
  - Looking for volunteers for setup, welcoming, programs, etc.
  - Mike Wisby (KA5HIA) in charge of safety and antenna setup
    - Note limitations on bands (not 12, 17, 30, or 60 meters)
  - Ron Estes (KJ5EF0) in charge of radio setup
    - Note: do not change any equipment or settings since everything is pre-configured to work together
    - If there are any problems, let someone know
- Change from last year: Logging computers must be on generator power, too.
- W5AC invited
- [Check rules online](#)

## 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)*

- A portion of our money has been moved to a Money Market account with 4.5% APY

## Club Build

- Fused Anderson PowerPole distribution strip
- After November business meeting on 2025-11-15
  - We’ll have a short meeting and move to the main meeting room for

a club kit build

- Kit can be [purchased through the club](#) for \$52.25
  - We'll be putting together a tax-exempt group order
  - This counts as your RSVP (we won't buy extras due to high cost)

## Last Month's Statement

- Starting balance: \$11,869.42
- Income: \$500.90
  - VE fees
  - Dues
  - Refund from Elecraft
  - \$400 – sales from SK equipment
- Disbursements: \$
  - VE fees to ARRL
  - \$300 – club insurance
- Ending balance: \$12,050.32

## 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)*

- [CEOC Visit](#) every Friday 09:00
  - If you arrive late, call on W5BCS repeater
- [Meetings](#) ever 3rd Monday 18:30
  - American Red Cross, 4244 Boonville Rd, Bryan [[Google Maps](#)]

## **N5BRZ CARES**

*Ron Estes (KJ5EF0)*

- 501c3 non-profit funding apparatus for Brazos County ARES
- Be sure to whitelist the [n5brzcares.org](http://n5brzcares.org) domain for emails
- Participating in 7th annual [Brazos Valley Gives](#)
  - Online event to raise money for local non-profits
  - Early giving starts 2025-09-22
  - Main event is 2025-10-21
  - Hoping for enough to put together a mobile communications unit
  - If anyone would be willing to match donations, let me know
- Community Events
  - 2025-10-07 – National Night Out
    - Location TBD
  - 2025-10-11 – Brazos Valley Farmer's Market
    - Post Oak Mall parking lot
    - Will be promoting GMRS
    - [Info page](#)

## **Robertson County ARES**

*Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)*

- [Weekly Nets](#)
  - Thursday 20:00
  - W5KVN repeater in Franklin
- [Meetings](#) every 2nd Saturday 09:30
  - Usually at Franklin Fire station
  - Will be at Post Oak Mall with N5BRZ CARES for Farmer's Market on 2025-10-11

## **Madison/Leon County ARES**

*Larry Shiver (KJ5KFU)*

- Back on the air!

## **RELLIS**

Mike Wisby (KA5HIA)

- Will be doing trainings out there; more info to come
- ARES quarterly meeting
- Grimes County has a new donated trailer

## Free Books

Roseanne Cunningham (KC5FGG)

- 7 books on software-defined radio

## 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 Ken Wilson (KE5DFR):**

*to adjourn the meeting*

*Seconded by John Walker (W1JCW).*

**Outcome:** *passes unanimously*

## Next Meeting

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2025-10-18 09:30 at American Legion Post 159