

# 2025-09-23 Net Minutes

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20:00

**closed**

20:43

## Check-ins (30)

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- Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)
- Curtis Pool (KD5HEY)
- John Walpole (K5ZY)
- Bill Rose (K5WTR)
- Don Ling (WB5CK0)
- Garrett Martin (W5HVS)
- Ron Hambric (N5SBN)
- Joe Napoli (KG5SDF)
- Michael Bobinski (N5NYL)
- Kevin Walton (N4RMF)
- Dick Zimmer (W5DZ)
- Troyce Wilson (KC5CBI)
- John Walker (W1JCW)
- Ken Wilson (KE5DFR)
- Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)
- Brad Snyder (W5BLS)
- Mike Wisby (KA5HIA)
- Ron Estes (KJ5EF0)
- David Bailey (K5DKB)
- Jared Cleere (KJ5KGD)
- Harold Turbyfill (KG5SDG)
- Russ McDonald (KL2PB)
- Emery Hyden (K5OWO)
- Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)
- Phil Gates (N5ZKF)
- Matthew Cadman (KJ5IIF)
- Rich Rychetsky (W5SON)

- Pierre Catala (WA1UAT)
- Roseanne Cunningham (KC5FGG)
- Mike Mertes (KZ5M)

## Officer Reports

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### President

*David Bailey (K5DKB)*

- Not much to report
- Thanks to all who came to the meeting last weekend!

### Vice-President

*Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)*

- Winter Field Day: looking for committee volunteers.
  - Let me know if you're interested
  - [Good on QRZ](#)

### Secretary

*Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)*

- Minutes will be sent out after the net.

### Treasurer

*Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)*

- 78 members
- Bank balance: \$12,020.32
- We had two new Technicians at our Ham License Exam this weekend!
- [Next exam](#) will be 2025-10-18 11:00
  - at American Legion Post 159, 101 Waco St, Bryan [[Google Maps](#)]
  - Be sure to bring your FCC Registration Number (FRN)

## Announcements / Comments

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Question #242 for conversation: *Do you use a computer in your shack? If so, how? What*

*OS and software do you use?*

*(If interested in submitting a weekly question, email [n5zkf@arrl.net](mailto:n5zkf@arrl.net))*

## **Ron Hambric (N5SBN)**

- CEOC Visit on Friday, 2025-09-26 09:00
  - Chance to operate HF digital
  - If you're late, call on the [W5BCS repeater](#)

## **Bill Rose (K5WTR)**

- Old callsign was KC5SCC
- Might be familiar with <https://spaceweather.com> site
- There's also <https://spaceweatherlive.com>
  - You can sign up for free space weather alerts
  - I got an alert this morning about a small flare

## **Ron Estes (KJ5EF0)**

- Brazos Valley Gives fundraiser update:
  - Early giving started yesterday
- Club email sent out with info on how you can help
- Look for green banner at top of <https://n5brzcares.org/>

## **John Walker (W1JCW)**

- Computer in the shack:
  - DX spots
  - Weather conditions and solar activity
  - Logging (Ham Radio Deluxe)
  - Remote control
- [CQ World Wide DX contest](#) is coming up
  - SSB edition 2025-10-25/26
  - CW edition 2025-11-29/30
  - Biggest and best for DX operations
  - Read up and listen in advance
  - All are welcome to stop by
- [Belton HamExpo](#) 2025-10-03/04
  - Bell County Expo Center
  - \$10 admission

## **Matthew Cadman (KJ5IIF)**

- I don't have a shack, but I have several computers in my apartment
  - SDR
  - Portable laptop/radio setup
    - It's an Apple Silicon Macbook Pro
    - Windows 11 ARM edition in a VM using VMWare Fusion (free for personal use)
    - Pass-through USB to WSJTX software
- W5AC first meeting of the semester this Thursday
  - 2025-09-25 19:00
  - Wisenbaker 236C
  - Ham License exam 18:00
  - Special election meeting (vice president had to step down due to time constraints)

## Troyce Wilson (KC5CBI)

- Not much interest in digital modes
- Windows desktop with logging software
- Raspberry Pi Linux machine with HamClock
- Check out my station on [QRZ](#)
- Parks on the Air

## Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)

- More like "ham radios in the computer shack"
- Main workstation in office area: Dual-boot Linux/Windows
  - Icom IC-746
  - digital modes operation
  - decoding CW when I can't keep up
  - Logging (NetLogger)
  - Meshtastic via USB serial
- Old Linux laptop for HF rig in my bedroom
  - Icom IC-7300
  - Similar software setup
  - operating digital modes
- Also have Raspberry Pis and other electronics handy

## Phil Gates (N5ZKF)

- Windows machine
  - NetLogger
  - Notes
- openSUSE Leap machine

- HamClock

## Buy / Sell

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- Living arrangements fell through, so I'm back in College Station
- Picked up a high-gain 10 element 2 m beam antenna
- Not looking to make a profit
- Call 979-777-6834 if interested

## Closing Remarks

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- Visit us online at [w5bcs.radio](http://w5bcs.radio).