

2025-09-30 Net Minutes

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Check-ins (27)

- Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)
- Brian Gaskamp (N5WCT)
- Avery McIntosh (N7ALM)
- Patrick Zapalac (KJ5ATR)
- Larry Shiver (KJ5KFU)
- Bill Rose (K5WTR)
- Don Ling (WB5CK0)
- Ron Hambric (N5SBN)
- Kevin Walton (N4RMF)
- Dick Zimmer (W5DZ)
- Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)
- Bill Preston (KZ3G)
- Mike Wisby (KA5HIA)
- Ron Estes (KJ5EF0)
- David Bailey (K5DKB)
- Elizabeth Shutt (KJ5IDP)
- Joe Napoli (KG5SDF)
- Harold Turbyfill (KG5SDG)
- Michael Bobinski (N5NYL)
- Jason Shutt (KI5LGO)
- Emery Hyden (K5OWO)
- Pierre Catala (WA1UAT)
- Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)
- Phil Gates (N5ZKF)
- Roseanne Cunningham (KC5FGG)
- Troyce Wilson (KC5CBI)
- Lonnie Jacobs (NL5J)

Opening Remarks

- Echolink seems to be having trouble
- Broadcastify live feed is working, but about 30 seconds latency

Officer Reports

President

David Bailey (K5DKB)

- Thanks to everyone for joining us tonight!
- Thanks also to everyone who makes these nets possible!
- Reminder: election season is coming up
 - If you would like to nominate someone (including yourself), please contact Mike Wisby (KA5HIA)

Vice-President

Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)

- Hope everyone is enjoying the weather here
 - Lower humidity makes things feel a lot better!
- Thoughts and prayers to all who are dealing with hurricanes along the east coast

Secretary

Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)

- Minutes will be sent out after the net.

Treasurer

Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)

- 78 members
- Bank balance: \$12,080.32
- Next [License Exam](#)
 - 2025-10-18 11:00
 - Looking for volunteer examiners: let me know if you're available and can help
 - To anyone taking the technician exam: be sure to get your [FCC Registration Number \(FRN\)](#)

Announcements / Comments

Question #243 for conversation: *Time and Money: If you had plenty of both, how would that impact your use of amateur radio?*

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

Ron Hambric (N5SBN)

- [CEOC Visit](#) Friday
 - 2025-10-03 09:00
 - If you're late, call us on the W5BCS repeater
- [N5BRZ net](#) next week
 - 2025-10-07 09:30 (or after W5BCS net)

Bill Rose (K5WTR)

- High level geomagnetic storm came through last night
 - KP level 6 or 7
 - Fortunately, we were on the "dark side" when it hit... Hopefully the folks in Europe and Asia fared well
 - Auroras were visible pretty far south!
- N5ZKF: Reports of bad HF propagation
 - Can interrupt radios, satellites, etc.

Brian Gaskamp (N5WCT)

- Very successful Technician class this past weekend
- 11 in attendance, and all passed the exam
 - 14 years old to 70 years old
 - Previously had 9-year-old pass!
- Planning to do it again next year

Bill Preston (KZ3G)

- If I were to have all the time and money in the world...
 - Buy 100 acres somewhere near College Station
 - Put up as many antennas as we wish
 - Have a shared space for the clubs in the area

Phil Gates (N5ZKF)

- Belton Ham Expo this weekend!

- Bell County Expo Center, Belton, TX [[Google Maps](#)]
- Setup starts Friday afternoon/evening, 2025-10-03
- Opens Saturday morning, 2025-10-04 07:00
- \$10 admission

Closing Remarks

- Last-minute check-in from NetLogger: Lonnie Jacobs (NL5J)
- Visit us online at w5bcs.radio.