

# 2025-10-07 Net Minutes

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## Check-ins (31)

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- Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)
- Avery McIntosh (N7ALM)
- Brandon Bartlett (KG5LYN)
- Larry Shiver (KJ5KFU)
- Brad Snyder (W5BLS)
- Garrett Martin (W5HVS)
- Brian Gaskamp (N5WCT)
- Don Ling (WB5CK0)
- Bill Rose (K5WTR)
- Jason Shutt (KI5LGO)
- Joe Napoli (KG5SDF)
- David Hyden (KJ5MDC)
- Kevin Walton (N4RMF)
- Dick Zimmer (W5DZ)
- Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)
- Bill Preston (KZ3G)
- Ron Estes (KJ5EF0)
- Dominick Adamo, Jr. (KG5JRA)
- David Bailey (K5DKB)
- Roseanne Cunningham (KC5FGG)
- Elizabeth Shutt (KJ5IDP)
- Matthew Cadman (KJ5IIF)
- Russ McDonald (KL2PB)
- Harold Turbyfill (KG5SDG)
- Ron Hambric (N5SBN)
- Michael Bobinski (N5NYL)
- Emery Hyden (K5OW0)

- Matt Robinson (W5XMR)
- Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)
- Phil Gates (N5ZKF)
- John Walpole (K5ZY)

## Officer Reports

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### President

*David Bailey (K5DKB)*

- Within 2 weeks of next meeting
  - Saturday 2025-10-18 09:30
  - American Legion Post 159, 101 Waco St, Bryan [[Google Maps](#)]
- After meeting, we'll head out to Washington on the Brazos
  - (First ever) W5BCS Club Parks on the Air activation
  - Confirmed with the park that the picnic area will be open!
- to N5WCT: we'd be thrilled to have Washington County folks join us!
  - We'll most likely arrive sometime between 11:00 and 12:00

### Vice-President

*Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)*

- Winter Field Day
  - Still looking for volunteers and suggestions for meals and programs
  - If you are interested or have any ideas, contact me at [tomdj56@yahoo.com](mailto:tomdj56@yahoo.com) or [on QRZ](#)

### Secretary

*Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)*

- Minutes will be sent out after the net.
- Looking forward to the meeting

### Treasurer

*Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)*

- 78 members
- Bank balance: \$12,082.92

- Next [ham license exam](#) will be 2025-10-18 11:00 after club meeting
  - If you're taking the Technician Class exam, be sure you have your FCC Registration Number (FRN)!
  - K5WTR: Message from ARRL to bear in mind... Due to gov't shutdown, it might be difficult to get a FRN if you don't have one.

## Announcements / Comments

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Question #244 for conversation: *Have you ever contributed to [citizen science](#) with your ham radio activities?*

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

### Ron Hambric (N5SBN)

- [CEOC visit](#) this Friday 09:00
  - If you're late call on W5BCS repeater
- [ARES net](#) tonight
  - 20:30 or after this net

### John Walpole (K5ZY)

- With government shutdown, everything will just go into a queue with the FCC

### Matthew Cadman (KJ5IIF)

- Regarding FRN:
  - New applicants are not able to register and request FRN
  - We're using a workaround with W5YI VEC
- W5AC will have next meeting tomorrow evening
  - Wed 2025-10-08 19:00
  - [Haynes Engineering Bldg \(HEB\) 137](#)
  - License exam starts 18:00

### Ron Estes (KJ5EF0)

- Didn't know about [HamSci](#); I'll have to check it out!
- Thanks to all who showed up to National Night Out!
  - Both in-person and on the air!
- Special thanks to Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ) for coordinating!

### Matt Robinson (W5XMR)

- How is the 220 MHz (1.25 m) Repeater? I haven't been able to hit it lately
- KG5IIF:
  - Reports that it hasn't been ID-ing, so it has been turned off.
  - 220 MHz operations limited among club members (we don't have radios)
  - Hoping to get it fixed soon, but our repeater director is currently in Dallas
  - Only other repeater issue is that 70 cm machine isn't transmitting a CTCSS tone

## Dick Zimmer (W5DZ)

- Windows 10 is reaching its end-of-life on 2025-10-14
  - You can still use it, but they won't be pushing out security updates
  - You can buy extended security updates (ESU) from Microsoft for \$30
- Recommend upgrading to Windows 11

### *Secretary's Notes:*

- You can also get it with 1000 "Microsoft Rewards points" or by syncing files to OneDrive. More info [here](#).
- There has been a lot of pressure lately (e.g., from [Consumer Reports](#)) for Microsoft to extend this end-of-life.

## Phil Gates (N5ZKF)

- Saturday, 2025-10-18, is a busy day...
  - Club meeting
  - License Exam Session
  - Parks on the Air
  - Also 07:00/14:00 [Twin Oaks Household Hazardous Waste](#)

## Buy / Sell

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## Matt Robinson (W5XMR)

- I have two Dell Optiplex 7070 Medium Towers
  - Got them refurbished, but video card won't fit, so I'm selling them :(
  - CPU: Intel Core i7 9700
  - SSD: 512 GB
  - RAM: 16 GB and 32 GB, respectively
  - Asking \$300 and \$325, respectively
- Go-kit also for sale
  - Radios, battery, tuner, etc.

- [Good on QRZ](#)

## Closing Remarks

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