

2025-10-14 Net Minutes

opened

20:00

closed

20:34

Check-ins (33)

- John Walpole (K5ZY)
- Avery McIntosh (N7ALM)
- John Walker (W1JCW)
- Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)
- Bill Preston (KZ3G)
- Ken Wilson (KE5DFR)
- Mike Wisby (KA5HIA)
- John Graesser (KC5DWD)
- Blake Hearen (K5BAH)
- David Bailey (K5DKB)
- Dick Zimmer (W5DZ)
- Brad Snyder (W5BLS)
- Don Ling (WB5CK0)
- Bill Rose (K5WTR)
- Brandon Bartlett (KG5LYN)
- Ron Hambric (N5SBN)
- Joe Napoli (KG5SDF)
- Rick Pfeil (W4RDP)
- Harold Turbyfill (KG5SDG)
- Rich Rychetsky (W5SON)
- Russ McDonald (KL2PB)
- Mike Mertes (KZ5M)
- Michael Bobinski (N5NYL)
- Jason Shutt (KI5LGO)
- Emery Hyden (K5OW0)
- Richard Taylor (KJ5LXI)
- Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)

- Brian Gaskamp (N5WCT)
- Matt Robinson (W5XMR)
- Phil Gates (N5ZKF)
- Ron Estes (KJ5EF0)
- Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)
- Brandon Roberrson (KJ5JWV)

Opening Remarks

- Last call: Linda Powers (KG5CDY)
 - Tech class operator
 - Passed away Oct 6
 - Robertson County ARES
 - Participated in W5BCS events
 - Graduated TX Women's college
 - Army Corps of Engineers
 - Rancher in Calvert, TX
 - Celebration of Life to be held at a later date

Officer Reports

President

David Bailey (K5DKB)

- Thanks to N5ZKF for covering the net tonight
- Meeting 2025-10-18 09:30
 - American Legion Post 159, 101 Waco St, Bryan, [[Google Maps](#)]
- After that, we will try to do a club-sponsored Parks on the Air activation
 - Washington on the Brazos [[Google Maps](#)]
 - Lots of construction, but picnic area will be open!
 - Look for an email with more details
 - Activate your own [POTA account here](#)
- Elections coming up in December, and we'll need to finalize the ballot during the November meeting
 - If you want to nominate someone (including yourself), reach out to Mike Wisby (KA5HIA)

Vice-President

Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)

- Winter Field Day preparations
 - If interested, contact me at tomdj56@yahoo.com; also [good on QRZ](#)

Secretary

Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)

- Sorry I was late; thanks to N5ZKF for taking the check-ins this net!
- Minutes will be sent out after the net.

Treasurer

Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)

- 78 members
- Bank balance: \$12,082.92
- Reminder: Next license exam is 2025-10-18 11:00
 - Normally a FRN is required, but we'll have a workaround for this since it's not possible to obtain one for now

Announcements / Comments

Question #245 for conversation: *Amateur Radio Open-Source Computers: Linux, Raspberry Pi, etc. Do you use them? How?*

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

Ron Hambric (N5SBN)

- [CEOC visit](#) this Friday 09:00
 - If you're late, call in on [W5BCS repeater](#)
- Brazos County ARES meeting this coming Monday
 - American Red Cross, 4244 Boonville Rd, Bryan [[Google Maps](#)]

Bill Rose (K5WTR)

- Someone on 146.500 MHz near me
 - not identifying, but putting out a strong signal.
 - If you're testing, be sure you ID yourself!

Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)

- Big fan of Linux, Raspberry Pi, and open-source software in general!
- I do most of my computing in Linux, but don't have any dedicated Ham Radio platforms
- I'm happy to chat if you want!

Closing Remarks

- Visit us online at w5bcs.radio.