

# 2025-10-21 Net Minutes

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20:00

closed

20:39

## Check-ins (30)

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- Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)
- Ken Wilson (KE5DFR)
- Don Ling (WB5CK0)
- Joe Napoli (KG5SDF)
- Patrick Zapalac (KJ5ATR)
- Avery McIntosh (N7ALM)
- Bill Rose (K5WTR)
- Randy Banks (KJ5JLG)
- Brandon Roberrson (KJ5JWV)
- Kevin Walton (N4RMF)
- Dick Zimmer (W5DZ)
- Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)
- Mike Wisby (KA5HIA)
- Ron Estes (KJ5EF0)
- Bill Preston (KZ3G)
- David Bailey (K5DKB)
- Roseanne Cunningham (KC5FGG)
- Dominick Adamo, Jr. (KG5JRA)
- Harold Turbyfill (KG5SDG)
- Russ McDonald (KL2PB)
- Michael Bobinski (N5NYL)
- Emery Hyden (K5OW0)
- Brian Gaskamp (N5WCT)
- Matt Robinson (W5XMR)
- Phil Gates (N5ZKF)
- Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)
- Blake Hearen (K5BAH)

- Michael Narcowich (KI5BP0)
- Lonnie Jacobs (NL5J)
- Travis Scott (KI5TMS)

## Opening Remarks

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- Shout-out to Randy Banks (KJ5JLG) visiting from Lufkin, TX!

## Officer Reports

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### President

*David Bailey (K5DKB)*

- Thanks to all who attended the meeting this weekend
- Special thanks to those who came to our first-ever Parks on the Air activation
  - It was officially a success! We activated Washington on the Brazos State Historic Site!
  - 14 club members present, a couple of hams from outside the area (New Mexico, Beaumont)
  - It also happened to be Support your Parks weekend!
  - 5 additional family members!
  - Feedback:
    - “We should spread out a bit more”
    - “We should do this again!”
- Election season is upon us
  - November meeting is deadline to finalize ballot for club officers
  - December meeting will be elections
  - If you’d like to nominate someone (including yourself), reach out to Mike Wisby (KA5HIA)

### Vice-President

*Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)*

- Not too late to volunteer for the Winter Field Day committee
  - Volunteers always needed
  - Anyone and everyone who is interested, 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.
- Parks on the Air was a lot of fun!
  - Shout-out to Emery Hyden (K50W0) for the impressive setup

# Treasurer

Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)

- 79 members
- Bank balance: \$12,064.97
- Next [Ham License Exam](#) 2025-11-15 11:00
  - FRN is generally required, but there is a workaround in place in case the government is still shut down at that point

# Announcements / Comments

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Question #246 for conversation: POC: Have you used PTT over Cellular or Internet Radio? (e.g., Talkpod, Rapid Radios)

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

## Ron Estes (KJ5EF0)

- Today is the last day for Brazos Valley Gives
  - Can donate online at [n5brzcares.org](http://n5brzcares.org)
- Plan for rain this weekend
- N5ZKF: Tropical Storm in the Caribbean now

## Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)

- Speaking of elections, early voting opened yesterday
- Apple Watch has watch-to-watch talking built in
  - Have heard of but not used PTT-over-cellular or over Internet
  - Ham radio is more fun anyway! :-)

## Randy Banks (KJ5JLG)

- If you're traveling through East Texas (Lufkin), check out the [Angelina Amateur Radio Association](#)

- Repeater 147.260 MHz FM, 141.3 PL, negative offset
- Nets Thursdays at 20:00
- Closest thing I had to a PTT device is a Nextel phone

## Bill Rose (K5WTR)

- Parks on the Air: What parks count for that?
  - N5ZKF: there's an official international list at <https://pota.app/#/parklist>

## Closing Remarks

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