

2025-10-28 Net Minutes

opened

20:00

closed

20:43

Check-ins (32)

- Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)
- Brandon Bartlett (KG5LYN)
- Ken Wilson (KE5DFR)
- David Bailey (K5DKB)
- Jonathan Graham (KD5GG)
- Rich Rychetsky (W5SON)
- Blake Hearen (K5BAH)
- Joe Napoli (KG5SDF)
- Brad Snyder (W5BLS)
- Brian Gaskamp (N5WCT)
- David Hyden (KJ5MDC)
- Larry Shiver (KJ5KFU)
- John Walpole (K5ZY)
- Kevin Walton (N4RMF)
- Dick Zimmer (W5DZ)
- Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)
- Avery McIntosh (N7ALM)
- John Graesser (KC5DWD)
- Ron Estes (KJ5EFO)
- Elizabeth Shutt (KJ5IDP)
- Don Ling (WB5CKO)
- Bill Rose (K5WTR)
- Harold Turbyfill (KG5SDG)
- Michael Bobinski (N5NYL)
- Mike Mertes (KZ5M)
- Phil Gates (N5ZKF)
- Russ McDonald (KL2PB)

- Jason Shutt (KI5LGO)
- Emery Hyden (K5OWO)
- Pierre Catala (WA1UAT)
- Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)
- Roseanne Cunningham (KC5FGG)

Opening Remarks

- Last call: Bert Fields (WA5GES)
 - Extra class operator
 - Lived in Milano
 - Born in Bryan, raised in Snook
 - 40 year career in aerospace
 - Licensed pilot
 - Lived in Tulsa for a while
 - Married 65 years
 - Enjoyed hunting and mechanical stuff

Officer Reports

President

David Bailey (K5DKB)

- Approaching club election time
 - Election of 2026 officers will be held during December meeting, 2025-12-20
 - We'll need to approve a ballot at the November meeting, 2025-11-15
 - If you'd like to nominate anyone (including yourself), please reach out to Mike Wisby (KA5HIA)

Vice-President

Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)

- Thanks to Ron Estes (KJ5EF0) "Sky-Ron" for the nice weather recently! :)

Secretary

Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)

- Minutes will be sent out after the net.
- Lots of stuff coming up this weekend:
 - Fri, 2025-10-31 - Halloween
 - Sat, 2025-11-01 - All Saints' Day
 - Sun, 2025-11-02 - All Souls' Day / Día de los Muertos
 - Also, Change your clocks back!

Treasurer

Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)

- 80 members
- Bank balance: \$12,064.97
- Next [ham license exam](#) is 2025-11-15 11:00 after club meeting
 - FRN is required, but we have a workaround in case the government is still shut down
- [“Kolache Thursday”](#) is this week
 - 2025-10-30 08:00/10:00
 - At American Legion Post 159
 - Our turn to bring Kolaches to Veterans Coffee and Donuts
- Last day to order the kit for our club build is 2025-10-31
 - Fused Anderson PowerPole distribution block
 - Costs \$52.25 to order
 - [Order online via PayPal](#)
 - We'll be putting it together after the November club meeting on 2025-11-15

Announcements / Comments

Question #247 for conversation: *Radio Astronomy: Have you received any cosmic signals from the heavens? (1.4204 GHz common)*

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

Jonathan Graham (KD5GG)

- YouTube channel recommendation: [Save it for Parts](#)
 - Lots of technical stuff
 - Does some radio astronomy

Brian Gaskamp (N5WCT)

- Question: I haven't heard Bennie Naiser (KA5TWB) check in in a while. How's he

doing?

- N5ZKF: he moved away a while ago to be closer to family.

Emery Hyden (K50W0)

- Been working with about 14 other people who are ham
- Have been completely consumed for about 6 months now
- TRCB recurrent nova on 80-year period... supposed to go nova any day now
 - 1 to 12 GHz
 - .2 to .6 THz
- Been operating a remote 6m dish with amazing LNA: .01 dB noise floor
 - Univ. of Arizona
 - Have about 5 dishes that we switch between
 - Optical and radio data

John Walpole (K5ZY)

- Crossroads Radio Club having their [first Hamfest](#)
 - 2025-11-08 07:00/16:00
 - Louise, TX, at “The Mill”
 - Northeast of Victoria, about halfway to Houston
- Have some UV-17 Baofengs that I’ll be selling there
 - If you want one, let me know beforehand
 - [Good on QRZ](#)

Bill Rose (K5WTR)

- Curious about TRCB: how long does it take before we know about it?
 - K50W0: Technically it went nova about 3000 years ago... It’s already gone nova many times, we’re just waiting to observe them

Don Ling (WB5CK0)

- Sharing memories of Bert and Henry setting up equipment together
 - Solid-state amplifiers

Closing Remarks

- Visit us online at w5bcs.radio.