

2025-11-04 Net Minutes

opened

20:00

closed

20:44

Check-ins (35)

- Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)
- Jeff McDowell (KI5CES)
- Ken Wilson (KE5DFR)
- Bill Rose (K5WTR)
- Avery McIntosh (N7ALM)
- Brad Snyder (W5BLS)
- Brian Gaskamp (N5WCT)
- Richard Taylor (KJ5LXI)
- Ron Hambric (N5SBN)
- Joe Napoli (KG5SDF)
- Rich Rychetsky (W5SON)
- Don Ling (WB5CK0)
- Kevin Walton (N4RMF)
- David Hyden (KJ5MDC)
- Paul Bilke (KF5WGJ)
- Dick Zimmer (W5DZ)
- Bill Preston (KZ3G)
- Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)
- Troyce Wilson (KC5CBI)
- Mike Wisby (KA5HIA)
- Ron Estes (KJ5EFO)
- John Graesser (KC5DWD)
- David Bailey (K5DKB)
- Robert Carter (NC5R)
- Harold Turbyfill (KG5SDG)
- Ricardo Pena (WN5RMP)
- Russ McDonald (KL2PB)

- Michael Bobinski (N5NYL)
- Emery Hyden (K5OWO)
- Pierre Catala (WA1UAT)
- Phil Gates (N5ZKF)
- Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)
- Larry Shiver (KJ5KFU)
- John Walpole (K5ZY)
- Marshall Walpole (KG5IQY)

Opening Remarks

- N5ZKF in Central Texas yesterday: Monitored Monday evening net, and heard only 19 check in there

Officer Reports

President

David Bailey (K5DKB)

- Within fortnight of [next monthly meeting](#)
 - 2025-11-15 09:30
 - American Legion Post 159, 101 Waco St, Bryan
 - We're going to be doing a club build!
 - Fused Anderson PowerPole distribution block
 - Officer nominations will also be due: We'll need to approve the ballot at this meeting for our officer election in December
 - If interested in nominating someone, including yourself, contact Mike Wisby (KA5HIA)

Vice-President

Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)

- Time and daylight have been changing
- I enjoy this time of year!
- N5ZKF: decorations going up!

Secretary

Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)

- Minutes will be sent out after the net.
- Speaking of elections, today was election day: hopefully you got out to do your civic duty.
- I've had a friend ask if I could go to the game; conflicts with the meeting and club build

Treasurer

Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)

- 81 members
 - N5ZKF: we have 40%+ participation in the net this evening (and roughly our usual count)!
- Bank balance: \$11,850.59
- Next [Ham License Exam](#)
 - 2025-11-15 11:00
 - Will need volunteer examiners
- Thanks to those who made it to Veteran's Coffee (and Kolaches) on Thursday!

Announcements / Comments

Question #248 for conversation: *Mysterious HF number stations and spy stations: Have you tuned into any of these or have any experience to share?*

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

Ron Hambric (N5SBN)

- Enjoyed 2-week cruise and made it back safely around the hurricane
- [Monthly ARES net](#) tonight 20:30 on KD5DLW (or after this net, whichever is later)
- [CEOC visit](#) on Friday 09:00
 - Call in on W5BCS repeater if you're late

Brian Gaskamp (N5WCT)

- Brenham Ham recently became a Silent Key on 2025-10-22: David R. Nowak (KI5JI, originally KA5EEQ)
- Heard we also lost Hubert's son Johnie L. Perry (W5ZIN) about 3 years ago.

Bill Rose (K5WTR)

- Solar flares all day long (3 or 4 this afternoon), and lots of activity causing problems and propagation on UHF
- N5ZKF: also potentially lots of tropospheric VHF propagation
- When I was in security service in San Angelo, I used to listen to Number Stations
 - Saw a note in a magazine (*Monitoring Times*) asking to report information
 - Office of Special Investigations (OSI) came asking what I was doing when I sent in my notes

Don Ling (WB5CKO)

- If memory serves, Hubert (former W5ZIN) was originator of 7290 Traffic Net
- Allen Menefee (KD5MMH) would like to apply for his dad's callsign, W5RAS
 - Anyone with info on how to do so, please contact him

Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)

Secretary's note

Numbers Stations were featured a while ago in [an episode on Jimmy Akin's Mysterious World](#) podcast.

Information Exchange

Robert Carter (NC5R)

- Need help with 80/40 m trapped dipole: One of the legs (tied off to a tree) came down in the recent wind
- I don't think there's anything else wrong with it
- Need some help from someone who can climb a ladder to help put it back in the tree.
- If you are able, please send me an email: nc5r@icloud.com or nc5r@arrl.net
- Comment: It's great to see how the W5BCS club and community is thriving!

Closing Remarks

- Visit us online at w5bcs.radio.