

# 2025-11-18 Net Minutes

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## Check-ins (30)

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- Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)
- Jeff McDowell (KI5CES)
- Travis Scott (KI5TMS)
- Matthew Cadman (KJ5IIF)
- Bill Rose (K5WTR)
- John Walpole (K5ZY)
- Marshall Walpole (KG5IQY)
- Ron Hambric (N5SBN)
- David Bailey (K5DKB)
- Don Ling (WB5CK0)
- Ken Wilson (KE5DFR)
- Brad Snyder (W5BLS)
- Brian Gaskamp (N5WCT)
- Dick Zimmer (W5DZ)
- Avery McIntosh (N7ALM)
- Bill Preston (KZ3G)
- Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)
- Mike Wisby (KA5HIA)
- Ron Estes (KJ5EF0)
- John Graesser (KC5DWD)
- Harold Turbyfill (KG5SDG)
- Russ McDonald (KL2PB)
- Michael Bobinski (N5NYL)
- Emery Hyden (K5OW0)
- Pierre Catala (WA1UAT)
- Matt Robinson (W5XMR)
- Phil Gates (N5ZKF)
- Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)
- Robert Grigsby (KB5RAG)
- Brandon Bartlett (KG5LYN)

# Officer Reports

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## President

*David Bailey (K5DKB)*

- Thanks to everyone who attended Saturday's meeting!
- Ballot approved for next meeting's elections
  - Current officers have agreed to continue serving, No one running against
    - President: David Bailey (K5DKB)
    - Vice-President: Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)
    - Secretary: Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)
    - Treasurer: Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)
  - We will need quorum next meeting to hold elections, so please mark your calendar to attend:
    - 2025-12-20 09:30
    - American Legion Post 159, 101 Waco St, Bryan [[Google Maps](#)]

## Vice-President

*Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)*

- Winter Field Day Planning Committee Meetings will start meeting
  - 2026-01-24/25

## Secretary

*Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)*

- Minutes will be sent out after the net.
  - Need to get meeting minutes transcribed and will send those out, too
- Apologies I missed the meeting and club build on Saturday
  - First half of the game: *I missed ham radio stuff for this!?*
  - Second half of the game: *I just witnessed college football history!*
    - Greatest comeback (down by 27 at halftime)
    - First time being 10-0 for season opening
- Last week was also pretty great... I went North to OSR and saw Aurora Borealis

## Treasurer

*Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)*

- 81 members
- Bank balance: \$11,850.49

- Ham License exam outcome
  - 2 new Technicians
  - 1 upgrade to General
- Club build went well
- Next [license exam](#) 2025-12-20
  - American Legion Post 159, 101 Waco St, Bryan [[Google Maps](#)]
  - Be sure to have your [FCC Registration Number \(FRN\)](#)

## Announcements / Comments

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Question #250 for conversation: *Would you be interested in a multi-mode digital radio? e.g., Connect Systems' radio(s) that can do DMR, M17, and FM (potentially even C4FM and D-STAR)*

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

### Ron Hambric (N5SBN)

- Good ARES meeting last night
- Winlink review by Mike Wisby (KA5HIA)
- [CEOC Visit](#) Friday 09:00
  - If late, call in on 146.680 MHz FM (W5BCS) repeater

### Matthew Cadman (KJ5IIF)

- 1.25 m repeater is now online and should be ID-ing correctly
- 70 cm repeater now has 18 dB range automatic gain control (AGC) on receive
- Bonfire remembrance event this morning
- “Spring cleaning in the Fall”
  - Need to downsize after moving into new ham shack
  - Have a lot of old and non-functional radio equipment
  - Does anyone want to (or know someone who wants to) salvage this?
  - If so, contact us one of the following ways:
    - Send an email to [clubofficers.w5ac@gmail.com](mailto:clubofficers.w5ac@gmail.com)
    - Reach out on our [Discord Server](#)
    - Check in on the weekly net
      - Mondays at 21:00
      - On [2 m](#) and [70 cm](#) analog FM repeaters

### Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)

- A multi-mode digital radio sounds great!

- Not a fan of vendor lock-in
- radios are meant to communicate with everyone, not just those with the same radio as you
- N5ZKF: DMR and M17 are open, D-STAR is also open protocol from JARL (but ICOM makes most of devices), C4FM might be owned by Yaesu

## Buy / Sell

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### Matt Robinson (W5XMR)

- More desktop workstation computers available
  - Intel 9th-13th generation processors
  - Some with integrated graphics, some with discrete graphics
  - Windows 11 already loaded
  - I'll even throw in a warranty
  - Prices start at \$450
- Contact (979) 324-4348 if interested

## Information Exchange

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### Matt Robinson (W5XMR)

- Running an audio mixer from HF radio and computer to share the same speaker
- Using 1/4 in. cables
- No issues on 80 m, but there's a hum on 40 m and up
- 1 run through ferrite core helped, 2 passes made it even better, 3 passes made it worse
  - K5WTR: more inductance can change impedance, and impedance mismatch can act like a trap or plugging in a microphone with the wrong impedance.
  - KG5LYE: Are the lines balanced (positive/negative)? *yes, but shielded*
    - OK, the choke would just attenuate oscillations on the shield, probably not on the signal lines themselves
    - Balanced feed wound in same direction will help attenuate noise, but wound in opposite direction could have an adverse effect (unless making a balun)
  - KJ5EF0: there's a difference between "guitar cables" and "speaker cables" ... maybe using wrong type? *no, they're "audio/video" cables*

# Closing Remarks

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