

# 2025-12-02 Net Minutes

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20:00

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20:43

## Check-ins (26)

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- Matthew Cadman (KJ5IIF)
- Brad Snyder (W5BLS)
- Avery McIntosh (N7ALM)
- Ken Wilson (KE5DFR)
- Bill Rose (K5WTR)
- Don Ling (WB5CK0)
- Larry Shiver (KJ5KFU)
- Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)
- John Walpole (K5ZY)
- Joe Napoli (KG5SDF)
- Kevin Walton (N4RMF)
- Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)
- Troyce Wilson (KC5CBI)
- John Graesser (KC5DWD)
- Josh McMillin (KJ5DA0)
- Ron Estes (KJ5EF0)
- David Bailey (K5DKB)
- Harold Turbyfill (KG5SDG)
- Michael Bobinski (N5NYL)
- Russ McDonald (KL2PB)
- Emery Hyden (K5OW0)
- Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)
- Phil Gates (N5ZKF)
- Dick Zimmer (W5DZ)
- Christopher Lavoie (KJ5IBX)
- Nayab Warach (KI5YBE)

## Officer Reports

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# President

*David Bailey (K5DKB)*

- Meeting 2025-12-20 09:30
  - American Legion Post 159
  - Club Officer Elections!
    - Ballot: current officers agreed to serve another term and are running unopposed
      - **President:** David Bailey (K5DKB)
      - **Vice President:** Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)
      - **Secretary:** Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)
      - **Treasurer:** Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)
  - Will need quorum

# Vice-President

*Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)*

- Winter Field Day committee meeting tomorrow
  - 2025-12-03 18:30
  - Thanks to all our volunteers!

# Secretary

*Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)*

- Minutes will be sent out after the net.
- A little frazzled from server wrangling today, but everything appears to be handled now!

# Treasurer

*Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)*

- 81 members
- Bank balance: \$11,766.50
- Ham License Exam after club meeting 2025-12-20 11:00
- Holiday party!
  - Sunday, 2025-12-14 14:00/18:00
  - Lorna's house: 509 Wheelock St, Hearne [[Google Maps](#)]

# Announcements / Comments

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Question #252 for conversation: (from KJ5EF0) Can you operate your station equipment remotely? If so, what modes do you use?

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

## Ron Estes (KJ5EF0)

- My inspiration for the question: I've recently been using [VARAnny](#) to do VARA remotely
- ARES net on 443.425 MHz FM (KD5DLW) [repeater](#)

## Matthew Cadman (KJ5IIF)

- Regarding remote operations:
  - I don't have a remote station capable of *transmitting*
  - I do have an RTL-SDR that I can listen remotely through the computer it's hooked up to
  - Looking to get a Hermes-Lite 2
  - W5AC club has a Flex 6400 that is remote-controlled
- [W5AC](#) club has a business meeting this week
  - Thursday, 2025-12-04 19:00
  - in Wisenbaker 236C
  - Hoping to have a license test session before at 18:00
- Winter Field Day
  - We're probably going to be planning something over winter break
  - Will need to coordinate with W5BCS, but with whom?
    - N5ZKF: reach out to Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)

## Larry Shiver (KJ5KFU)

- I received a Flex 3000 from a friend that is capable of remote control
- Still learning how it works

## Phil Gates (N5ZKF)

- Regarding Echolink last week:
  - Everything was working except audio
  - Sound devices weren't enumerated the same way they were originally configured
  - Not sure why that happened

## Buy / Sell

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## Matthew Cadman (KJ5IIF)

- Reminder: W5AC is still looking for local organizations who might be interested in our old, unused “salvage” equipment

## Information Exchange

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### Matthew Cadman (KJ5IIF)

- I’m thinking about getting a Hermes-Lite 2 and accompanying filter board
- Would be attached to a HF antenna
- Intended to be a remote setup
- Does anyone have experience with this radio or setup?
  - (no response)
- Does anyone know of any ham radio clubs in the Conroe or Willis areas?
  - N5ZKF:
    - [Lake Conroe Amateur Radio Club](#)
    - Several hams in Montgomery County
    - [Crossroads club](#), maybe?
    - [ARES group](#) might have more info

## Closing Remarks

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