

2025-12-23 Net Minutes

opened

20:00

closed

20:30

Check-ins (19)

- Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)
- Avery McIntosh (N7ALM)
- Ken Wilson (KE5DFR)
- Larry Shiver (KJ5KFU)
- Blake Hearen (K5BAH)
- Brad Snyder (W5BLS)
- Don Ling (WB5CK0)
- Kevin Walton (N4RMF)
- Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)
- David Bailey (K5DKB)
- Thomas Sanborn (KJ5DAA)
- Mike Wisby (KA5HIA)
- John Graesser (KC5DWD)
- Ron Estes (KJ5EF0)
- Michael Bobinski (N5NYL)
- Travis Scott (KI5TMS)
- Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)
- Phil Gates (N5ZKF)
- Roseanne Cunningham (KC5FGG)

Opening Remarks

- Busy time of year for many!
- Thanks to those who are joining tonight.
- Best wishes for everyone else spending time with family or out of town!

Officer Reports

President

David Bailey (K5DKB)

- Thanks and Merry Christmas to those tuning in!
- Saturday's meeting was a success:
 - We have elected officers for the new year!

Vice-President

Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)

- [Winter Field Day](#) is coming up!
 - Put it on your calendar: 2026-01-24/25
- Have a safe and enjoyable holiday!

Secretary

Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)

- Minutes will be sent out after the net.
- Still troubleshooting Listserv issues
 - If you don't receive the email, the net minutes are always posted on the website at: <https://w5bcs.radio/minutes/nets/>
 - From the home page, <https://w5bcs.radio...>
 - Go to the “**Secretary's Desk**” link at the bottom of the home page,
 - Then “**Nets > Net Minutes**” in the nav bar at the top of that page.

Treasurer

Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)

- 81 members
- Bank balance: \$12,319.70
- Next license exam 2026-01-25 10:00
 - Sunday morning of Winter Field Day
 - Will need volunteer examiners

Announcements / Comments

Question #255 for conversation: *(Borrowed from W5AC) What Amateur Radio items might be on your Christmas wish list?*

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

Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)

- I've asked Santa for a nice soldering station
 - The one I have just plugs directly into the wall
 - Does anyone have any recommendations that I should pass along to Santa?
- KJ5KFU: I have a Weller WLSK6012HD; probably anything by Weller would be good
- N5ZKF: I have a [HAKKO brand](#) station that's worked well for me
- KJ5EF0: Fanttik battery-powered soldering iron

Larry Shiver (KJ5KFU)

- Looking for an antenna for my IC-7000 mobile setup
- KG5LYE: what bands? (HF)
- KE5DFR: had a Little Tarheel II HF antenna on my truck, but they should make SUV mounts
- N5ZKF: Scorpion Brand antennas - a little pricey, but might be worth checking out

Closing Remarks

- Merry Christmas!
- Get some good rest, enjoy your time!
- Visit us online at w5bcs.radio.