

2025-12-30 Net Minutes

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20:00

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20:48

Check-ins (27)

- Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)
- Rich Rychetsky (W5SON)
- Ron Hambric (N5SBN)
- Brian Gaskamp (N5WCT)
- Larry Shiver (KJ5KFU)
- Blake Hearen (K5BAH)
- Brad Snyder (W5BLS)
- Garrett Martin (W5HVS)
- Richard Taylor (KJ5LXI)
- Bill Rose (K5WTR)
- Don Ling (WB5CKO)
- Kevin Walton (N4RMF)
- Troyce Wilson (KC5CBI)
- Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)
- Patrick Zapalac (KJ5ATR)
- Ron Estes (KJ5EF0)
- Mike Wisby (KA5HIA)
- Harold Turbyfill (KG5SDG)
- Michael Bobinski (N5NYL)
- Emery Hyden (K5OW0)
- Jim Laird (KF5YY)
- Phil Gates (N5ZKF)
- Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)
- Joe Napoli (KG5SDF)
- Matt Robinson (W5XMR)
- Ken Wilson (KE5DFR)
- Jared Cleere (KJ5KGD)

Officer Reports

President

David Bailey (K5DKB)

excused

Vice-President

Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)

- Last net of 2025!
- “Live for the future and remember the past”

Secretary

Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)

- Minutes will be sent out after the net.
- Reminder: next meeting will be at
 - Cooper’s Old Time BBQ, off Hwy 6 [[Google Maps](#)]
 - 2026-01-17 11:00
 - N5ZKF: be mindful of construction: closed exits and reduced speed limit (60 mph)

Treasurer

Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)

- 81 members
- Bank balance: \$13,144.75
- Next license exam is 2026-01-25 during Winter Field Day
 - Anyone taking the Technician exam must have their FCC Registration Number (FRN)
- Many have already paid their dues for 2026
 - Online at <https://hamclubonline.com>
 - Can also be done in-person at Cooper’s
- Next Winter Field Day committee Zoom meeting is 2026-01-07 18:30

Announcements / Comments

Question #256 for conversation: *2025 Year in Review: what do you look back on fondly this year?*

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

Ron Hambric (N5SBN)

- Thanks to all who have been involved with Brazos County ARES
- No CEOC visit this Friday due to New Year's holiday.

Joe Napoli (KG5SDF)

- Highlight for the year is my DX QSO with someone in Moscow
- N5ZKF: what band? (20 m)

Matt Robinson (W5XMR)

- Highlight of the year is the community!
- I've had lots of fun in the hobby
- Need to make donation to Brazos County ARES trailer

Ron Estes (KJ5EF0)

- It's going to be cold tonight: low of 31°F
- Highlight of the year: getting Brazos County ARES (N5BRZ) set up as non-profit
 - W5XMR: I'll be in touch regarding what you need

Rich Rychetsky (W5SON)

- I was contacted by one of my favorite YouTube influencers, KI5QCF

Phil Gates (N5ZKF)

- Year in review:
 - Had a host of equipment failures this year, but thankfully warranty covered those
 - Purchased another home that's more conducive to putting an antenna up!
 - It's been a good year for ham radio as a whole: lots of growth
 - Many CW operators on the air
 - The community and club here are also amazing
 - Weekly nets! It's been a pleasure to host and tune into these!

Joe Napoli (KG5SDF)

- Happy New Year to everyone!

Buy / Sell

Rich Rychetsky (W5SON)

- Interested in getting into WIRES-X and C4FM a bit more
- Does anyone have an old mobile Yaesu C4FM-capable radio, I'd be willing to make an offer
- [Good on QRZ](#)

Information Exchange

Emery Hyden (K50W0)

- I have a 3x2 dual-band (2 m / 70 cm) Yagi
- Do I need lightning protection on a Yagi that's close to / under a barn?
- N5ZKF:
 - ARRL has info on "grounding and bonding" on their website: <https://arrl.org>
 - My advice: add that arrestor just to be safe
 - Ground at the same point as HF antenna
- Arrestors are expensive; might just unplug during stormy weather

Bill Rose (K5WTR)

- Need some help: I attempted to install Zorin Linux, and it redid the partition table
 - There are several partitions that I don't recognize
- KG5LYE: assuming GUID Partition Table (GPT)...
 - Windows has several partitions, and I'm not too familiar with all of these:
 - ESP boot partition - NTFS or FAT32
 - Recovery - NTFS
 - **c:** drive - NTFS
 - (Optional) "Dev Drive" - ReFS
 - While booted into Linux, you can see other partitions and their mountpoints (Note that these will show as "unallocated" to Windows):
 - **/boot/efi** (or maybe just **/boot**) - FAT32
 - (optional) separate **/boot** - ext4
 - Root filesystem **/** - ext4 or dm-crypt if encrypted
 - Any other unused partitions can probably be deleted, but be very careful when doing so!

Closing Remarks

- Visit us online at w5bcs.radio.