

# 2026-01-06 Net Minutes

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20:00

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20:27

## Check-ins (27)

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- Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)
- Larry Shiver (KJ5KFU)
- Garrett Martin (W5HVS)
- Jared Cleere (KJ5KGD)
- Robert Grigsby (KB5RAG)
- Richard Taylor (KJ5LXI)
- Brad Snyder (W5BLS)
- David Bailey (K5DKB)
- Ron Hambric (N5SBN)
- Ken Wilson (KE5DFR)
- Brian Gaskamp (N5WCT)
- Bill Rose (K5WTR)
- Kevin Walton (N4RMF)
- Dick Zimmer (W5DZ)
- Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)
- Troyce Wilson (KC5CBI)
- Mike Wisby (KA5HIA)
- Stephen Arnold (KJ5FQN)
- Ron Estes (KJ5EF0)
- Robert Carter (NC5R)
- Harold Turbyfill (KG5SDG)
- Michael Bobinski (N5NYL)
- Russ McDonald (KL2PB)
- Matt Robinson (W5XMR)
- Phil Gates (N5ZKF)
- Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)
- Brandon Bartlett (KG5LYN)

# Opening Remarks

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- Happy New Year, everyone!

# Officer Reports

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## President

*David Bailey (K5DKB)*

- Happy New Year!
- It's January!
- This month's meeting will be 2026-01-17, but not at the usual place and time:
  - [Traditional annual luncheon](#)
  - **Cooper's BBQ at 11:00** in the large meeting room
  - Well, I guess it's the usual time and place after all...

## Vice-President

*Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)*

- Honored to serve the club as vice president for another year
- I really enjoyed it last year and am looking forward to this year
- Final [Winter Field Day Committee Zoom Meeting](#) will be tomorrow, 2026-01-07 18:30
- [Winter Field Day](#) is coming up: 2026-01-24/25

## Secretary

*Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)*

- Minutes will be sent out after the net.
  - More folks report receiving them from the Listserv now, but we're still working out some issues
- New [calendar display](#) for events on the website!

## Treasurer

*Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)*

- Bank balance: \$13,174.96
- 51 members already paid up for 2026!
  - Can be renewed at [HamClubOnline.com](http://HamClubOnline.com)
  - Can also be done in-person at Cooper's BBQ

- Next [License Exam](#) will be during [Winter Field Day](#)
  - Sunday 2026-01-25 10:00
  - Technician examinees must apply for and bring their FCC Registration Number (FRN)

## Announcements / Comments

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Question #257 for conversation: *What do you have planned for 2026? What's your ham radio new year's resolution?*

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

### Ron Hambric (N5SBN)

- [CEOC visits](#) resuming this Friday
  - 2026-01-09 09:00
  - Meet on sidewalk
  - If you're late, call on 146.680 MHz FM (W5BCS) [repeater](#).
- [ARES net tonight](#)
  - 20:30 or after this net, whichever is later
- [Brazos County ARES meeting](#)
  - Monday 2026-01-19 18:30
  - American Red Cross, 4244 Boonville Rd, Bryan [[Google Maps](#)]

### Robert Carter (NC5R)

- Big new year's resolution/hope/plan: Setting up a HF station that can be operated remotely!
  - Hoping to use a Flex radio from my laptop, but the developer who was working on an accessible interface for the Flex radio has passed away.
  - Someone else has taken up the mantle and working on it again

### Phil Gates (N5ZKF)

- I have a lot of design and engineering work to do:
  - Setting up a new station
  - Putting up tower/antennas
  - Organizing cables
  - Also need to organize my tools

# Closing Remarks

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