

Jan 2026 Club Meeting Minutes

date

2026-01-17

convened

11:47

adjourned

12:55

Officers

- **President:** David Bailey (K5DKB) *present*
- **Vice President:** Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG) *present*
- **Secretary:** Matthew Barry (KG5LYE) *present*
- **Treasurer:** Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ) *present*

Attendees (28)

Quorum attained!

- Christy Bailey (KI5WUM)
- David Bailey (K5DKB)
- Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)
- Michael Bobinski (N5NYL)
- David Cooper (KI5JPG)
- Ron Estes (KJ5EF0)
- Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)
- Phil Gates (N5ZKF)
- Sandra Gates
- Ron Hambric (N5SBN)
- Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)
- Garrett Martin (W5HVS)
- Russ McDonald (KL2PB)
- Shirley McDonald
- Jeff McDowell (KI5CES)
- Bob O'Connell (KC5DWB)
- Barbara O'Connell

- Rick Pfeil (W4RDP)
- Bill Preston (KZ3G)
- Rich Rychetsky (W5SON)
- Ritchie Rychetsky
- Elizabeth Shutt (KJ5IDP)
- Jason Shutt (KI5LGO)
- Mike Streiff (KJ5EEV)
- Ken Wilson (KE5DFR)
- Mike Wisby (KA5HIA)
- Gabriel Rodriguez (AI5TN)
- Ken Reeves (KE5FIV)

Officer Reports

President

David Bailey (K5DKB)

- Heads-up: Meeting for May will have to be at a different location
 - Brainstorm places for us to meet

Vice-President

Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)

- [Winter Field Day](#) is next weekend!
 - 3 Presentations/Programs:
 - KJ5EFO on Winlink
 - Radiosonde by a TAMU grad student
 - Trivia game hosted by KJ5EFO
 - Taco bar for dinner
 - It'd be nice to have a volunteer to make a pot of beans
 - Raffle

Secretary

Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)

Approval of Minutes

- Hearing no corrections, minutes stand approved as sent out
- Minutes from this meeting will be sent out later today

Treasurer

Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)

- [Ham License Exam at Winter Field Day](#)
 - Sunday 2026-01-25 10:00
 - Easier for presentation schedule
 - If you're available to VE, please let me know!
 - Anyone taking the Technician exam, please be sure to have your FCC Registration Number (FRN)
 - Note: If you have a callsign, it's easy to look up your FRN

Annual Financial Report

- \$8,569.58 balance at start of year
- \$10,154.62 annual income
 - \$7,342.52 from SK sales from Ernie Laney's estate
 - \$136.85 Money market account interest
 - \$100 donations
- \$5,549.24 annual expenses
 - Insurance
 - PO Box
 - \$273 Postage/shipping for SK sales
 - Event-related expenses
 - Field Day
 - Winter Field Day, incl. Raffle Radio for this year's Winter Field Day
 - We bought some equipment
 - Repeater
 - Dedicated laptops for event (Field Day) logging
- \$13,174.96 balance at end of year

Club Merchandise

- Winter Field Day stickers: \$2
- Club logo pins (limited): \$3
- Club logo stickers: \$2
- Club logo window clings: \$2
- Club logo patches: \$5
- Club logo keychains: \$2

Membership Renewals

Membership can be renewed in any of the following ways:

- online at [Ham Club Online](#)

- request PayPal invoice via email
- mail in cash or check (PO Box 4442, Bryan, TX 77805-4442)
- bring cash or check in-person at a meeting

Other Business

Brazos County ARES

Ron Hambric (N5SBN)

- [CEOC Visits](#) every Friday
 - Winlink I-Gates are working now!
- Monthly Meetings
 - American Red Cross on Boonville
 - 3rd Monday each Month 18:30
 - This coming Monday!
- Contact us if you need help with equipment

Robertson County ARES

Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)

- [Monthly Meetings](#)
 - 2nd Saturday 09:30
 - Franklin Fire Station on Glass St
 - Try to have a planned program
 - All are welcome to attend!
- [Weekly Nets](#)
 - W5KVN repeater
 - Thursdays 20:00
- Year in review
 - Did a lot last year with Brazos County ARES
 - National Night Out
 - Went to Farmer's Market twice
 - Great way to get Ham Radio out in the community!
 - Fundraising
 - Set up N5BRZ CARES non-profit
 - Brazos Valley Gives
 - Many individual donations!
 - We did win some additional funds (about \$3,200) from a large corporate donation pot
 - Work on new trailer

- Met a few times on Zoom when appropriate (i.e., to be at computer and see screens)
- Best part: Going to Amigo's in Franklin for breakfast beforehand

SKYWARN

Ron Estes (KJ5EF0)

- Slight freeze tonight
- Prepare your houses, pets, plants, etc.

RACES

Mike Wisby (KA5HIA)

- It's been a really good year!
- Officially moved to facility at RELLIS
 - 2 HF rigs
 - ICOM 7100
 - Yaesu DX-10
 - 2 HF antennas
 - Folded Dipole
 - Tuned Dipole
 - 900 MHz repeater
 - 9.5 mi range
 - Dual-band equipment
- Usually meet Wednesdays at 09:00
- Greetings from W5DZ
 - Couldn't be here today, but he sends his regards

Health and Welfare / Good of the Order

- If anyone needs help with anything please reach out to the club. You can contact any of the officers at:
 - officers@w5bcs.radio
- Visit us online at w5bcs.radio

Presentation

W5BCS 2025 Year in Review by David Bailey (K5DKB)

Month-by-Month

- **January**
 - Luncheon at Cooper's BBQ (just like today!)
 - Winter Field Day
 - at American Red Cross
 - presentations
 - club build
 - Coffee and Donuts
- **February**
 - Meeting, Testing
 - Geochron presentation
- **March**
 - Meeting, Testing
- **April**
 - Meeting, Testing
 - Radio in the Park... with food!
- **May**
 - Meeting, Testing
 - Presentation on HamClock, Geochron's free competitor
 - Coffee and Donuts
- **June**
 - Meeting, getting ready for Field Day
 - Field Day
 - Radios
 - Presentations
 - W5AC was there
 - Fox hunt
 - We sold a *lot* of stuff
- **July**
 - Meeting, Testing
 - Coffee and Donuts
- **August**
 - Meeting, Testing
 - Presentation on other radio services (GMRS, etc.)
- **September**
 - Meeting, Testing
- **October**
 - Meeting, Testing
 - Radio in the Park, a *PotA park!*
 - W5BCS activated its first park!
 - We got an award:
 - Support your Parks Weekend Award

- We Activated Washington on the Brazos State Park during Support your Parks Weekend
 - Planning another PotA this year to El Camino Real
 - Coffee and Donuts
- **November**
 - Meeting, Testing
 - Club Build
- **December**
 - Holiday Party at Lorna's place
 - Meeting, Testing
 - Officer Elections
 - Show and Tell: 2 m CW operations with an HT

Overall

- 12 meetings
- 52 nets
- 10 license exam sessions
- 2 field days
- 10 social meals
- 1 holiday party
- 4 Post Donuts
- 1 Girls' State sponsorship
- 2 Radio in the Park days
- 1 PotA activation
- 4 Meshtastic nodes deployed
 - <https://brazosmesh.org/>
 - 1 Meshcore node
- Testing
 - 12 offered
 - 10 attended
 - 28 gained or upgraded
- 84 members
 - Includes 3 silent keys:
 - Ralph Cobb (W5RYC)
 - Henry Menefee (W5RAS)
 - Ray Meech (WA5IWB)

Looking Ahead to 2026

- License testing: 11 already planned (June is not yet solidified)
- 2 Field Days
- 4 service opportunities (5th Thursdays Coffee & Donuts)

- February presentation scheduled: TinyGS satellite ground stations
 - An easy way to get people interested in radio and space
- More planning to come!

Ideas

- SpaceX facility on the coast?
- Amateur Rocketry
 - Hearne Airport
 - <https://www.tripoli.org/>

Closing

Motion by Ron Estes (KJ5EF0):

to adjourn the meeting

Seconded by Ken Wilson (KE5DFR).

Outcome: *passes unanimously*

Next Meeting

2026-02-21 09:30 at American Legion Post 159