

2026-01-20 Net Minutes

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Check-ins (35)

- Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)
- Jeff McDowell (KI5CES)
- Brad Snyder (W5BLS)
- Ken Wilson (KE5DFR)
- Robert Grigsby (KB5RAG)
- Travis Scott (KI5TMS)
- Garrett Martin (W5HVS)
- Jared Cleere (KJ5KGD)
- Gabriel Rodriguez (AI5TN)
- Brandon Roberrson (KJ5JWV)
- Kevin Walton (N4RMF)
- Dick Zimmer (W5DZ)
- Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)
- David Bailey (K5DKB)
- Ron Estes (KJ5EF0)
- Mike Wisby (KA5HIA)
- Roseanne Cunningham (KC5FGG)
- John Graesser (KC5DWD)
- Don Ling (WB5CK0)
- Elizabeth Shutt (KJ5IDP)
- Jason Shutt (KI5LGO)
- Ron Hambric (N5SBN)
- Joe Napoli (KG5SDF)
- Harold Turbyfill (KG5SDG)
- Michael Bobinski (N5NYL)
- Emery Hyden (K5OW0)
- Matt Robinson (W5XMR)
- Bill Rose (K5WTR)
- Pierre Catala (WA1UAT)
- Nathan Wood (KN4TTV)

- Phil Gates (N5ZKF)
- Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)
- John Walpole (K5ZY)
- Bill Preston (KZ3G)
- Steven Payne (AA5BX)

Officer Reports

President

David Bailey (K5DKB)

- Nothing to report.
- Thanks for being here and have a great evening!

Vice-President

Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)

- It was great to see everyone at Cooper's BBQ on Saturday
- Looking forward to seeing everyone again for [Winter Field Day](#) this weekend
 - 2026-01-24/25 starting 09:00
 - Ron Estes (KJ5EF0) probably dialed up the winter weather for us this weekend :-)
 - We'll have radios, food, presentations, swap tables, and more!

Secretary

Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)

- Great meeting this weekend: we did a *lot* last year!
 - Meeting minutes sent out on Monday
- Hope to send out net minutes later this evening.
- Delay in both cases is partially due to migrating another server.

Treasurer

Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)

- 58 members
- Bank balance: \$13,395.75
- Next [Ham License Exam](#)
 - This Sunday, 2026-01-25 10:00

- Part of Winter Field Day
- American Legion Post 159
- If you want to take the Technician exam, you must first get your FCC Registration Number (FRN)
- Still looking for Volunteer Examiners: please contact me if available

Announcements / Comments

Question #259 for conversation: *What is your favorite part of Winter Field Day?*

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

Ron Hambric (N5SBN)

- I enjoy seeing everyone and the camaraderie at Winter Field Day... and at ARRL (Summer) Field Day
- CEOC Visit this Friday, 2026-01-23 09:00
 - Meet on sidewalk
 - If you're late, call on 146.680 MHz FM (W5BCS) repeater

Ron Estes (KJ5EF0)

- My favorite part of Winter Field Day (and ARRL Field day):
 - I like the structure of hosting an event where we get together as a club twice a year
- Winter cold front coming this Friday, 2026-01-23!
 - Hard freeze conditions
 - Freezing rain
 - Stay weather-aware
- We'll have power and heat (and wintry weather) at Winter Field Day!
 - Be safe, and we'll see you there!

Bill Rose (K5WTR)

- We've had a *very large* geomagnetic storm last night and today.
- We had an 8 (out of 9) on the Kp scale
- Be mindful of radiation exposure if outside in the sun

Phil Gates (N5ZKF)

- I always enjoy seeing folks in-person at Winter Field Day
 - Especially those who I don't see often!
- It's fun to see who we can contact, how far we can get

- Schedule of events for Winter Field Day:
 - 2026-01-24 (Saturday)
 - 09:00 Antenna setup
 - 11:30 Lunch
 - 12:00 Swap tables
 - 13:00 Radio operations begin
 - 13:30 WinLink Presentation by KJ5EF0
 - 15:00 Radiosonde operations by grad student
 - 16:30 Game session led by KJ5EF0
 - 18:30 Raffle drawing, dinner (taco bar)
 - Overnight radio operations
 - 2026-01-25 (Sunday)
 - 09:00 Breakfast
 - 10:00 License Exam Session

Buy / Sell

Matt Robinson (W5XMR)

- More computers ready to sell:
 - Alienware
 - CPU: 11th gen Intel Core i9 water cooled
 - GPU: NVIDIA GeForce RTX 3080
- [Good on QRZ](#)

Closing Remarks

- Visit us online at w5bcs.radio.
- Don't forget about [KI5MMC, our D-STAR repeater](#).