

2026-02-03 Net Minutes

opened

20:00

closed

20:37

Check-ins (29)

- Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)
- Bill Rose (K5WTR)
- Brian Gaskamp (N5WCT)
- Gabriel Rodriguez (AI5TN)
- Ken Wilson (KE5DFR)
- Don Ling (WB5CK0)
- Patrick Zapalac (KJ5ATR)
- Brandon Bartlett (KG5LYN)
- Avery McIntosh (N7ALM)
- Larry Shiver (KJ5KFU)
- David Bailey (K5DKB)
- Brad Snyder (W5BLS)
- Joe Napoli (KG5SDF)
- Kevin Walton (N4RMF)
- Garrett Martin (W5HVS)
- Bill Preston (KZ3G)
- Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)
- Andrew Giles (KR4CNX)
- Ron Estes (KJ5EF0)
- Roseanne Cunningham (KC5FGG)
- Robert Carter (NC5R)
- Ron Hambric (N5SBN)
- Russ McDonald (KL2PB)
- Michael Bobinski (N5NYL)
- Nathan Wood (KN4TTV)
- Phil Gates (N5ZKF)
- Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)
- Steven Payne (AA5BX)
- Blake Hearen (K5BAH)

Officer Reports

President

David Bailey (K5DKB)

- [February meeting](#) coming up in a few weeks
- Primary item on the agenda is our May meeting
 - Our usual location (American Legion Post 159) won't be available at the usual time (2026-05-16 09:30).
 - If you have any ideas for a different location or time, please bring it to the upcoming club meeting on 2026-02-21 09:30

Vice-President

Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)

- Our Winter Field Day Raffle winner was Brad Snyder (W5BLS). Congrats!

Secretary

Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)

- Minutes will be sent out after the net.
- Typically monitor calling frequencies (esp. on the road) and local repeaters in town:
 - 146.520 MHz FM
 - 146.680 MHz FM (W5BCS)
 - 146.820 MHz FM (W5AC)
 - 443.425 MHz FM (KD5DLW)
 - 446.000 MHz FM

Treasurer

Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)

- 62 members
- Bank balance: \$13,161.10
- Dues can be paid online at <https://hamclubonline.com>
- Or you can pay via cash or card at the next meeting
- Next [license exam](#):
 - 2026-02-21 11:00 (after February club meeting)
 - at American Legion Post 159

- If you're planning to take the Technician exam, you'll need to remember to bring your FCC Registration Number (FRN)!
- Looking for volunteer examiners to help proctor

Announcements / Comments

Question #261 for conversation: *What frequencies or repeater do you regularly monitor?*

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

Bill Rose (K5WTR)

- Sunspot AR4366 turning to face us
 - Most active sunspot of 25th cycle
 - Will be in strike zone for the rest of the week
 - Be sure to prep your equipment as necessary

Ron Hambric (N5SBN)

- [CEOC visit](#) this Friday, 2026-02-06 09:00
 - If late, call on 146.680 MHz FM (W5BCS) repeater
- [Brazos County ARES \(N5BRZ\) Net](#) tonight!
 - 20:30 or after this net, whichever is later
 - on 443.425 MHz FM (KD5DLW) repeater

Andrew Giles (KR4CNX)

- Typically monitor:
 - GRMS channels
 - 2m calling frequency
 - Citizen's band channel 19

Brian Gaskamp (N5WCT)

- Last week: announced our 2nd Annual Technician Class in Brenham
- Had to close registration due to capacity
- We have 32 people signed up!
- For comparison, we had 11 last year, and all passed!

Bill Rose (K5WTR)

- Metronet fiber maintenance scheduled:
 - tonight, 2026-02-04 00:00/06:00

◦ 2026-02-06 00:00/06:00

Phil Gates (N5ZKF)

- I usually monitor:
 - 146.680 MHz FM (W5BCS)
 - 443.425 MHz FM (KD5DLW)
 - 146.820 MHz FM (W5AC)
 - 146.520 MHz FM (2m calling frequency)
 - 146.490 MHz FM (local rag chew)
 - Scanning in memory mode
 - mainly repeaters
 - Crossband repeater network
 - HF frequencies:
 - Maritime mobile net
 - 4.290 MHz Net
- Roy Wiggins (KR5W) recently diagnosed with ALS
 - Moved into nursing home
 - Not himself the last time I chatted with him
- Lithium Ion Battery safety Recently posted link on [Facebook page](#) (and group):
 - [Lumafield Battery Quality Report](#)
 - 1000 batteries sampled, revealed pervasive safety and specification problems!
 - House burned down in my neighborhood a few years ago due to a random battery flare-up
 - Be careful where you source your batteries!

Closing Remarks

- Visit us online at w5bcs.radio.