

# 2026-02-17 Net Minutes

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20:42

## Check-ins (32)

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- Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)
- Jeff McDowell (KI5CES)
- Brandon Bartlett (KG5LYN)
- Ken Wilson (KE5DFR)
- Gabriel Rodriguez (AI5TN)
- Richard Taylor (KJ5LXI)
- Avery McIntosh (N7ALM)
- Bill Rose (K5WTR)
- John Graesser (KC5DWD)
- Brian Gaskamp (N5WCT)
- Matt Robinson (W5XMR)
- Brad Snyder (W5BLS)
- Matthew Cadman (KJ5IIF)
- David Bailey (K5DKB)
- Don Ling (WB5CK0)
- Kevin Walton (N4RMF)
- Brandon Roberrson (KJ5JWV)
- David Hyden (KJ5MDC)
- Bill Preston (KZ3G)
- Jim Hanks Jr. (W5CYN)
- Mike Wisby (KA5HIA)
- Ron Estes (KJ5EF0)
- Roseanne Cunningham (KC5FGG)
- Robert Carter (NC5R)
- Harold Turbyfill (KG5SDG)
- Mike Mertes (KZ5M)
- Russ McDonald (KL2PB)
- Michael Bobinski (N5NYL)
- Joe Napoli (KG5SDF)
- Phil Gates (N5ZKF)

- Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)
- Robert Pickell (AA3RP)

# Officer Reports

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## President

*David Bailey (K5DKB)*

- [Club meeting](#) this weekend
  - 2026-02-21 09:30
  - American Legion Post 159, 101 Waco St, Bryan [[Google Maps](#)]
  - Other people will be there:
    - Pet vaccination clinic
  - We're being asked to park in the back lot (where we set up antennas for Field Day) and come in through the back door
  - Agenda:
    - Opportunities for club to provide funding/donations for other folks
    - Discuss alternate plans for May meeting
    - Should we do another Parks on the Air activation for our upcoming Spring Radio in the Park?

## Vice-President

*Tom Johnson (KI5ZPG)*

- Looking forward to seeing everyone at the meeting on Saturday
- I'll have a few lost-and-found items from Winter Field Day

## Secretary

*Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)*

- Minutes will be sent out after the net.
- See you on Saturday!

## Treasurer

*Lorna Flansburg (KI5FIZ)*

*Excused; proxy David Bailey (K5DKB)*

- 63 members
- Bank balance: \$13,358.10

- Next [license exam](#) 2026-02-21 11:00 after club meeting
  - If you're taking the Technician exam, be sure to have your FCC Registration Number (FCC) with you!

## Announcements / Comments

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Question #263 for conversation: *How does the weather impact your amateur radio activities?*

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

### Bill Rose (K5WTR)

- Public service announcement:
  - I've noticed that people are saying "this is (callsign)" (with no break)
  - Supposed to pausing between "this is" and callsign to listen for doubling.

### Michael Bobinski (N5NYL)

- [Greater Houston Hamfest](#) in Rosenberg this weekend
  - Planning to drive down Friday afternoon and be back in time for the meeting.
  - If you want a ride, call out after the meeting
  - [Good on QRZ](#)

### Phil Gates (N5ZKF)

- Disconnect feedlines for convective weather (lightning safety)
- I'll take advantage of nice weather to do antenna maintenance outside
- Tune into local VHF/UHF frequencies if there's a chance of severe weather

### Matthew Barry (KG5LYE)

- Not specific to ham radio, but became aware of it after:
  - [NOAA Weather Radio \(NWR\) stations](#)
  - N5ZKF:
    - Local weather station is [WXK30](#) 162.550 MHz
    - Current weather conditions, forecast, temperatures, and weather alerts
    - You can get a dedicated weather alert radio

## Buy / Sell

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## Matthew Cadman (KJ5IIF)

- Heads-up: Looking to have club clear out a lot of old equipment
- Remote QRP station in Conroe that needs remote auto-tuner to work properly
  - Hermes Lite 2 with filter board
  - Does anyone know of a reasonably priced remotely controllable auto-tuner?
  - Haven't found anything after much research
  - K5WTR: is this to change frequency or match antenna impedance? (latter)
  - N5ZKF: I have an MFJ auto-tuner if you want to borrow it

## Closing Remarks

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