



GRAYSON COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB NEWS

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SPECIAL EDITION

THE PRESIDENT'S QSO

Howdy everyone,

Surprise, surprise, surprise...a 2nd newsletter in August. What's going on??? Well, at our meeting last Friday night the club decided to start publishing the newsletter the week **after** the club meeting rather than the week before the meeting every month. The objective of making this change is to keep you more up-to-date on what the club is doing in the coming month, provide a timely summary of what occurred during the monthly meeting, and provide an up-to-date report on what the club's financial situation is.

So, this abbreviated newsletter will be the 1st using the new time format. Future newsletters will be published the week after our monthly meetings. We will send out reminders regarding the monthly meetings via email and on our Facebook page.

We have two club activities planned for September:

- Helping Hams projects
 - On Saturday, September 19, we will be helping Mike Bernier with antenna installations at his house, and also helping John Ramsey load a tower onto a trailer. We could use at least 6 or 8 strong bodies. The more the merrier. If you are able to help please let me know. Details to follow as soon as they are worked out.
 - Dora Caywood also needs help installing a radio in her truck. She will work with Ben to get this done.
 - Rick Simmons no longer needs assistance with his tower so he is coming off our list.

If you need help with your ham radio project let us know what it is you need done, pick a date when you want to do it, and let's see what we can do to make it happen,

- CW classes started after the meeting last Friday, and we decided to hold additional weekly CW classes for the next month or so. James Frank KW5CW is our trainer and a dedicated CW operator. He knows his stuff. We hope to reserve the room at the courthouse for these additional classes. Classes will be held on Saturday mornings. As soon as the details are worked out we'll let you know. There are at least a dozen members in the class right now, but even if you didn't attend the 1st session please feel free to participate if you are interested in CW. I'm sure James will have additional information he wants to share with us. This is a fantastic opportunity to learn CW...I encourage you to take advantage of it.

Answers to trivia questions in last newsletter...

1. SAG = Support And Gear
2. "Happy trails to you until we meet again" is the theme song of Roy Rogers, king of the cowboys, and Dale Evans. Roy Rogers was not his real name. He was born Leonard Slye. Over the years I have been asked many times if I am related to Roy, and the answer is No.

Thanks everyone & 73,

Lee
N5SLY
lee.n5sly@gmail.com

CLUB INFORMATION

OFFICERS

President: Lee Sly N5SLY
Vice President: Trevor Reed KG5BFI
Secretary: Stacy Branam W5ORD
Treasurer: Sheila Sammons KF5TDP
Activity Director: Mark Pilkilton KF5UZW
Trustee: Rick Simmons K5ECX

MEETINGS

When: 3rd Friday of each month
Time: 7:00pm (1900 hours)
Location: Grayson County Courthouse
2nd Floor Assembly Room
100 W. Houston Street
Sherman, TX 75090
GPS: 33.38.18N, 96.36.59W

MAILING ADDRESS

Grayson County Amateur Radio Club
P.O. Box 642
Sherman, Texas 75091

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Individual: \$20.00/yr
Family: \$30.00/yr
Associate (non-Ham): \$15.00/yr

Memberships are from January 1 – December 31

NEWSLETTER

Published: Monthly via e-mail
Editor: Michael Bernier KF5NPM
To Submit News Send E-Mail to
or to Add/Remove KF5NPM@GMAIL.COM
from E-Mail List:
Submission 12 midnight on the Sunday
Deadline: following each monthly meeting

WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA

Address: www.graysoncountyar.com
Webmaster: Ben Sly KF5OEB
Facebook www.facebook.com/groups/K5GCC
Page:

DUES AND DONATIONS

Membership dues are payable upon joining and renew on January 1st of each year. Donations to support the club are always welcome. Dues and donations may be paid by cash or check at any monthly GCARC meeting and by mail, or by using a credit or debit card online at the GCARC website.

GCARC, ARES, AND SKYWARN PATCHES

GCARC club patches are available and may be purchased at each club meeting; cost is \$5.00 each. These are round patches with the club logo, and are great for wearing on vests and other non-club clothing, placing on equipment bags, go-kits, etc.

ARES and SKYWARN patches may also be purchased at each club meeting; cost is \$4.00 each. If you choose to wear patches on your club shirt or jacket, we recommend ARES members place the ARES patch first on the right shoulder and any other patch (SKYWARN, RACES, CERT, etc.) should go below it. Since some members have tactical shirts with pen pockets on the left sleeve we do not recommend placing any patches on that side.

CLUB CLOTHING ORDERS

Several times each year, members have the opportunity to purchase club-related clothing (shirts, caps, jackets, etc.). These items have the GCARC logo and the member's name and callsign embroidered on them. An order form with instructions will be included in the newsletter each time orders are being taken.

"It shall be our purpose to further the exchange of information and cooperation between members, to promote radio knowledge, fraternalism and individual operating efficiency, and to so conduct club programs and activities as to advance the general interest and welfare of Amateur Radio in the community."

From the GCARC Constitution

GCARC MEETING MINUTES

GCARC Meeting, August 21, 2015

Called to order at 7:00. 23 members in attendance plus 4 guests.

Several new members joined this evening. All members introduced themselves.

Meeting Minutes

- Minutes from previous meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report

- Treasurer's Report for July was approved.

Old Business

- Thanks to everyone who volunteered for the Red River Bike Rally. We had no major incidents. Ben KF5OEB reported that Joe Brown of the Kiwanis complimented us on how smoothly everything was run and how they couldn't have held the rally without our help.
- The club completed a tower installation for Dr. Stewart and received a \$600.00 donation in appreciation for the work.
- Ben went to the Perrin Field Museum to discuss the installation of a permanent tower at the site for the club. The gentleman we need to talk to is only there on Tuesdays, so Ben will be going back. We will report back on this next month.
- Stacy W5ORD purchased the 100' of coax that was approved at the previous meeting.

New Business

- Changing the time of publication of the newsletter was discussed and approved. The newsletter will now come out the week following the monthly meeting instead of the week before the meeting. This way, information about news and upcoming events will be timelier. Mike Bernier KF5NPM will send out a brief newsletter the week of 8/31 to inform people of the change. The first full newsletter will go out the week after the September meeting.
- Several people noted that they use the publication of the newsletter as a reminder for each upcoming meeting. It was approved to start sending out an email reminder the week of the meeting, and posting a reminder on the club's Facebook page.
- There are no club activities planned in September. Lee N5SLY suggested we take this time to get some of the Helping Hams activities completed. We will meet at Mike KF5NPM's house on Sept. 19 around 9:00am to help with his antenna installation. John Ramsey KF5KHZ also needs an antenna loaded on a trailer, this may be done the same day if it can be coordinated. Rick Simmons K5ECX no longer needs help with his tower.
- Roy Reed AF5VA asked permission to add a link to the GCARC web page on his Grayson County Scanner website, which was approved
- Ben requested \$30.00 to purchase booth space at the Van Alstyne Fall-Der-All festival taking place in October; request approved. This event is taking place the same day as the Eisenhower Birthday Special Event Station; Ben will be working the Van Alstyne event.

Program

- No official program; instead, meeting adjourned at approximately 7:45 so that James KW5CW could begin his first CW class.

Next Meeting will be 7:00pm on Friday, September 18, 2015, in the Grayson County Courthouse 2nd Floor Assembly Room, Sherman TX.

Respectfully Submitted,
Stacy Branham W5ORD
GCARC Secretary

GCARC TREASURER'S REPORT

Bank Balance as of 8.18.15 Club Meeting

| | |
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| Operating Fund Beginning Bal | 534.84 |
| Funds Received from dues | 0.00 |
| Fund Received from donations | 600.00 |
| Less expenses | |
| Operating Fund Balance | 1134.84 |

| OPERATING BUDGET | |
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| Mail Box | Paid |
| Perrin Special Events | Paid |
| ARRL Field Day / RRBW- Food | Paid |
| Red R B W (Perrin Museum) | Paid |
| RR Bridge War Cards | Paid |
| Denison Main Str Festival | Paid |
| Christmas Dinner | 75.00 |
| Donations to Fund Raisers | |
| RR Bike Rally (Kiwanis) | Paid |
| Marine Corps League (Toys For Tots) | 0.00 |
| Total | 75.00 |

** 49 Members YTD

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|---------------------------|--------|
| Available Equipment Funds | 198.56 |
| Funds Received | |
| Less expenditures | |
| Equipment Fund Balance | 198.56 |

| EQUIPMENT NEEDS | |
|-----------------|------|
| | 0.00 |
| | 0.00 |
| Amount Budgeted | 0.00 |

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| Ending Bank Balance as of August 18, 2015 Club Meeting | 1333.40 |
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Sheila Sammons KF5TDP
GCARC Treasurer

Dues can be paid and donations made online through the club website using a credit or debit card. Visit www.graysoncountync.com for more information.

CLUB MEETINGS, LOCAL ACTIVITIES, AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Club Meetings

Grayson County Amateur Radio Club (GCARC)

3rd Friday at 7:00pm

Grayson County Courthouse 2nd floor assembly room, 100 West Houston Street, Sherman TX

<http://www.k5gcc.org>

Cooke County Amateur Radio Club (CCARC)

2nd Thursday at 7:00pm

Cooke County Library, 200 S. Weaver Street, Gainesville TX

<http://www.gainesvillehamfest.org/club.htm>

Durant Amateur Repeater Association (DARA)

3rd Tuesday at 7:00pm

Bryan County Emergency Management, 2808 Enterprise Drive, Durant OK

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Durant-Amateur-Repeater-Association-Ham-Radio/292030700959672>

Fannin County Amateur Radio Club (FCARC)

3rd Saturday at 9:00am

First Presbyterian Church, 818 North Main Street, Bonham TX

<http://www.k5frc.org>

McKinney Amateur Radio Club (MARC)

2nd Tuesday at 7:00pm

Spring Creek Barbecue, 1993 North Central Expressway, McKinney TX

<http://www.mckinneyarc.org>

Quarter Century Wireless Association (QCWA) Chapter 41

1st Saturday at 11:00am

Midway Point Restaurant, 12801 Midway Road, Dallas TX

<http://www.texasqcwa41.org>

ARES® / SKYWARN®

Grayson County ARES® Training

4th Tuesday of each odd-numbered month (Jan / Mar / May / Jul / Sep / Nov) at 7:00pm

Sherman Municipal Airport Terminal Building, 1200 S. Dewey Ave., Sherman TX

<http://www.tecoares.org>

Ragchewing & Other Informal Meetings

Ham Talk at The Java Stop

Every Saturday 11:00am-2:00pm

The Java Stop Café, 5700 North FM 1417, Sherman TX

<http://www.facebook.com/thejavastop>

GCARC Events

Denison Main Street Festival

October 3rd, 2015

Main Street, Denison TX

The club will operate an information booth to greet visitors and promote Amateur Radio.

Van Alstyne Fall-Der-All Festival

October 10th, 2015

Main Street, Van Alstyne TX

The club will operate an information booth to greet visitors and promote Amateur Radio

Eisenhower Birthday Special Event Station

October 10th, 2015

Eisenhower Birthplace, Denison TX

The club will operate as special event station W5I in celebration of President Dwight Eisenhower's birthday

VE Testing Sessions

Texoma VE Team – Bi-Monthly Testing

1st Thursday of each even-numbered month (Feb / Apr / Jun / Aug / Oct / Dec) at 7:00pm
Grayson College Center For Workplace Learning, Seminar Room C, 6101 Grayson Drive, Denison TX
Contact: Moe NT7C (903) 564-7115 or nt7c@arrl.net

Durant Amateur Repeater Association – Monthly Testing

3rd Tuesday of each month at 8:00pm (following the DARA monthly meeting)
Bryan County Emergency Management, 2808 Enterprise Drive, Durant OK
Contact: Jim K5BNK (jharmon@netcommander.com)

Texoma Amateur Radio Association – Monthly Testing

3rd Saturday of each month at 2:00pm
The Java Stop Café, 5700 North FM 1417, Sherman TX
Contact: Dave K5YM (281) 743-7478

Fannin County Amateur Radio Club – Appointment-Only Testing

First Presbyterian Church, 818 North Main Street, Bonham TX
Contact David WA0URJ (wa0urj@yahoo.com) to schedule a session

Hamfests

Gainesville Hamfest

September 26, 2015 7:00am-1:00pm (VE Testing begins 9:30am)
Gainesville Civic Center, 311 S Weaver Street, Gainesville TX
Talk-In: 147.34 and 442.775 (both 100.0 PL)
Public Contact: James Floyd N5ZPU (940) 668-7511 or jfloyd54@swbell.net
Website: www.gainesvillehamfest.org

Texoma Hamarama

October 23-24, 2015 (Friday 5:00pm-8:00pm, Saturday 8:00am-1:00pm)
VE Testing: Saturday beginning at 10:00am
Ardmore Convention Center, 2401 N Rockford Road, Ardmore OK
Talk-In: 146.970 and 146.835 (both 131.8 PL)
Public Contact: Don Loving KM5OX (580) 221-1894 or wallcloud2001@yahoo.com
Website: www.texomahamarama.org

LOCAL RADIO NETS

Daily

Texas Slow Net (CW only)

Daily 7:45pm CT on 3.570MHz.
This is a training net for operators interested in building proficiency in CW and learning about handling procedures for CW traffic nets.

Weekly

Durant ARA Weekly Net

Tuesdays 7:00pm CT on the 147.390+ (118.8 PL) repeater.
No net on the 3rd Tuesday of each month due to the DARA monthly meeting.

Fannin County ARC Weekly Net

Tuesdays 8:00pm CT on the 145.130– (no PL) repeater.
This is an informal information net.

McKinney 6 meter AM Net

Wednesdays 10:00pm CT on 50.400MHz

Ladies Net

Thursdays 7:00pm CT on the 147.000+ (100.0 PL) repeater.
Net Control: Linda KE5YUC

McKinney ARC Info Net

Sundays 8:00pm CT on the 146.740– (110.9 PL) repeater.

Semi-Monthly

Grayson County ARC Information Net

1st & 3rd Sunday at 8:00pm CT on the 147.000+ (100.0 PL) repeater.

This is an informal information net and buy/sell/swap net.

Grayson County ARES Net

2nd & 4th Sunday at 8:00pm CT on the 147.000+ (100.0 PL) repeater.

This is a directed information net used for training.

RACES Command Net Check

2nd & 4th Sunday at 2:00pm CT on 7.255 MHz LSB

This is a RACES Command Net check for statewide RACES Command Net members ONLY. All other Amateur stations are welcome to listen, but DO NOT check in!

Monthly

Scout Ham Net

1st Tuesday at 8:00pm CT on the 147.000+ (100.0 PL) repeater.

This net is for all active Scouts, Adult Leaders, and Merit Badge Counselors who are Amateur Radio operators.

North Texas ARES HF Net

2nd Wednesday at 8:30pm CT on 3.860 MHz LSB

This is an information net open to all ARES members in the ARRL North Texas (NTX) Section.

McKinney ARES Net

2nd Sunday at 9:00pm CT on the 146.740- (110.9 PL) repeater.

Other

5th Sunday Ragchews

March 29, May 31, August 30, and November 29 at 8:00pm CT on the 147.000+ (100.0 PL) repeater.

Net Control: Trevor Reed KG5BFI

AREA REPEATERS

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| Sherman TX | 147.000+ MHz (100.0 PL) 147.280+ MHz (107.2 PL) 444.750+ MHz (100.0 PL) | W5RVT W5COP W5RVT | Gainesville TX | 147.340+ MHz (100.0 PL) | WB5FHI |
| Allen TX | 145.350- MHz (100.0 PL) | N5GI | Kingston OK | 146.085- MHz (103.5 PL) (currently out of service) | K5BQC |
| Bonham TX | 145.470- MHz (100.0 PL) 147.200+ MHz (100.0 PL) 443.750+ MHz (100.0 PL) | K5FRC K5FRC K5FRC | McKinney TX | 146.740- MHz (110.9 PL) | W5MRC |
| Denison TX | 145.330- MHz (100.0 PL) | W5DWH | Melissa TX | 443.200+ MHz (100.0 PL) | W5MRA |
| Durant OK | 147.390+ MHz (118.8 PL) 147.255+ MHz (114.8 PL) (currently out of service) | K5KIE K5CGE | Paris TX | 146.760- MHz (203.5 PL) | WB5RDD |
| | | | Rosston TX | 145.490- MHz (85.4 PL) | WD5U |
| | | | Van Alstyne TX | 443.800+ MHz (103.5 PL) | W5VAL |
| | | | Grayson County ARES | 441.375+ MHz (67.0 PL) (emergencies/training only) | WC5GC |

**This is an abbreviated “special edition” of the GCARC newsletter.
Look for the full version to resume publishing the week of September
21st following the monthly club meeting.**