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THE PRESIDENT'S QSO

Howdy everyone,

Can't believe how the time is flying by this year. It's almost fall...can you believe it?

Congratulations to Nancy Pierce, KG5PIZ. She just passed her Technician test and is working on getting her General license. Welcome to ham radio Nancy...have fun on the radio! Looking forward to my 1st QSO with this YL.

Not very much happened last month with the club, but lots going on in the coming weeks...

- Van Alstyne Fall Der All – Saturday, Sept 24, 10 AM – 5 PM
- Denison Main Street Fall Festival – Saturday, Oct 1, 10 AM – 5 PM
- Collinsville National Night Out – Tuesday, Oct 4, 6 PM – 8 PM

These are all "Meet and Greet" the public events. No HF radios will be operational. We'll be there to tell folks about Amateur Radio, our club, disaster preparedness, etc. Rick, K5ECX, was able to get 10 inexpensive weather radios donated to the club and we will be selling raffle tickets at all of these events. The winners will be drawn at the conclusion of the Collinsville National Night Out event. If you can help man our booth at any or all of these events please plan on doing so. And sell those raffle tickets. The more we sell the more money will go into the bank for both the club and ARES.

And, if that wasn't enough, right after all of that we have our final special event of the year...the Eisenhower Special Event being held from Oct 7, 0000z – Oct 16, 2359z. We'll be setting up our radio at the Eisenhower Birthplace in Denison on Saturday, Oct 8, 9 AM – 4 PM. All are invited to come and enjoy all the activities that day. It's always a lot of fun.

Just like the other events we've had this year, all club members can use their own radios to operate any time they want during the Eisenhower Special Event using the W5I call sign. You can operate on any band and use any mode. The only thing you need to remember is that you must follow the band plan for the license you hold while operating from your home shack. You must send your log of the contacts you make during this event to me when the event is over. I'll put them all together and submit them to eQSL and LOTW. Because we have done so well this year with our other special events, I'm raising the bar to a new level for this event. Our goal is to make 600 contacts. With your help we can make this happen.

The map project we started last month is coming along. Rick was able to get a very nice 3' x 4' map of Grayson County and it is being laminated for us as I write this. Again, Rick, K5ECX, was able to get the map for free. Great job Rick. Not sure how Rick comes up with all this free stuff. We'll have to quiz him on that. Anyway, thanks again Rick.

At our next club meeting we'll be accepting nominations for club officers for next year. Not sure why, but this meeting always seems to be the most challenging of the year. All we are asking is for folks to step forward and be willing to lead this great club next year. I've really enjoyed being your president these last two years, but according to the club by laws my time is up and you'll have a new president next year. I'm not going anywhere. I'll still be here to help in any way I can. The open positions for next year are...President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. If you are interested in one of these positions please let someone know. Rest assured that you won't be left out in the cold to figure out how to do any of these positions. All of the present club officers, and past officers, will be there to help get you started and provide assistance any time.

Thanks everyone & have fun using your radios.

73

Lee – N5SLY

lee.n5sly@gmail.com

CLUB INFORMATION

OFFICERS

President:	Lee Sly N5SLY
Vice President:	James Frank KW5CW
Secretary:	Stacy Branam W5ORD
Treasurer:	Sheila Sammons KF5TDP
Activity Director:	Mark Pilkilton KF5UZW
Trustee:	Rick Simmons K5ECX

MAILING ADDRESS

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MEETINGS

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

MEMBERSHIP DUES

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

Memberships are from January 1 – December 31

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

Meeting minutes were not available at press time. They will be included in the next issue.

GCARC TREASURER'S REPORT

Bank Balance as of 9.16.16 Club Meeting

Operating Fund Beginning Bal	1,763.90
Funds Received	
Dues	40.00
Less expenses	
1107 Kiwanis	250.00
1108 Denison Fall Festival	75.00
1109 Dan Barnes (food for RRBridge)	42.67
1110 VanAlstyne Chamber	30.00
Online Fee	1.76
Operating Fund Balance	1,404.47

** 48 Members YTD

Available Equipment Funds	164.54
Funds Received - donation	0.00

Less expenditures

Equipment Fund Balance	164.54
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Ending Bank Balance
as of September 16, 2016 1,569.01

Sheila Sammons KF5TDP
GCARC Treasurer

OPERATING BUDGET	
Post Office Box	0.00
Checks	0.00
Website	0.00
<i>Special Events Deposit</i>	
Denison Main Street	0.00
V.A. Fal-dur-All	0.00
RR Bridge War	0.00
<i>Food for Special Events</i>	
Perrin Field - donated	0.00
ARRL Field Day	0.00
RR Bridge War	0.00
Eisenhower	
Birthday	50.00
Christmas Dinner	75.00
<i>Donations</i>	
Perrin Museum	0.00
Kiwanis/Bike Rally	0.00
Toys For Tots	100.00
<i>Total</i>	225.00

EQUIPMENT NEEDS	
Amount Budgeted	0

Grayson County ARC

Eisenhower Special Event Cheat Sheet

Call sign we'll be using....**W5I**

Whiskey Five India

Exchange or Report to send...

usually 59 or 599

Tell them about the event...

We are celebrating the 126th birthday of Dwight Eisenhower, the 34th President of the United States at his birth place in Denison, TX

Get the contact logged correctly...

Call Sign...make sure you have their call sign right...very important!!!

Date & Time

Only Zulu time!!!

Frequency & Mode...SSB, PSK31, CW, etc.

Ask for their QSL card. Our QSL info at

www.qrz.com/db/w5i

Most important thing...Have fun!!!

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.graysoncountyarcc.com>

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>

GCARC Events

Van Alstyne “Fall Der All”

September 24, 2016 10:00am-5:00pm

Downtown Van Alstyne, TX

The club will operate an information booth at this event to inform the public about Amateur Radio.

Denison Main Street Festival

October 1, 2016 10:00am-5:00pm

Downtown Denison, TX

The club will operate an information booth at this event to inform the public about Amateur Radio.

Collinsville National Night Out

October 4, 2016 6:00pm-8:00pm

Downtown Collinsville, TX

The club will operate an information booth at this event to inform the public about Amateur Radio.

Eisenhower Birthday Special Event

Operating period: October 7-16, 2016

Club Station at the Eisenhower Birthplace in Denison: October 8, 2016 9:00am-4:00pm

The club will operate a special event station using the callsign W5I in celebration of President Dwight Eisenhower’s birthday. All members may participate using their own equipment during the event.

**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>

**Training
Classes**

Technician License Training Class

One class held in two sessions to prepare students to take the Technician License exam.

Session 1: Saturday, November 5, 2016 8:30am-12:30pm

Session 2: Saturday, November 19, 2016 8:30am-5:30pm (at the end of this session the

Texoma VE Team will administer the Technician exam)

Grayson College Center For Workplace Learning, Seminar Room C, 6101 Grayson Drive, Denison TX

Contact: Moe NT7C (903) 564-7115 or nt7c@arrl.net

Class Fee: No Charge for the class, but there is a \$15 fee to take the Technician exam. Study guides will be e-mailed to registered students prior to the start of the first session.

Registration: Required; contact Moe to register

**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 (jharmon1940@gmail.com)

Texoma Amateur Radio Association – Bi-Monthly Testing

*** NO MORE TESTING SESSIONS OFFERED THIS YEAR ***

Contact: Dave K5YM (281) 743-7478 or k5ym@yahoo.com

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

HamEXPO

October 1, 2016 7:00am-1:00pm

VE Testing: 9:30am

Bell County Expo Center, 301 West Loop 121, Belton TX

Talk-In: 146.820 (123.0 PL)

Public Contact: John Hobson WD5BFS (254) 338-8620 or expo@tarc.org

Website: www.tarc.org/hamexpo

Texoma Hamarama

October 21-22, 2016 (Friday 5:00pm-8:00pm, Saturday 8:00am-1:00pm)

VE Testing: Saturday 10:00am

Ardmore Convention Center, 2401 North Rockford Rd., Ardmore OK

Talk-In: 146.970 (131.8 PL)

Public Contact: Don Loving KM5OX (580) 221-1894 or dloving@mscok.edu

Website: www.texomahamarama.org

CW CORNER

.....but not just a CW article

What is a RESET? It could be all of things, but in my case I'm finally getting back in good health. Over the past spring time and summer, I decided to take some time and travel across the country. Unfortunately, my last trip to the east coast was very detrimental to my health, and I caught Pneumonia. I had this nagging cough that would not go away, and I got to a point where I couldn't even stand up. If anyone was concerned as to why I haven't been at any meetings for a while,

I've just been too weak to leave the house or write the monthly CW articles. I've been home from work for nearly a month and finally feel strong enough to go to back. But the IBM Bureaucracy will make that hard for me to get back to work. Since on an extended leave because of health reasons, combined with my age, IBM has decided to limit my work hours, at least for the time being. To make things worse, I work a 7PM to 7AM shift, drive 2 hours each way, and doing that for almost 2 years now. But I'm still not used to the hours, especially since IBM has decided to change my schedule, making me work every other weekend, which in some cases will interfere with Friday night's club meeting. My wife has been begging me to finally retire after 28 years with IBM, and I'm seriously considering it. I haven't touched a CW key for at least 2 1/2 months, and have just briefly from time to time listened to CW to bring back memories of the club and our past CW classes. The Grayson County Amateur Radio Club will never know how much it has helped me feel whole again as an amateur radio operator. When I joined the GCARC, I became motivated once again to be active in amateur radio. I have the club to thank for that.

My goal is to definitely make the next club meeting, but if my health deteriorates again, I'll have to miss another meeting, which is not good record for a vice-president. The election of officers are around the corner, and I'm just hoping I can finally gain enough strength to be active in the club once again. At the present time, I feel pretty well, as my experience with pneumonia is all but gone, but I still need to be careful. Recently, you may have read or heard on the news about Hillary Clinton and her experience with pneumonia. I don't know how she could have returned on the campaign trail in just 3 days' time. I guess the form that she had was called walking pneumonia. My case just about totally disabled me. I definitely couldn't walk, losing my balance. I lost my voice for at least 3 weeks.

Enough about me, now let's talk about you!! A good number of hams from our club did participate in the CW classes during the last two years. I'm proud for each and every one of you. But I would like everyone who has attended to at least try to get on the air and make a CW contact. Confirm the contact with a QSL card and bring it to a club meeting. I believe that there are at least 2 previous students from my last class that I still owe a CW certificate to from the last class. My goal is to get those handed out at the October meeting if they haven't been handed out already. I would also like to discuss the possibility of another class in the spring, but this time I would like to try something different, as it will require more class participation during the sessions. This can be a way for students to really tackle their fears and learn the code. For a basic class, I've been told by a few that I've been approaching it totally wrong, expecting that the students would progress within my schedule of time, but I failed to learn that everyone learns at their own pace.

Ok everyone! Let's keep your fingers crossed and hope that I make the next meeting, which looks to be on October 21st. See you then!!

73,
James - KW5CW - GCARC Vice-President

SWAP MEET

(Disclaimer: This section is provided for hams to list items they wish to buy, sell, or trade. GCARC will not be responsible for the accuracy or completeness of any descriptions, will not guarantee any items function as described, and will not participate in any transactions. The individual buyer and seller are responsible for all discussions, negotiations, and resolving of differences.)

To submit items to be listed, send the information in an e-mail to the GCARC Newsletter Editor at kf5npm@gmail.com. Photographs are encouraged. There is no charge for listings, and you do not need to be a member of GCARC to participate.

FOR SALE AS IS: Assorted Electronics/Test Equipment

The following items were donated to GCARC and are in need of a new home. No set price per piece – make us an offer!

- Heathkit RF Signal Generator
- Square Wave Generator Model 71
- Broel & Kjoer Voltmeter
- Sierra Electronic Corp. Carrier Frequency Voltmeter 104A
- Polytechnic Research Heterodyne Frequency Meter Type 504

NOTE: These have not been tested and are offered “as is” with no refunds.

Contact: Lee Sly N5SLY
E-mail: lee.n5sly@gmail.com

HELPING HAMS

The idea behind Helping Hams is simple – all hams need a little help sometimes, but they might not know who can help them. Our club has many talented members, with some better at certain jobs than others. What we hope to do here is match up hams needing help with other hams who have the skills to help them. Working together, we can all help our fellow hams and encourage them to continue pursuing their interests in this wonderful hobby.

The currently-requested needs are listed below. If you have a need, or know of a ham with a need, or if you or someone you know can help, contact our newsletter editor by sending an e-mail to kf5npm@gmail.com. Be sure to include the following: 1) Who needs the help and how to contact them; 2) What needs to be done; 3) When can someone come out to do the work; and 4) Where is the location of the work that needs to be done. **You don't have to be a member of GCARC to ask for help or make an offer to help.** We're all in this together – that's what the hobby is all about!

Current Requests:

Bennie K5DIZ	Antenna install
Bob Sholl	Needs help with a rotator on a 100' tower.
W5DSA	

Sherman
Davy Ln, Denison

NEWS FROM THE WORLD OF AMATEUR RADIO

Amateur Radio Parity Act Passes in the U.S. House of Representatives

“The bill is passed without objection.” With those words, Amateur Radio history was made on September 12, when the US House of Representatives [approved](#) the Amateur Radio Parity Act, [H.R. 1301](#) on a voice vote under a suspension of the rules. The focus of the campaign to enact the legislation into law now shifts to the US Senate. The House victory culminated many years of effort on ARRL's part to gain legislation that would enable radio amateurs living in deed-restricted communities to erect antennas that support Amateur Radio communication. The measure calls on the FCC to amend its Part 97 rules “to prohibit the application to amateur stations of certain private land-use restrictions, and for other purposes.” While similar bills in past years gained some traction on Capitol Hill, it was not until the overwhelming grassroots support from the Amateur Radio community for H.R. 1301 shepherded by ARRL that a bill made it this far. The legislation faces significant obstacles to passage in the US Senate, however.

“This is huge step in our effort to enact legislation that will allow radio amateurs who live in deed-restricted communities the ability to construct an effective outdoor antenna,” ARRL President Rick Roderick, K5UR, said. “Thanks to everyone for their help in this effort thus far. Now we must turn our full attention to getting the bill passed in the Senate.”

ARRL Hudson Division Director Mike Lisenco, N2YBB, who chairs the ARRL Board's Legislative Advocacy Committee, has been heavily involved in efforts to move H.R. 1301 forward. “This has been a multiyear effort that is finally seeing some light,” he said. “The passage of the bill in the House is a major accomplishment, due to the hard work of so many -- from the rank-and-file member to the officers and directors.”

Lisenco said it's not a time to rest on our laurels. “We are only halfway there. The focus now shifts to our effort in the Senate,” he said. “We are beginning a massive e-mail campaign in which we need every member to write their two Senators using our simplified process. You will be hearing from President Roderick and from your Directors, asking you to go to our [‘Rally Congress’](#) page. Using your ZIP code, e-mails will be generated much like our recent letter campaign. You'll fill in your name and address and press Enter. The e-mails will be sent directly to your Senators without you having to search through their websites.”

Lisenco said getting these e-mails to members' Senators is a critical part of the process. "Those numbers matter! Please help us help you by participating in this effort," he said.

As the [amended bill](#) provides, "Community associations should fairly administer private land-use regulations in the interest of their communities, while nevertheless permitting the installation and maintenance of effective outdoor Amateur Radio antennas. There exist antenna designs and installations that can be consistent with the aesthetics and physical characteristics of land and structures in community associations while accommodating communications in the Amateur Radio services."

During limited debate, the House bill's sponsor, Rep Adam Kinzinger (R-IL), thanked ARRL and the Community Associations Institute (CAI) for reaching an agreement to move the bill forward "in a bipartisan and very positive manner." He pointed out to his colleagues that Amateur Radio antennas are prohibited outright in some areas.

"For some this is merely a nuisance," Kinzinger said, "but for others -- those that use their Amateur Radio license for life-saving emergency communications -- a dangerous situation can be created by limiting their ability to establish effective communication for those in need."

Kinzinger said that in emergencies, hams can provide "a vital and life-saving function" when conventional communication systems are down. He also praised the Military Auxiliary Radio System (MARS), a US Department of Defense-sponsored program, comprised largely of Amateur Radio volunteers, that also supports communication during emergencies and disasters.

Cosponsor US Rep Joe Courtney (D-CT) also urged the bill's passage. "This is not just a feel-good bill," Courtney said, recounting how Hurricane Sandy brought down the power grid, and "we saw all the advanced communications we take for granted...completely fall by the wayside." Ham radio volunteers provided real-time communication in the storm's wake, he said, saying the legislation was a way "to rebalance things" for radio amateurs who choose to live in deed-restricted neighborhoods by enabling them to install "non-intrusive antennas."

Courtney noted that he spoke recently with FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler, and said that Wheeler "strongly supports this legislation."

Leading up to the vote, Rep Paul Tonko (D-NY) also spoke in support of the legislation, calling it a commonsense approach that would build "fairness into the equation for Amateur Radio operators" in dealing with homeowners associations.

The earlier U.S. Senate version of the Amateur Radio Parity Act, S. 1685, no longer is in play, and the Senate is expected to vote by unanimous consent on the version of H.R. 1301 that was adopted by the House on September 12.

- Originally published online at ARRL.org

FCC Proposes Substantial Fine for Unlicensed Amateur Operation, False Police Calls



A New York City man faces a fine of \$23,000 for operating on Amateur Radio frequencies without a license and for transmitting a false officer-in-distress call on a New York City Police Department (NYPD) radio channel. The FCC issued a *Notice of Apparent Liability for Forfeiture* ([NAL](#)) on August 31 to Daniel Delise of Astoria. It details a history of complaints and alleged illegal radio operation on Delise's part that dates back to 2012.

"The Commission previously warned Mr Delise that unlicensed operation of this station was illegal and that continued operation could result in further enforcement action," the FCC said in the *NAL*. "Mr Delise's deliberate disregard of the [Communications] Act and the Commission's warning warrants a significant penalty."

ARRL Hudson Division Director Mike Lisenco, N2YBB, credited the intervention earlier this year of New York Rep Peter King with getting the case “off the back burner and up to the front of the line.” Lisenco and ARRL General Counsel Chris Imlay, W3KD, met with the Republican congressman in January to discuss ongoing interference issues in the Greater New York City/Long Island area. King subsequently wrote FCC Chairman Tom Wheeler to urge “timely and visible enforcement.”

Lisenco also praised the direct involvement of FCC Enforcement Bureau Region 1 Director David C. Dombrowski “and his willingness to work with us and to use information we provided as potential leads,” as well as “a system of grass-roots reporting that depicted the current pattern of intentional interference with legitimate amateur communications on local repeaters,” coordinated by Richie Cetron, K2KNB, an Official Observer and Assistant Hudson Division Director. Lisenco said FCC Special Counsel Laura Smith “has been a great help in keeping us informed and in the loop.”

The FCC reported receiving “numerous complaints” that Delise was transmitting on different frequencies, issuing two official warnings in 2012. The Commission said complaints about Delise continued through 2013 and 2014, but, the FCC said, an investigating agent “was not able to confirm a rule violation.” Still more complaints alleged that Delise was transmitting without authority on 461.225 MHz, a frequency licensed to NYC City Wide Disaster Services, the FCC recounted. In 2014, the FCC received 10 more complaints identifying Delise by name, plus another nine in 2015 and one more in 2016.

Last April, field agents monitoring in Delise’s Astoria neighborhood detected a strong voice transmission on 147.96 MHz. They were able to track the signal to the building where Delise resided, and, ultimately, went to his apartment and confronted him.

The FCC said Delise admitted making the transmissions on 147.96 MHz and acknowledged that he did not have an Amateur Radio license. As a result, the FCC’s New York Field office issued a [*Notice of Unlicensed Operation*](#).

A couple of weeks later, the NYPD informed an FCC field agent that it had taken Delise into custody for “sending out false radio transmissions” over the NYPD radio system and for possessing radios capable of operating on NYPD frequencies, in violation of state law. According to the NYPD, a call had gone out reporting an officer in need, and the responding officer spotted Delise speaking into a radio. The police report said Delise admitted to making the transmission and that he told officers that he had more radios and would continue to transmit on police frequencies. Obtaining a warrant, the NYPD confiscated all radio transmitting equipment from Delise’s apartment, including 14 radios capable of operating on NYPD frequencies.

The FCC concluded that Delise apparently transmitted without a license on Amateur Radio frequencies, even after being warned not to do so, and that he apparently transmitted false or fraudulent distress signals on NYPD frequencies. Both violations were “willful,” the FCC said.

Delise could have faced a penalty of more than \$140,000, under the provisions of the Communications Act. The NAL gave Delise 30 days to pay the fine or to file a written statement seeking a reduction or cancellation of the proposed forfeiture. The FCC fine may not be at the top of Delise’s list of worries, however. According to Lisenco, Delise now is serving prison time resulting from the false police call and his guilty pleas to other charges.

- Originally published online at ARRL.org

ARDF Team USA Enjoys Success in Bulgaria with Seven Medals

Fifteen of the best on-foot hidden transmitter hunters in the US are back home after picking up seven medals in the 18th [World Amateur Radio Direction Finding \(ARDF\) Championships](#) and World Cup events in Bulgaria. The competition got under way on August 30 with the 80 meter “classic” event of the ARDF World Cup, an optional competition for individuals that precedes the Championships. Eight Team USA members participated in the World Cup.

On August 30 in the World Cup 80 meter “classic” competition, Vadim Afonkin, KB1RLI, of Massachusetts placed third in the M40 category to pick up a bronze medal. He found all of his required transmitters in 1:02:43, which was 8 minutes behind Alexander Sheynis of Russia, who took gold. The minimum M40 course length that day was 5.6 kilometers. On

Wednesday, August 31, in the World Cup 2 meter classic competition, Alla Mezhevaya of Illinois won the silver medal in the W35 category, finding all required transmitters on a 5.8 kilometer course in 1:18:53, just 4 minutes behind gold medalist Steliana Mateeva of Bulgaria.



In the September 1 [sprint](#) event Afonkin took gold in M40 category, finding all 10 required transmitters on a 2.7 kilometer course in just 21:09. That same day, Team USA Captain Ruth Bromer, WB4QZG, of North Carolina, took bronze in the W60 category. The next day, she won a second bronze medal in the [foxoring](#) event, finding all seven required low-power transmitters on a 2.5 kilometer course in 1:11:37.

On September 8 during the World Championship events for national teams, Afonkin won an individual bronze medal on a 5.85 kilometer 2 meter classic course, finishing in 1:11:52. Bromer and Karla Leach, KC7BLA, took home a team bronze medal that same day in the W60 category, on a 4.25 kilometer 80 meter classic course.

More than 400 competitors representing 39 nations took to the courses near Varna, a popular resort on the Black Sea coast. Competitors were divided into six age categories for men and five for women, in accordance with [rules](#) established by the International Amateur Radio Union ([IARU](#)).

Team USA team members included nine men and six women from eight states, ranging in age from 26 to 74. They qualified for the team by their excellent performance in the [2016 USA ARDF Championships](#) in Texas and the [2015 USA ARDF Championships](#) in Colorado.

Members of Team USA 2016 were:

- Vadim Afonkin, KB1RLI, Massachusetts
- Alexandra Bondarenco, Pennsylvania
- Natalia Bondarenco, Pennsylvania
- Ruth Bromer, WB4QZG, North Carolina
- Robert Cooley, KF6VSE, California
- Kenneth Harker, WM5R, Texas
- Joseph Huberman, K5JGH, North Carolina
- Lori Huberman, California
- Harley Leach, KI7XF, Montana
- Karla Leach, KC7BLA, Montana
- Nicolai Mejevoi, Illinois
- Alla Mezhevaya, Illinois
- Mike Schuh, KF7QDZ, Washington
- Bill Smathers, KG6HXX, California
- William Wright, WB6CMD, California

The best year to date for ARDF Team USA was 2012, during the World Cup and World Championships in Central Serbia, when the US fielded 13 competitors. Six of them garnered a total of 13 medals in the World Cup and World Championships that year.

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Amateur Radio – Military Interoperability Exercise Set for October 31 – November 1

An Amateur Radio-military interoperability exercise will take place October 31 and November 1. The event will begin at 1200 UTC on October 31 and continue through 2359 UTC on November 1 on 60 meter channels 1-4 – 5.3305 MHz, 5.3465 MHz, 5.357 MHz, and 5.3715 MHz, respectively.

During this exercise, military stations will attempt to make radio contact with stations in as many of the 3,143 US counties as possible. Radio amateurs providing “county status” information will receive a US Department of Defense “interoperability QSL card.”



For more information, [contact](#) the Military Auxiliary Radio Service (MARS).

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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

Texas Statewide ARES Net (HF)

Mondays 7:30pm CT on 3.873MHz LSB

This is an information net open to all Texas ARES members. Check in when your District is called; if you are not sure of your District, your County will also be listed.

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 147.200+ (100.0 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 (HF)

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

North Texas Section ARES Net (HF)

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.

AREA REPEATERS

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	147.200+ MHz (100.0 PL) 145.470- 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
			Whitesboro TX	442.875+ MHz (100.0 PL)	WC5GC

GRAYSON COUNTY ARES AND RACES

Sparks, Crackles, and Other Random Thoughts

By Rick Simmons K5ECX
Grayson County ARRL EC

A Wandering Mind

Several things have been floating around in the grey matter so I'll just do a memory dump and you can sort it out.

I was reading thru *QST* and spotted the article about mobile installs and mobile distractions. The article discusses equipment placement in today's ultra-safe cars, you know – airbags, seat sensors, crush zones. Used to we mounted the rig under the dash, found a “hot” wire, stuck an antenna on the trunk lid and away we went. The rest of the article reminded me of our need to pay attention. Pay attention when driving and talking. Hands free cell phones are all the thing, I haven't seen a hands free ham rig and it's great holding a microphone hasn't been equated to holding a cell phone when the rule makers are busy. So let's be extra vigilant and pay attention to driving when transmitting. And that goes for checking radar, quick looks at a text, etc. So let's practice noise abatement, A good practice is to find a safe place to pull over and do those things so we don't drive into a place where sheet metal or some other object already exists; that gets noisy.

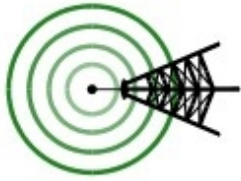


We have a couple of things going on to raise funds. First the WX radio raffle. In cooperation with GCARC we are attending several community events, promoting Emergency Preparedness and Amateur Radio. Our sponsor for the radios is PREMIERE ROOFING. John Morgan funded the radios completely, thanks John! The funds raised will be split 50/50 between the club and ARES. Tickets will be \$2.00 each or 3 for \$5.00 and sold at Van Alstyne Fall-der-all, Denison Main Street Festival and Collinsville Night Out. It should be a good time to promote our hobby, educate the public and have a good time helping our communities raise awareness about severe weather and family safety planning. Also, there was a work party out here at Brushy Creek a few days ago. We sorted thru several boxes of donated equipment, cleaning, testing, and preparing items for sale at the Ardmore Hamarama. We have several books and pieces of equipment that will be available and priced to move. No trade ins, just cash with free pick up on site. Come join in the fun at any of these events and help raise some cash to fund our expenses and equipment needs.

And lastly, we have a face to face training session coming up Tuesday, September 27th, 7 pm. The location will be at the Courthouse, 2nd floor in the DDC. The DDC is that special room accessed thru the door right beside the Elevator. You will get to see it as well as a presentation on a large scale emergency operation that we might experience in Grayson County. The subject will be a wildfire but can translate to any large scale, multiday event we might encounter. You might recall over the past few years there have been several of these fires in Texas -- Smithville and Possum Kingdom to name a couple. ARES teams worked these events, so as a way to educate our team, Our EOM team will share some of what we might be asked to deal with. It should be an informative evening.

Ok gang, be safe out there, come join in the fun over the next several weeks and let's enjoy some cooler weather.

73
Rick
K5ECX



K5GCC

Grayson County Amateur Radio Club Apparel Order Form



Tactical Shirt \$45

Mic loops on shoulders and front placket, dual pen pockets

2x-4x sizes+\$4

Polo Shirt* sm to xl \$30
Camp Shirt* sm to xl \$36
W Left pocket
Caps \$17
Jacket* sm to xl \$45



Prices plus shipping and all items have K5GCC Club Logo, your Call and first name embroidered

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First Name _____ (as you want on clothing)

Last _____

Call _____

Payment _____

Make checks Payable to GCARC

	Men/ Ldy	Qty	Ext
Polo Shirt* sm M L XL			\$30
Camp Shirt* sm M L XL			\$36
Caps			\$17
Jacket* sm M L XL			\$45
Tactical Shirt sm M L XL			\$45
*Shirts/jackets- (2x to 4x +\$4)			
		Shipping \$1.00 per item	
Total			

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