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THE PRESIDENT'S QSO

Howdy everyone,

A big Thank You to Bob Sholl, W5DSA, for a wonderful donation to the club. He donated a Kenwood TS-440S/AT radio that has been modified for use on MARS frequencies. It is in working condition...Bob used it within the last couple of weeks. Comes complete including the manual. What a great surprise.

Since we made so many contacts during our Eisenhower Special Event during October we have run out of QSL cards. We received more QSL cards in the mail than ever before from that event. During our meeting this last Friday night the club voted to purchase more QSL cards for future Eisenhower Special Events. If you have photos of anything Eisenhower that you would like to be considered to be included on our new card please send them to me. I'll be collecting images, photos, and welcoming ideas for the new design. We'll take the couple of months collecting stuff and ideas and then get serious about placing our QSL card order.

Our next club activity will be our annual Christmas dinner. This year it will be held on our regular club meeting night, Friday, December 16, starting at 6:30 PM at the Courthouse. Dan, AG5AZ, has agreed to cook our turkey and ham again

this year. If Dan is not available Mark will be the backup cook. Again this year we'll be having a Pot Luck dinner. Please bring a side dish of your choice along with a new unwrapped toy to donate to Toys 4 Tots. The club will also donate \$100.00 to Toys 4 Tots. And Jim, K5QOI, is providing door prizes this year for our Christmas dinner. He is donating 4 computers loaded with ham radio software that we'll be giving away to lucky folks who attend. Everyone in attendance will simply put their name or call sign into a hat and we'll have someone pick the winners. Thank you Jim...what a great donation!

And don't forget about the Santa Net. Rick, K5ECX, has arranged for us next month. Still amazed at how Rick pulls all this off, but he tells me that Santa has agreed to attend again this year. This is always a lot of fun for the kids and grandkids and it is one of my favorite nets of the year.

We held our election for club officers for 2017 at Friday's meeting. I'm very pleased to say that our election was held with none of the emotion that we just experienced with the election a week ago. The following were elected with 100% of the vote.

President – Mark Pilkilton, KF5UZW

Vice President – James Frank, KW5CW

Secretary – Stacy Branam, W5ORD & Nancy Pierce, KG5PIZ. They will share this responsibility.

Treasurer – Marvin Schiavone, KG5GMA

Please join me in congratulating our new club officers for 2017.

Finally I just want to wish each and every one of you a very Happy Thanksgiving and I'll look forward to seeing y'all at the Christmas Dinner.

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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NEWSLETTER

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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

GCARC Meeting Minutes – November 18, 2016

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

- Bob Sholl W5DSA donated a Kenwood MARS-ready radio to the club
- Last month's minutes were approved
- Rick Simmons K5ECX announced that ARES will be hosting its annual Santa Net in early December
- February 16th SKYWARN Training will be held at Grayson College. Basic and advanced courses will be taught at the same time.
- Brad McMillon KE5UMJ and Mark Pilkilton KF5UZW talked about their Fallen Airplane Disaster Drill experience. It was not as exciting as they hoped it might be but was a great experience nevertheless. The drill is held every 3 years.
- The purchase and possible redesign of the Eisenhower Special Event QSL cards was approved. It will cost approximately \$80 for 500 cards. Members are welcome to submit ideas or photographs for use to Lee Sly N5SLY.
- The next testing day at Grayson County College will be December 1. They are no longer testing at Java Stop. If you need to test at another time, the Fannin County Club is available to test by contacting Jesse.
- We really need to get moving on the antenna install at the Perrin Field Museum. This is not the ideal time of year weather wise, so actual construction will probably be in the spring. Rick has a tower piece we can use. We will need to decide on an antenna.
- The club is still looking into purchasing a storage facility. John KF5KHZ is waiting to hear back on his queries. Mark may have an opportunity for the club as well but he provided very little information,
- The Christmas Dinner will be December 16th. Doors open at 6:30 with dinner at 7:00. Bring whatever dish you want, the club will provide meat. Either Dan AG5AZ or Mark will be preparing the meat. There is \$75 in the budget to purchase meat for the event. Bring an unwrapped gift for Toys for Tots and the club will also be donating \$100 to TFT.
- Jim K5QOI will be giving away 4 desktop computers as door prizes at the Christmas dinner. They come with Andes Linux installed with great software for hams. If you win one you can go by his store for a monitor. Signup for the drawing at the dinner.
- Candidates for each club office ran unopposed so the club unanimously voted them into office.
 - President : Mark Pilkilton
 - VP : James Frank
 - Secretary: Stacy Branam and Nancy Pierce
 - Treasurer: Martin Schiavone

The meeting closed at 7:42.

Next meeting will be the annual Christmas Dinner on Friday, December 16, 2016 at 6:30pm in the Grayson County Courthouse, 2nd Floor Assembly Room, 100 W. Houston St., Sherman TX.

Respectfully Submitted,
Stacy Branam W5ORD
GCARC Secretary

GCARC TREASURER'S REPORT

Bank Balance as of 11.18.16 Club Meeting

Operating Fund Beginning Bal	1,342.73
Funds Received	0

Less expenses

1115	S. Branam - Repairs to Trailer during Special Event	50.00
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Operating Fund Balance	1,292.73
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** 48 Members YTD

Available Equipment Funds	184.54
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Less expenditures

Equipment Fund Balance	184.54
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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	0.00
Christmas Dinner	75.00
<i>Donations</i>	
Perrin Museum	0.00
Kiwanis/Bike Rally	0.00
Toys For Tots	100.00
<i>Total</i>	175.00

EQUIPMENT NEEDS

Amount Budgeted	0
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Ending Bank Balance as of November 18, 2016	1,477.27
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Sheila Sammons KF5TDP
GCARC Treasurer

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.graysoncountyarcs.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

Visit website for meeting location

<https://qcwachapter41dallas.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

GCARC Annual Christmas Dinner

Friday, December 16, 2016 – Doors open 6:30pm, Dinner 7:00pm

Grayson County Courthouse, 2nd Floor Assembly Room, 100 W Houston St., Sherman TX

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@ar1.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

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

SKYWARN Recognition Day On-The-Air Event Set for Saturday, December 3rd



The annual [SKYWARN](#) Recognition Day ([SRD](#)) on-the-air activity will take place Saturday, December 3, from 0000 until 2400 UTC (starts on the evening of Friday, December 2, in US time zones).

SKYWARN Recognition Day was developed in 1999 by the National Weather Service and ARRL to honor the contributions that SKYWARN volunteers make to the NWS mission – the protection of life and property during threatening weather. During the SKYWARN Special Event, hams will operate from several NWS offices. WIAW will take part in the event.

The object of the event is for all participating Amateur Radio stations to exchange contact information with as many NWS stations as possible on 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6, and 2 meters plus 70 centimeters. Contacts via repeaters are permitted.

Stations will exchange call signs, signal reports, locations, and a one or two-word description of the weather at their respective locations (e.g., “sunny,” “rainy,” “partly cloudy,” “windy”). NWS stations will use various modes, including SSB, FM, AM, RTTY, CW, and PSK31. While using digital modes, special event stations will append “NWS” to their call signs (e.g., N0A/NWS).

Event certificates will be electronic and printable from the main website after the conclusion of SRD. An [online submission form](#) is available to submit your log summary for SRD.

SRD Webinar Set

A webinar will be offered on November 30 at 0100 UTC (the evening of November 29 in US time zones) in advance of the 18th [SKYWARN](#) Recognition Day ([SRD](#)) on December 3. [Register](#) for the webinar online.

The pre-event webinar will cover SKYWARN Recognition Day basics, explain how to participate, and alert participants to a few changes in store for 2016. The webinar will be recorded and posted to the ARRL YouTube channel.

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Two Arrested in Georgia for Planning to Attack HAARP Facility in Alaska

Authorities in Georgia recently arrested two men who said they were planning to attack the High Frequency Active Auroral Research Program (HAARP) facility near Gakona, Alaska. Michael Vickers, a detective with the Coffee County Sheriff's Office, [told Alaska Dispatch News](#) that the pair explained to authorities “that God told them to go and blow this machine up that kept souls, so souls could be released.”

“Yes, that news caused a bit of a stir,” said Chris Fallen, KL3WX, a faculty member at the University of Alaska-Fairbanks (UAF), which now operates the HAARP facility. “I can also confirm that no souls are stored at HAARP.”

Long of interest to the Amateur Radio community as well as a target of various mind and weather-control conspiracies, HAARP is now operated as an ionospheric research facility by the UAF, which took it over last year from the US Air Force.

Police also seized a “massive” arsenal of weapons the individuals had apparently planned to use in attacking the remote facility. According to a WALB [TV news account](#), investigators discovered the plot after they began looking into possible drug sales by one of the men. A local gun shop also alerted authorities that the same individual was attempting to buy a large number of weapons. The two men, who face domestic terrorism charges, also were charged with selling drugs, and they could face other charges.



UAF spokesperson Marmian Grimes told *Alaska Dispatch News* that HAARP has been the target of previous threats, and she thanked the Georgia authorities for heading off this one. At an August open house at HAARP, Sue Mitchell of UAF's Geophysical Institute said they hoped, among other things, "to show people that [HAARP] is not capable of mind control and not capable of weather control and all the other things it's been accused of."

Opened in 1960, HAARP is capable of generating extremely high-power signals in the HF range, aimed at the ionosphere. It has run listening tests in the past for the Amateur Radio community.

- Originally published online at ARRL.org

FCC Approves New Emergency Alert System "Event Codes" for 2017 Hurricane Season

The FCC has added three new "event codes" to the Emergency Alert System (EAS) for the 2017 hurricane season. The new rules apply to EAS and NOAA Weather Radio (NWR). Two of the EAS codes correspond to a potential Storm Surge Watch/Warning. The National Weather Service (NWS) is still developing and seeking comments on a Storm Surge Watch/Warning for operational use in 2017. The new codes are:



Extreme Wind Warning (EWW): The EWW is an existing operational warning NWS uses for advance notice of sustained surface wind speeds of 115 MPH or greater during major hurricanes. All NWS Gulf and East Coast Weather Forecast Offices (WFOs) issue the EWW.

Storm Surge Watch (SSA): The NWS may issue an SSA for the gulf and east coasts when life-threatening inundation is possible from rising water moving inland in the specified area, generally within 48 hours. Weather forecast offices could issue the SSA for tropical, subtropical, or post-tropical cyclones. A WFO may issue the watch even earlier, when conditions such as tropical storm-force winds might limit response time for evacuations or other action. A WFO may also issue the watch for locations that could be isolated by inundation in adjacent areas.

Storm Surge Warning (SSW): WFOs may issue an SSW for the gulf and east coasts when tropical inundation is more imminent — generally within 36 hours. NWS may issue a warning when other conditions, such as the onset of tropical storm-force winds, are expected to reduce the time available to evacuate or take other actions. Like the watch, NWS may issue the warning when an area could be isolated by inundation.

For all three new codes, NWS receivers that provide a limited, caption-like message display will likely show "UNKNOWN WARNING" or "UNKNOWN WATCH." Receivers equipped with Specific Area Message Encoding (SAME) will activate with SAME alarm tones. Receivers equipped with the 1,050 Hz Warning Alarm Tone will activate a tone. The NWS Dissemination Team will work with receiver manufacturers to add the new codes to newly manufactured NWR SAME receivers.

Beginning with the 2017 hurricane season, NWS will request an EAS activation using the EWW event code. If the NWS decides to make the SSW operational in 2017, the NWS will request EAS activation for the Storm Surge Warning. In most jurisdictions, the NWS will *not* request EAS activation for the Storm Surge Watch. WFOs are now reaching out to state and local Emergency Communications Committees, state and local emergency management agencies, and broadcasters' associations for help in implementing the new codes. Local WFOs may issue public information statements and update WFO web pages and air public service announcements over NWR. These service changes will be further discussed at outreach events and with seasonal hurricane program briefings.

The FCC order does not require an upgrade of existing equipment already in use. The FCC "will allow EAS participants to upgrade their existing equipment to include the new event codes" on a voluntary basis; however, EAS equipment manufacturers are required to "make necessary software upgrades to EAS participants" by March 12, 2017. In most cases, broadcasters only need to obtain and implement the manufacturer-provided software update.

For more information, see the Weather-Ready Nation [information fact sheet](#) summarizing these changes, and check the [list of frequently asked questions](#).

- Originally published online at ARRL.org

Hawaiian Islands “Grid Madness” Grows

“[Grid Madness](#)” in Hawaii – where radio amateurs operate VHF and UHF simplex to work as many others as they can reach – is growing. The number of logs for the 2016 event on September 18 was double last year’s figure, 23 more stations took part, and they made 150 more contacts than in 2015.

“This has proven to be a popular event in the islands,” said a news release from ARRL PIO Darren Holbrook, KH6OWL. “Grid Madness is about islands, mountains, ocean, and radio signals.”

Sponsored by the [Aulani Hui Amateur Repeater Club](#), the 4-hour sprint is open to all, from mobiles and fixed stations to those operating with a handheld. The first place mobile this year was operated by Steve Kawamae, KH6WG, from his truck on Mauna Kapu on Oahu at an elevation of 1,800 feet. He also set the record for the longest simplex contact at 211 miles on 2 meters and 70 centimeters, from Oahu to the Big Island – the longest contact in the 3-year history of Grid Madness. Peggy Gentle, KE6TIS, placed first in the fixed-station category.

Event manager Stan Froseth, AH6KO, said he never heard so many stations on 146.52 MHz from his mobile perch at the Mauna Loa Weather Observatory, some 11,000 feet above sea level. Tom Worthington, NH6Y, and Arch Stewart, AH6U, roamed around Maui and showed up in many logs on the Big Island and Oahu.

Todd Wilson, WH6DWF, operated from Tantalus Lookout on Oahu, powering his station with golf cart batteries charged by solar panels and a wind turbine. “Other hams were checking out my setup, and so did visitors to the park where [two other operators] and I had set up,” Wilson said. “We are also getting the public thinking more positively toward Amateur Radio when we do events in public places.”

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Centenarian DXer Ivan Pastre, F3AT, SK

One of the world’s oldest radio amateurs – Ivan Pastre, F3AT, of Saint Georges sur Baulche, France, has died. He was 102. Pastre became a radio amateur in 1931 and remained active – favoring CW – for the rest of his life.



First licensed as F3AU, he became F3AT a couple of years later, using a 100 percent home-built station. Over the years, he also operated under various exotic call signs, including FQ3AT in French Equatorial Africa; FQ3AT/FE and FE8AB in French Cameroon, and FF8AG in French Sudan in the 1940s and 1950s. His FQ3AT operation marked the only appearance of the FQ3 prefix.

F3AT was at the top of the DXCC Honor Roll with 388 entities confirmed, and he held 5-Band DXCC. He belonged to the First Class CW Operators’ Club (FOC), Clipperton DX Club, and other organizations. He was also on the roster of the A-1 Operators Club.

G rard Debelle, F2VX, said Pastre’s accomplishments were unparalleled and that he served as “a model for our younger operators.”

- Originally published online at ARRL.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

South Texas Section ARES Net (HF)

Mondays 7:30pm CT on 3.873MHz LSB

This is an information net open to South Texas (STX) Section ARES members. Other Amateur stations are welcome to listen in.

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

Happy Thanksgiving!

Most of us have our plates full and are surrounded by family and friends at this time of year. What a joy that is. Find some time to share with others in this season, there are those with much less and have needs that will not be met. You are a caring and compassionate group of people or you wouldn't be a part of ARES. Find some time in the coming days to help others and spread the joy that is in this time of year. I wish you and yours safe travels in the holidays ahead.

73

Rick

K5ECX

