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The President's QSO

Hi all,

I was running late to the meeting this month as I was still at the fire station when our monthly meeting was about to start. Special thanks go out to Andrew Bentley – KG5SKM for running the meeting in July and August during my absence. Just before leaving for the day at work, I received a medical call and I was told to go so I did. And of course, with everything there is paperwork so I filled out my report and finally was able to attend the meeting. Also, I am working on getting a DMR net started so our DMR radios can get used and we can get a potential number of how many people actually use DMR. But, I also just started paramedic school so it will be a little harder for me to put my entire focus in amateur radio. Besides going to work now, my studies in my new career field take up allot of my time. I hope that everyone understands but as president, I am still here to help out with anything I can regarding the GCARC. But school comes first for me but also looking for information about the DMR net in the next coming weeks.

73

Trevor Reed – KG5BFI

President of the GCARC
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Officers

President: Trevor Reed - KG5BFI
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Event Coordinator: Andrew Bentley - KG5SKM
Trustee: Rick Simmons – K5ECX

Meetings

When: 3rd Friday of each month
Time: 7:00pm (1900 hours)
Location: Grayson County Courthouse
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

Newsletter

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Submission
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WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA

Address: www.graysoncountycarc.org
Webmaster: James Frank - KW5CW
Facebook page:
www.facebook.com/groups/K5GCC

Memberships are from January 1-December 31

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 8-21-2018

By Jim McGlynn – K5QOI

GCARC Meeting 8/21/2018

Called to Business by Andrew Bentley KG5SKM

Treasures Report Approved.

Old Business:

Discussion of Bike Rally – Very successful with 345+ riders – Kudos especially to the Net Control Operators.

Report of Red River Bridge War event – over 500 contacts on SSB, CW and Digital modes using W5I

New Business:

The Eisenhower Event using W5I Sat 13 October

Motion made, seconded and passed to setup for the Denison Fall Festival October 2018

Ares Simplex Test on Sunday night 8PM August 26, 2018, start on 147.28 repeater and move to 146.46

Test for South of highway 82 for Grayson County.

National Emergency Test for Commercial TV, Radio and cellular on September 20, 2018

DMR Net report for Grayson county, no time nor date set as of yet, To Be Determined.

Meeting ended 7:45pm

AUGUST 2018 Treasurer Report – Marvin Schiavone – KG5GMA

Ending bank balance as of August 24, 2018 - \$1,478.02

Bank Balance as of 07.31.2018	1,400.56
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Operating Fund Beginning Bal	1,222.91
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Deposits	Dues	Checks	
		Cash	20.00
		Online	40.00
		Clothes	
		Patches	
	Amazon	Smile	19.22
Less expenses		online fee	1.76

Operating Fund Balance	1,300.37
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** Members	YTD	40
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Available Equipment Funds	177.65
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Donation

Less expenditures

Equipment Fund Balance	177.65
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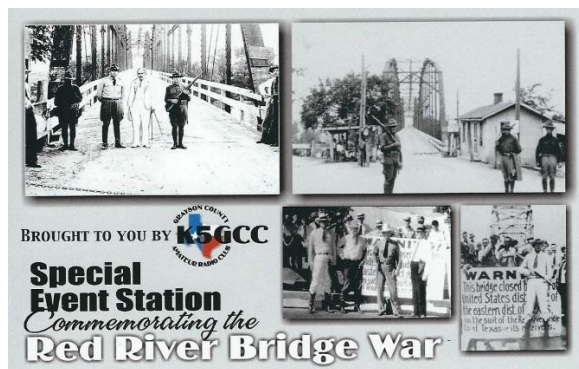
OPERATING BUDGET	
Post Office Box(Due FEB)	70.00
Checks	
Website	
<i>Special Events Deposit</i>	
Perrin	50.00
Eisenhower(Perrin)	50.00
RR Bridge War	50.00
<i>Food for Special Events</i>	
<i>Donations</i>	
Memorials	
<i>Total</i>	220.00

EQUIPMENT NEEDS	
Tower Bracket	151.89
Amount Budgeted	0

VP & QSL Managers Message

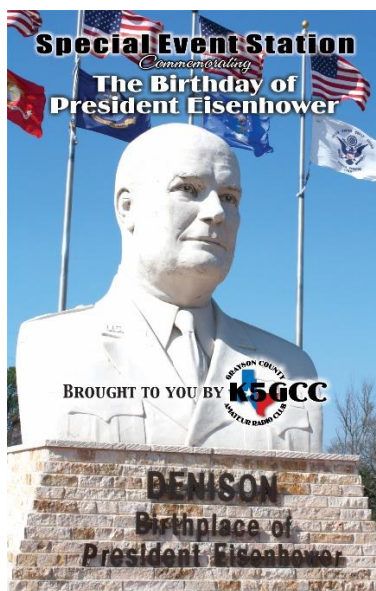
Had our club meeting last night and I for one was not well prepared. I was asked several questions that I didn't have the correct answers for. So, to make thing right here are the correct answers.

Red River Bridge War Special Event results...



eQSL totals	Total contacts	499
	CW	14
	Phone	44
	PSK	69
	FT8	372
Confirmed DX countries		15

Eisenhower Special Event...



Again, this year we will be celebrating Dwight Eisenhower's birthday, October, 14, 1890, with our Special Event. We'll be using the 1X1 call sign, W5I (Whiskey Five India), during the event which is being held from October 8, 2018 (0000 Zulu) until October 16, 2018 (2359 Zulu). All club members are welcome to participate any time during the event from their own "shack" any time they want, using any band and any mode. The

only 2 rules we have are that you must follow the Band Plan for the License you hold and that you send your logs to me when the event is over.

We will be setting up a station at Perrin Field Museum on Saturday, October 13, 2018 from about 8 AM until 4 PM. Details to follow.

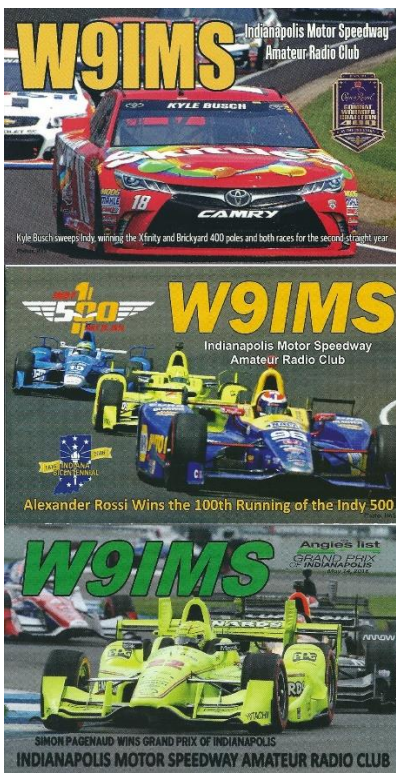
This is my favorite Special Event of the year because it takes me back to my childhood when I was growing up in the 1950's. Simpler times then. My father was a WWII veteran and he loved Ike...and so did a lot of other folks. If he was running for President today he would get my vote.

I usually make more contacts during this event than any other and I hope to do the same again this year.



September is always a slow month for club activities, but there are a lot of other events happening on the air. From September 3 – September 9 is the last Indy Motor Speedway special event of the year...**The Brickyard 400 Special Event**. They have some very nice QSL cards you can get if you contact them. Details can be found here...

<https://www.grz.com/db/W9IMS>



Right after that is the **Route 66 On the Air Special Event**. Stations all along the old Route 66 highway will be on the air from Chicago to Santa Monica, CA. Contact all 21 of them to get a clean sweep. This is a challenge for me because the stations in Oklahoma City and Tulsa are so close it is difficult to contact them...but a lot of fun trying. Very nice QSL cards and a certificate are available to those who participate. Details can be found here...

<http://w6jbt.org/>



Have fun doing what you enjoy in the hobby.

73

Lee N5SLY

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CW Corner – James – KW5CW

This year during the Red River Bridge War event on July 21st at the Denison airbase, I found myself not really up to the task as far as operating goes. As Lee's report reflects my CW operation this year for the event, as it was almost non-existent. I didn't have the nerve to stand up at the last meeting and truly tell how bad I actually did this year participating in the event. Why? The FT-8 craze seems to have grabbed my attention this year. Even though, the setup at the airbase this year was kind of fun. There were just a handful of operators, but several members of the club showed up to see what was going on. I was so enthused about people showing up, all I wanted to do that day was talk. We mainly worked 20 SSB and 40 CW. I can assure you that when a genuine CW contest heads my way that I plan to operate, digital is put on the back-burner. We as a club are not known for our CW operations. My first love in amateur radio is the mode of CW and always will be. Maybe it's time again to start mentoring members in CW operation. Anyone interested? This time, maybe not in a classroom setting, but maybe one-on-one with people interested in moving forward with CW. I will ask at the next meeting if there are any people that would be interested in private mentoring, at a place of their choosing. I seem to have all the time in the world these days except when it's time to get this darn newsletter out on time. Hi. Hi. Of course, there always seems to be an excuse for things, but just so everyone knows, I will always try to do better the next time. I think that most of us who participate in the events do not give ourselves enough credit. One way to receive recognition for what people do accomplish at the events of the GCARC would be to have snapshots of the people who participate in an event and the people who actually stop by and say hello, even though they do not have plans to operate. I would love to publish pictures and videos in the newsletter and on the club website. For this reason, it may be a good idea that we nominate a club photographer, whose responsibility would be to take snapshots of each event and maybe even some videos if the situation warrants it. My wish is that if anyone would like to take on this position with the club, they will attend the next club meeting on September 21st and announce their desire to participate formally as the GCARC Club Photographer. Keep in mind that this is strictly my idea. Taking pictures at all the events is something that I'd do if no one else volunteers but honestly, I have a lot on my hands these days. So, if you have the knack of taking pictures and would like to fill this position that actually doesn't exist at the moment, then feel free to make it known at the next club meeting. My goal is to do whatever can be possible to promote the club.

The 2018 Kiwanis Bike Rally was a great SUCCESS

Held on August 11, 2018

In case you missed it, the GCARC participated in the 2018 Kiwanis Bike Rally this year which took place on August 11, 2018. To all who were there assisting with communications for the activity at the different rest stops within the 5 bike routes that were used this year, a special thank you go out to these GCARC members who participated. There were over 200 bikers who participated this year. Over 50 of these bikers participated in the 100-mile course and GCARC members worked on each course. For everyone who participated, the weather was very favorable this year with just a few sprinkles, as there was NO SUN to beat down causing heat fatigue since that it was a very cloudy day.

The following is the list of people along with their positions who participated with communications for the event. There were 10 rest stops, and the club manned all of them.

Net Control

KF5UZW Mark Pilkilton **903-814-4024 MAIN CONTACT**
KG5BFI Trevor Reed 903-327-3243
KF5AUD Wade Graves 903-647-0555

Rover 1 West

N5SWG Tim Branam APRS 903-814-6686 **Call net control first**

Rover 2 position as needed after 24 mile route

AF5VA Roy Reed APRS

Rover 3 position as needed after 42 mile route

W5ORD Stacy Branam APRS **Not a Truck**

24 Mile TEC then rover 2

AF5VA Roy Reed APRS

42 Mile TEC then rover 3

W5ORD Stacy Branam APRS

65 Mile TEC

KF5KOY Matt Gaskill APRS

80 Mile TEC

KE5UMJ Brad McMillon APRS

100 Mile TEC

KF5OEB Ben Sly APRS 903-815-2698

Rest Stop 1. Eisenhower Rd (corner 84/Eisenhower) (100, 80, 64, 51, 27: Mile 10)

Roy AF5VA then Rover when done

Rest Stop 2. Cartwright Volunteer Fire Dept. (corner of 91/River City Rd.) (100, 80, 64, 51: mile 16) (580) 965-4900

Jada Farine – KG5SKB (A special thanks go out to her for volunteering to help at the special meeting)

Rest Stop 3. Achille, OK-Municipal Building (100, 80, 64, 51: mile 27) 500N. 2nd Ave., Achille, OK 74720

Lee Sly N55LY then Rover when done. (Note: Lee also filled in at Rest Stop 5)

Rest Stop 4. The Dock Restaurant (100, 80, 64, 51: mile 35.5) 41 Kemp Rd. Hendrix, OK 74741

KG5QPI Doug

Rest Stop 5. Intersection 1753/1752 (100, 80: mile 45.4)

Ben Sly – N5SLY

Rest Stop 6. Savoy VFD (southwest corner Hwy56 / 1752) (80: mile 51.2)

KG5FDT Ricky

Rest Stop 7. Ector Elementary School (100: mile 56.7)

K5QOI Jim McGlynn

Rest Stop 8. Whitewright City Hall (100: mile 56.7)
206 W. Grand, Whitewright, TX 75491
City Hall (903) 364-2219

K5NKD Ron Witherington

Rest Stop 9. Dugan Chapel / Flemming Rd.
(100: mile 80.4) (80: mile 58.5) (64: mile 43.9)

KG5GMA Marvin Schiavone

Rest Stop 10. Denison Farmer's Market block-Southwest corner of the block
(100: mile: 93) (80: mile 72) 64: (mile 56.4) (51: mile 44.3) (27: mile 20.1) riders @7:30am – 4:30pm

K5XBP Bill Pierce

Three GCARC Events left for the 2018

The Denison Fall Festival – October 6, 2018

The club plans to setup a booth at this event to promote amateur radio in Grayson County. It will be held in the middle of Main St. Denison between the 200 and 700 blocks of the street. This event is hosted by the Denison Chamber of Commerce and always held on the first Saturday of October. There will be lots of booths present, shiny vintage cars on display, art crafts, games and carnival rides to entertain the kids. And if it's not too late to enter, there will be a GGARC radio display there too. There will be music playing at Heritage Park. There is a scheduled BED race. Yep! How do you race a bed?

The Eisenhower Special Event – Oct 8 thru Oct 17

Grayson County Airbase – Denison Texas on Saturday Oct. 13

Callsign to be used... **W5I**

(use this call from home during the entire week for the special event)

The GCARC Christmas Party in December – TBA

No general club meetings are schedule in December

Grayson County Amateur Radio Club Members – To Date - 2018

	Name	Callsign	email address
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5	Tammy Jaresh	KD5NIB	tjaresh46@hotmail.com
6	Jonnie Jaresh	KD5NIC	tjaresh46@hotmail.com
7	John Ramsey	KF5KHZ	jramsey@cableone.net
8	Rick Simmons	K5ECX	k5ecx@arrl.net
9	Jessie Heiman	AC5OY	ac5oy@cableone.net
10	Douglas Hotalen	KG5QPI	dhotalen@peoplepc.com
11	Jim McGlynn	K5QOI	sailingtexoma@yahoo.com
12	Mark Pilkilton	KF5UZW	mpilkilton@gmail.com
13	Marvin Schiavone	KG5GMA	marvin818@msn.com
14	James Frank	KW5CW	jimkw5cw@gmail.com
15	Leland Sly	N5SLY	n5sly@arrl.net
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17	Brad McMillon	KE5UMJ	ke5umj@arrl.net
18	Trevor Reed	KG5BFI	kg5bfi@gmail.com
19	Roy Reed	AF5VA	deadbugr@hotmail.com
20	Andrew Bentley	KG5SKM	kg5skm@cableone.net
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22	Barbara Henderson	KF5TVC	thehandcarttrail@gmail.com
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24	Dora Caywood	KF5TDQ	happyhilltx@msn.com
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30	Patsy Sholl	W5PAT	w5dsa@aol.com
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33	Ron Witherington	K5NKD	k5nkd@arrl.net
34	James Mathis	K5IV	jlmathis@verizon.net
35	Linda Mihay	W5ULY	bikrgran@gmail.com
36	Nathan Benavidez	KG5CLX	kg5clx@gamil.com
37	Mario Nunez	AI5W	marioalvareznn@gmail.com
38	James Johnson	KG5SJY	jj9696@yahoo.com
39	Kathy Ard-Blattner	KG5ZNY	kathyardblattner@gmail.com
40	Robert Blattner	KG5ZNY	kathyardblattner@gmail.com

The Ladies of the GCARC

For the last month, I have been assisting two ladies in our club to help further their amateur radio experience. But, I think that it is due time that we recognize these two women, and all ladies in our club, and I would like to do it here. They comprise at least 20% of our club membership.

Tammy Jaresh - KD5NIB

Shelia Sammons - KF5TDP

Barbara Henderson - KF5TVC

Dora Caywood - KF5TDQ

Patsy Sholl - W5PAT

Nancy Pierce - W5ZMH

Lynda Tuma - KF5JUO

Linda Mihay - W5ULY

Kathy Ard-Blattner - KG5ZNZ

Linda Mihay – W5ULY is now successfully making contacts on FT8. After I made a few trips to her home to help her get everything setup, she is up and running. She is sporting a brand new FT450D that she purchased from Ham Radio Outlet in Plano and it has proven to be a good radio for digital communications. If you think setting up FT8 may be a challenge, take it from me that it truly is and it truly was in Linda's case, especially when you seem to do things the hard way, as it is proven time and time again that I do.. As I told Linda a few times during the trials and tribulations of the setup, 'God is testing us'.

Before working on FT8, I worked on her antenna system to get them in order so that she could use them. Bill Pierce - K5XBP also made a few trips to Bonham and assisted Linda with her antennas. She uses a 40/20 meter inverted Vee antenna and a 80 meter vertical whip antenna mounted on a pole attached to her house. The apex of the inverted vee and her vertical are well above her roof. She originally had a great idea for that location, and it was setup a while back. But, I thought I had a better idea, and my thought was to move her 40/20 meter dipole to her back yard where she has a few tall trees, somewhere in the order of 50 + feet. The antenna eventually was not mounted as high as it was on her house, but at least so I thought it would be a great place for the antennas there, so that's where I installed them. Linda agreed that she would let me move the antennas away from the house. I supplied an extra 100 foot length of coax and a few cable connectors and rope to get the antennas up where I wanted them to be with the help of Bill Pierce – K5XBP.

A few days later, she sent me a few text messages telling me that the antennas didn't work anymore. So now what? God seems to constantly test me. I couldn't imagine why they weren't working because the 40/20 meter dipoles were working perfectly when I installed them. Then she sent me the following picture...



Yes, one of the tall trees on her property next to her neighbor's home, one of which was holding up one end of her 2-band dipole fell over and destroyed the antenna. Further observation by looking at the tree bark shows that the tree had wrought, so eventually it split because of excess weight and fell to the ground. Of course, it waited until I tied one leg of the antenna to it. Linda was down and out. She had a few challenges of her own that week, as her internet service was not working and had issues with air conditioning. I thought I was the only person that was having problems with their internet services provider. But Linda was patient. Eventually the problem was fixed almost a week later, and then she had her internet back. After the tree fell, I decided to put the inverted vee's back on the pole attached to her home, and that solved the problem. Also, I thought I had ALL the answers for her FT8 installation.

But Linda outdid me. She came up with another program called JTAlert, which I shared with Lee – N5SLY and now the logging part of contacts made on JT8 are logged automatically after the contact is made. E-QSL's are automatically sent, and LOTW confirmations are now made with a single click of a mouse. If you use a program Ham Radio Deluxe or similar for logging, you can use this program. I'm sure Linda would be glad to help any member of the club with JTAlert. Not only did she figure it out as there are tons of parameters that need to be set to make it work with Ham Radio Deluxe and WSJTx programs, but she set it up on her own and shared her knowledge with me. I definitely learned a lot helping Linda set up her station for the digital modes. If you would like to download your own copy of this free program, go to the following URL... <https://hamapps.com/>

Also, 3 videos of the JTAlert installation can be found here. You will be able to click on these links on the website edition of this newsletter.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i0EjNjSFDdU>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P5pcUNII68o>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xP28dh0hvPs>

Next, I made a few trips to McKinney to help another one of our members, Lynda Tuma – KF5JUO. She took my advice and previously purchased a Hustler 5BTV vertical. I put it up at her old residence, and it worked great. But then Lynda decided to buy another home, in an HOA neighborhood so she had to be very careful with her antenna installations as they could not be too visible to her neighbors. She has a fairly small back yard, and she needed to install a different type of antenna, one that was either not easily noticeable and something that could be put up and taken down easily. Lynda purchased a fold over mount from DX Engineering thinking she could use the vertical at night, so that she could raise and lower her vertical antenna at will. She loaned it to me to see if it would be easy enough to raise, because I use the same antenna, live on an HOA property and have the same problems. The vertical is 24-foot-tall and it was determined that it was still awkward enough that it wouldn't be a good idea for Lynda to try to manually raise and lower that antenna each time she wanted to by herself. So, she has now permanently loaned the tilt over base to me. Thank you Lynda! So now I had another challenge. She needs to get on a 75 meter Sideband net each week, and the net control op is local, so her antenna must work well for ground wave communications so that she can work net control. Her back yard contains an 8-foot high brick wall, and 8-foot fences. It finally was determined that the best antenna would be a shorted inverted vee attached to her house running from her chimney, then the ends to run into the yard. A full-sized half wave antenna would be approximately 132 feet long, which is definitely just too long to fit in her yard space. So, she now runs a shortened antenna, which still needs a little work. It works for the most part, and she is able to work the net control station on 75 meter phone. The shortened antenna only works with a tuner, so I'm working on acquiring a few different loading coils for the antenna, that would actually also make the antenna work on a few of the other bands besides 75 at the same time. Lynda's issues are not totally resolved, but they will be soon.

For a last thought in this article, the club had a Ladies Net that used to be active in the past. Lynda Tuma – KF5JUO made a suggestion to me that maybe it would be a great idea that these ladies get together to see how they can become more involved in our club and in this wonderful hobby of amateur radio. They all have wonderful ideas that they may like to share with each other to further promote their knowledge and skills amongst each other. I'm sure that Lynda has plans to do just that. So be on the lookout for further updates to be also included in this publication and the GCARC website by Lynda – KF5JUO.

Swap Meet

(Disclaimer: This section is provided for hams to list items they wish to buy, sell or trade. The GCARC will not be responsible for the accuracy or completeness of any descriptions, and 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 email, to the GCARC Newsletter editor at KW5CW@arrl.net. Photographs are encouraged. There is no charge for listings, and you do not need to be a member of the GCARC to participate.

FOR SALE AS IS: Assorted Electronics/Test Equipment

The following items were donated to the GCARC and are in need of a new home. No set price per piece. Make an offer.

Heathkit Signal Generator

Square Wave Generator – Model 71

Broel & Kjoer Voltmeter

Sierra Electronic Corporation Carrier Frequency Voltmeter Model 104A

Polytechnic Research Heterodyne Frequency Meter – Type 104

Note: these items are not tested and provided “as-is’ with No Refunds.

Contact Lee Sly – N5SLY

Email: lee.n5sly@gmail.com

NOTE: Anyone that has anything new for sale or have an interest in buying, please send your info to KW5CW@k5gcc.org and it will be installed in the above list until the units is either bought or sold, or if you decide to remove it from the list.

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 kw5cw@arrl.net. Be sure to include the following:

Who needs the help and how do we contact them.

- 1) What needs to be done.
- 2) When can someone come out to do the work.
- 3) Where is the location of the work that needs to be done.

You don't have to be a member of the 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	Sherman
Sheila Sammons KF5TDP	Needs help with antenna repairs – damaged from falling tree limbs.	Sherman
Mike Bernier – KF5NPM	Needs help with replacing damaged HF Antennas and grounding.	Denison

Skywarn Spotter Program- 2018 Spotter schedule is now online!

Denver/Boulder, CO
Weather Forecast Office

[Weather.gov](#) > [Denver/Boulder, CO](#) > Skywarn Spotter Program- 2018 Spotter schedule is now online!

[Current Hazards](#) [Current Conditions](#) [Radar](#) [Forecasts](#) [Rivers and Lakes](#) [Climate and Past Weather](#) [Local Programs](#)

Spotter Training Updates!

- 2018 Spotter training is now on-line on our web site at http://www.weather.gov/bou/spot_training
- We will continue to add locations and dates as requests are received.
- All 2017 spotter training dates have been processed and new spotter letters have been mailed. If you were newly trained and did not receive a letter, please contact scott.entrekin@noaa.gov.
- If you are an existing spotter that was retrained, the spotter database has been updated with your latest information, but no formal letters will be issued.

New Online Reporting Form

- There is a new on-line reporting form for sending in winter and severe weather reports. The new address link from our web site has changed, and can be found at <https://www.weather.gov/crh/stormreports?sid=bou>
 - The new address can still be found under the drop down menu from current hazards from [weather.gov/bou](http://www.weather.gov/bou). You are given 4 options; Facebook, Twitter, Mobile APP, and email. The email form will be the one to use to send us a detailed spotter report like you did before with the old form.
 - This new report is in a google docs format and your report will still be received at our office within 2-3 minutes. Due to the small delay we ask you to send in Tornado reports via the telephone only.
 - We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused, but this change was out of our local control. If you have any questions or concerns on the new format please call or email at scott.entrekin@noaa.gov
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Local Radio Nets

<u>Daily</u>	Texas Slow Net (CW only) Daily 7:45pm CT on 3.570 MHz This is a training net for operators interested in building proficiency in CW and learning about handling Procedures for CW traffic nets.
<u>Weekly</u>	South Texas Section ARES Net (HF) Mondays 7:30pm CT on 3.873 MHz 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+ (118.8PL) repeater. No net on the 3 rd Tuesday of each month due to the DARA monthly meeting. Fannin County ARC Weekly Net Tuesdays 8:00pm CT on the 145.470- (100.0PL) repeater. (Replaces 147.200 repeater.) 444.525 links Into 145.470 full time. Ladies Net Thursdays 8:00pm CT on the 444.750+ (100.0 PL) repeater until further notice. Net Control: Linda KE5YUC McKinney 6 meter AM Net Wednesdays 10:00pm CT on 50.400 Mhz. McKinney ARC Info Net Sundays 8:00pm CT on the 146.740- (110.9 PL) repeater
<u>Semi-monthly</u>	Grayson County ARC information Net 1 st & 3 rd Sunday at 8:00pm CT on the 444.750+ (100.0 PL) repeater until further notice. 147.000+ (100.0 PL) under maintenance. This is an informal information net and buy/sell swap net. Grayson County ARC ARES Net 2 nd and 4 th Sunday at 8:00pm CT on 444.750+ (100.0 PL) repeater until further notice. This is a directed information net used for training. RACES Command Net Check (HF) 2 nd and 4 th Sunday at 8:00pm 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!
<u>Monthly</u>	North Texas Section ARES Net (HF) 2 nd 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 2 nd Sunday at 9:00pm CT on the 146.740- (110.9 PL) repeater.

Area Repeaters

Sherman TX	444.750+ Mhz (100.0 PL)	W5RVT	Gainesville TX	147.340+ Mhz (100.0 PL)	WB5FHI
	147.280+ Mhz (107.2 PL)	W5COP	McKinney TX	146.740- Mhz (110.9 PL)	W5MRC
	147.000+ Mhz (100.0 PL)	W5RVT	Melissa TX	443.200+ Mhz (100.0 PL)	W5MRA
Allen TX	145.350- Mhz (100.0 PL)	N5GI	Paris TX	146.760- Mhz (203.5 PL)	WB5RDD
Bonham TX	147.200+ Mhz (100.0 PL)	K5FRC	Rosston TX	145.490- Mhz (85.4 PL)	WD5U
	145.470- Mhz (100.0 PL)	K5FRC	Van Alstyne TX	443.800+ Mhz (103.5 PL)	W5VAL
	443.750+ Mhz (100.0 PL)	K5FRC	Whitesboro TX	442.875+ Mhz (100.0 PL)	WC5GC
Denison TX	145.330- Mhz (100.0 PL)	W5DWH			
Durant OK	147.390+ Mhz (118.8 PL)	K5KIE			
	147.255+ Mhz (114.8 PL)	K5CGE			

Note: All Nets held on 147.00 will now be held on 444.750 + (PL tone 100.0 hz) until further notice.

147.280+ (PL tone 107.2 hz) will be a backup

Information nets for September **will be held on** September 2nd and September 16th

– 444.750 + (100.0PL)

2018 Grayson County Amateur Radio Club Dues Form

Instructions: Print this form, fill it out, and bring it with your dues payment to a club meeting. If you cannot make the meeting, please mail this form and payment to:

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

Today's Date: _____

Yourself:

_____	_____	_____
First Name	Last Name	Call Sign
_____	_____	_____
Street Address	City	State + ZIP
_____	_____	_____
Phone Number	E-mail Address	ARRL Y/N

Additional Family Members:

_____	_____	_____	_____
First Name	Last Name	Call Sign	Class Held
_____	_____	_____	_____
First Name	Last Name	Call Sign	Class Held
_____	_____	_____	_____
First Name	Last Name	Call Sign	Class Held

Dues:

Individual Membership \$20.00/year

Family Membership \$30.00 year (2 or more hams/same family)

Associate (non-ham) Membership \$15.00/year

Cash or Checks accepted. No cash in the mail. Payable to GCARC.



K5GGC Grayson County Amateur Radio Club Apparel Order Form



Tactical Shirt \$45

Mic loops on shoulders and front placket, dual pen pockets

2X-4X sizes + \$5

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

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



	Men/ Ldy	Qty	Ext
First Name _____ (as you want on clothing)			
Last _____			
Call _____			
Payment _____			
Make checks Payable to GCARC			
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 +\$5)			
_____ Shipping \$2.00 per item		_____	_____
Total		_____	_____

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