



GRAYSON COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB NEWS

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*No Meeting is Scheduled in December.
The GCARC Christmas Dinner will take place on
December 17, 2019
at
Mariachi's Mexican Restaurant – Sherman, Texas*

The President's QSO

Hello GCARC,

This is James KW5CW, your Newsletter Editor, and this is my message.

I again was asked by Andrew our President to provide the President's QSO message to you this month. Andrew is pre-occupied with personal matters, which also prevented him from attending the November club meeting last week. But the meeting was productive, as club officers were elected for 2020, to include a new President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The new position of Officer at Large was also filled, who will be at a turnover meeting with the old and new officers on a date set in January. The Vice-President – Roy Reed – AF5VA chaired the general meeting.

The new officers for 2020 are as follows...

President:	Glen Davis – KG5REK
Vice-President:	Ron Witherington – WX5A
Secretary:	Rickey Jesson – KG5FDT
Treasurer:	Lee Sly – N5SLY
Officer at Large:	John Love – WD5IKX

Paper ballots were used per the additions/modifications to the club constitution.

November was designated in 2018 to be 'Ladies Month'. Normally, Lynda Tuma – KF5JUO would be able to provide an update concerning the ladies in our club, but she could not attend the meeting as she had other pressing matters at home and at work taking priority. She may be able to update the club at a future club meeting.

All of us must realize that there are times that people cannot attend meetings, as other things in their lives take priority. Luckily, I myself haven't missed a meeting this year, but I'm about to miss the Christmas Party while spending Christmas 2019 in the Philippines with my wife Virginia, a long awaited family reunion since 2012.

2020 is already promising to be a great year for the club, as it is now confirmed that Winter Field Day will take place in January at Doug Hotelan's Hobby House in Whitesboro. The Antenna Workshop will continue to take place on the 2nd Saturday of each month. A city style fox hunt is now scheduled for the 2nd Saturday in April 2020.

Lee - N5SLY has taken the club to some extraordinary results this year concerning special events, as the Eisenhower event that just concluded while using three 1 x 1 call-signs during the event - W5I, W5K, and W5E, and was the most interesting and productive - EVER. How about the 4700 contacts made during the event. He has provided in his article this month, the final updated results for all Special Event activities for 2019. Thank you Lee for all your preparations and hard work during all the special events this year and keeping track of it all. I also want to thank everyone who has participated in the events. You know who you are.

Details of other items covered at the meeting are in the Secretary's report. Our Secretary, Doug - KG5QPI has done a great job with his very detailed reports each month, and I owe him a great deal of gratitude, as he makes it somewhat easier to help publish the newsletter each month. Since November was the last month for a business meeting in 2019, there will be no Secretary report in the December issue of the next newsletter. There will be a newsletter in December, but I'll depend on everyone to provide the articles for publication, since I'll be out of the loop in December. Please consider submitting an article for December. I will be publishing the December issue from the Philippines.

If I find time to ham it up from the Philippines during my 3 weeks on the islands, I will be using a newly purchased SDR Radio, model G90 with a whole 20 watts of output. I will send out an email to everyone with my operating schedule and modes of operation at certain times. I will be doing some island hopping, so it should be like my own private DXPedition.

Lastly, I want to wish everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving! Don't stray too far away from your diets. It's not worth taking chances with your health!

Gobble Gobble to all,

James Frank - KW5CW
GCARC Newsletter Editor

Officers

President: Andrew Bentley – KG5SKM
Vice President Roy Reed – AF5VA
Secretary: Doug Hotalen – KG5QPI
Treasurer: James Frank – KW5CW
Director at Large Glen Davis – KG5REK
License Trustee: Rick Simmons – K5ECX
QSL Manager Lee Sly – N5SLY
Events Coordinator TBA

Meetings

When: 3rd Tuesday of each month
Time: 7:00pm (1900 hours)
Location: Mariachi's Mexican Restaurant
1909 Texoma Pkwy
Sherman, TX 75090

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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To submit news or
e-mail changes: KW5CW@arrrl.net
Submission Deadline: **5 PM on first SATURDAY following each monthly meeting**

WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA

Address: www.graysoncountyarrrc.org
Facebook page: www.facebook.com/groups/K5GCC

Club Email Address: graysoncountyarrrc@k5gcc.org

Dues and Donations

Membership tenure now runs for 365 days from sign-up date. 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

November 19, 2019

All fours Officers Present:

KG5SKM	President	Andrew Bentley
AF5VA	Vice President	Roy Reed
KG5QPI	Secretary	Douglas Hotalen
KW5CW	Treasurer	James Frank

Meeting started at 7:00 PM at Mariachi's

Overview of Activities

Ladies Members Month - Presentation

General Discussion of New Boards Events/Activities

GCARC Club Business

Approve Treasury Report

Review Old Business

Web Site Updates

CW Class Planning

Planning for Xmas Dinner in December 2019

New Business

QSO Activity to Finish Special Events

Antenna Subgroup Activity-Jim McGlynn

Inspection of OLD Ham Artifacts

Election of new 2019-2020 Officers

Planning for Next Year Board Information Exchange

Ladies Members Month – Presentation

Last year in November 2018 the club set aside a time slot for the women members to have a voice and discuss ideas and make a presentation at club's meeting. No licensed women were present for the presentation.

General Discussion of New Boards Events/Activities

With no Ladies Presentation, Roy AF5VA acting as President gave the floor to the nominated Board of what interests they may pursue. Glenn RG5REK responded maybe a solar topic like the club performed in early 2019. Ron WX5A indicated discuss POTA or Parks on the Air would be good to have field trips to each site or have meetings at a radio site.

GCARC Club Business

Approve Treasury Report

James KW5CW balance from 10/24/19 indicated \$1,433.04 was balance and Roy AF5VA 1st motion and Lee N5SLY 2nd the motion. \$20 was paid to Roy from reimbursement of the Denison Main Street Activity. Also a deposit from Amazon Smile of \$8.64 was added on 11/12/19 making the total of \$1,441.68 as of 11/19/19. Everyone present voted on the new balance.

Old Business

James KW5CW webmaster indicated moving the program to Wordpress is still needed to make it easier for more members to help maintain the site.

CW Class availability limited at GCCC causing a new direction of developing a course online, so James KW5CW working for a February date to start this activity.

The date for the Christmas party is 12/17/19 Mariachi's, bring a new unwrapped toy and you may bring a dessert to share. Meals will be at your cost at the restaurant. Bring your family and have fun at the last unofficial meeting of the year.

New Business

QSO Activity-Summary of last Special Event

Lee N5SLY is buzzing like a bee this year at the Special Events. We have broken our records for contacts overall year and the Eisenhower Event was the icing on the cake. Over 4700

contacts and 37 people contacted all three sites across the United States. Lee presented 37 with Buttons. One person responded with a letter and thanked the club for him remembering his childhood years. They followed politics in his household and electing Ike was a big deal.

Antenna Workshop

Jim K5QOI indicated every 2nd Saturday of each month will be an antenna workshop. The group is making fox hunt antennas. Last meeting two Foxhunt Antennas were built by KG5FDT and KG5QPI with help from the experts. Next meeting is January 11 at 10am-12noon. The plan is to have a City Style Fox Hunt in the 2nd Saturday in April.

Ham Historical Artifacts

Terry Gimble W5TG was kind enough to share what Ham Radio looked like in the 1920's from the pamphlets he had. Did you know you could buy a Ham Radio in a Sears Catalog? When was ARRL founded?

Election of New Officers for 2020

President - KG5REK Glen Davis nominated and accepted the nomination and was elected.

Vice-President - WX5A Ron Witherington nominated and accepted the nomination and was elected.

Secretary - KG5FDT Ricky Jessen nominated and accepted the nomination and was elected.

Treasurer - N5SLY Lee Sly nominated and accepted the nomination and was elected.

Director at Large - WD5IKX John Love accepted the nomination and was elected.

Elections were made by paper ballot.

The old board welcomes the new board with their knowledge they have and their ideas to go forward.

President Elect Glen KG5REK notes

On 1/11/2020 at 1pm, Glen KG5REK plans to have the changeover meeting between the boards at his business in Denison TX.

President Elect also brought up idea to have Winter Field Day 2020 at Doug and Sharon Hotalen's Hobby House in Whitesboro, TX set for 1/25/2020 and 1/26/2020. Doug mentioned not all the time the Hobby House will be available due to friends coming to town and other family obligations. It is best to have a plan to have the event closer to town for

more people to get involved with the club. Doug accepted the Winter Field Day dates at the Hobby House.

This report will be my last minutes as Secretary of the GCARC to send out. Any comments on the detail or not so detail send it on the next club secretary. It's been fun and too business like. I'm ready to return the hobby. My family has some personal challenges and I may take some time out.

Doug Hotalen KG5QPI

GCARC Secretary



The Holidays are Upon Us! Must be a Skywarn event lurking!!

It's hard to believe its Thanksgiving already! Before we know it both Christmas and New Years will have come and gone!

Of course, the weather never takes a holiday so we need to be vigilant as we travel during this holiday season. For instance, as I write this article, the National Weather Service in Fort Worth is already sending out early warning briefings for possible severe thunderstorms on Black Friday! I don't know about you but I always cringe when I see the words "spotter activation may be necessary" when it's on a holiday weekend. Our volunteer job as ARES storm spotters is critical all the time but during a holiday with plenty of people traveling it becomes even more critical. If you are going to be around during the Thanksgiving Holiday weekend, please keep an eye on the weather and carry a ham radio with you. It's my week to serve as Skywarn net control so if you see something and can't raise me on the radio, please give me a call.

As I reflect on the many things for which I am thankful this Thanksgiving, I am thankful for all ARES hams and especially those who volunteer to be Skywarn spotters. Thank you for putting yourselves in harm's way!

If you are traveling this weekend, may God speed you on your journey and bring you safely home!

73

Wade

Wade Graves, KF5AUD
Grayson County ARES EC

**Grayson County Amateur Radio Club
November Treasury Report
11/27/2019**

ENDING BANK BALANCE as of September 30, 2019	\$1,455.04
ENDING BANK BALANCE as of October 24, 2019	\$1,433.04
Deposits for November 2019	\$8.64

MD=Manual Deposit

Misc WITHDRAWALS TOTAL	\$0.00
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Operating Fund Balance as of November 27, 2019	\$1,441.68
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2019 OPERATING BUDGET	
POST OFFICE BOX-DUE MAR 1	80.00
WEBSITE	125.00
SPECIAL EVENTS	
Perin Field	50.00
EisenHower	50.00
RR Bridge War	50.00
FOOD FOR SPECIAL EVENTS	
Winter Field Day	50.00
Memorials and	

Available Equipment Funds	\$0.00
Equipment Fund Balance	\$0.00

James Frank - KW5CW - Treasurer

QSL Managers Message

I LIKE IKE & lots of numbers

One of the favorite things I like to do in Amateur Radio is participate in our special events every year. Every now and then I get a QSL card or a letter from another ham about a contact that was made that just makes my day and makes all the time spent participating in the special event worthwhile. Just got one from our latest special event the Eisenhower Birthday SE. Doesn't get any better than this...

November 13, 2019

Grayson County A.R.C.
PO Box 642
Sherman, TX 75091

Larry Mommico A.R.S AD2L
14 Second Street
Wellsboro, PA 16901

Dear Radio Club,

I received your QSL card and IKE Button and wanted to say "Thank You". It brought back some childhood memories of that election as my parents were staunch Republicans and campaigned hard for IKE. I was 6 years old when he ran for office and remember the gala festivities that went on. We all had a good time and when he won, it got even better. A night (as a kid) you don't forget.

Now being 73 years old and looking back then, the button really struck a cord with me and just wanted to say "Thank You". You all did a fine job and it was fun chasing you!!

73 and best wishes to all,

Larry Mommico

Larry AD2L

Ps my QTH puts me about 1 hour south of Elmira and in the Allegheny Mountains...

During our last club meeting I was asked about how many contacts were made during our special events using different modes. I couldn't answer then but I did some research and here are all the numbers...zzzz...all these numbers will put you to sleep...

	2016			2017			2018			2019			Eisenhower			Total
	Perrin	Red River	Eisenhower	Perrin	Red River	Eisenhower	Perrin	Red River	Eisenhower	Perrin	Red River	Eisenhower	W5I	W5K	W5E	
Bands																
2															3	3
6								20			7			9		36
10								60			171			100		357
12											48	21			2	97
15										9	177	110	150	39		667
17								72	109	5	111	245	95	81	18	731
20	377	466	450	456	414	441	97	327	710	564	748	506	1403	200	7159	7159
30					20	5	1	3	4	24	21	34	12	102	226	226
40	93	61	124	219	151	381	230	8	49	404	614	271	593	612	3810	3810
60													8		8	8
80					7	31			62		183	121	133	129	666	666
160						1							54		55	55
Modes																
CW	18			175	47	46	93	14	36	29	443	50	346	70	1367	1367
FT8					269	650	386	372	806	991	1498	650	1221	598	7441	7441
FT4										115	74	345	63		597	597
JT9					38				3						69	69
JT65	58	39	41	57	45	19	7		2			1			269	269
PSK	361	355	412	384	145	134	88	69	93	100	98	97	69		2405	2405
SSB	33	133	120	31	60	85	6	44		4	101	11	866	434	1928	1928
Contesti			1												1	1
RTTY												1			1	1
FM														3	3	3
Olivia												1			1	1
Total	470	527	574	675	604	934	580	499	940	1239	2214	1157	2565		1105	

As you can see we have done better as the years have gone by. More QSO's are in the log now than ever before. It is also easy to see which bands are used the most and which modes get used most.

I'm looking forward to doing these all over again next year. Maybe we can attract some more guest operators to assist us during these events. The Red River Bridge War special event would be a great opportunity for some operators in Oklahoma to join us...after all they played a big part in that event back in the 1930's. Also still looking for some operators in Kansas to join us during the Eisenhower special event. If you know any hams in the Air Force who are active duty or retired that may be interested in operating during the Perrin Field Museum special event let me know.

Thanks again to everyone who participated this year. Y'all did great!

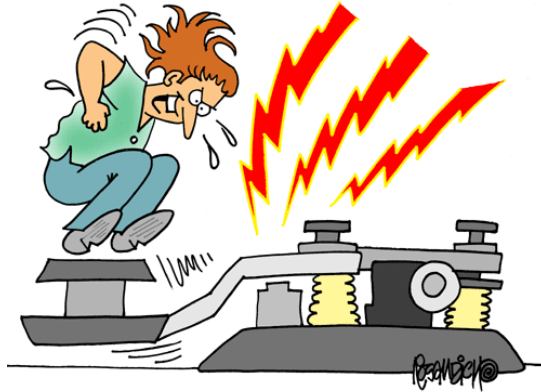
Have fun!

73 de Lee N5SLY

n5sly@arrl.net

CW CORNER

CW CLASSES (Update) – James KW5CW



Regarding the CW classes that I wanted to provide for the area, it is obvious to everyone by now that I could not come up with a public place to hold classes twice a week, which was a prerequisite for the curriculum that I created for the CW course. One may ask why it would be so necessary to hold classes twice a week for a CW course, where all you must learn is 26 characters of the alphabet and a few special ones like the period, comma, question mark, etc.

Just ask others who tried to learn CW on their own, and listen to what they have to say.

I have only been able to acquire space at the local colleges for a weekend class. So I've checked out a few more options, and the best I can come up with would be an online course that could be available for everyone. For a 2 day per week class to really work, students would have to attend both classes each week, and not everyone interested in taking a class can put aside the two days picked for the class as they may have other things going on those days. Case in point, if I picked Wednesdays and Saturdays, some prospective students would not be able to attend on Wednesdays, and others may have other activities scheduled with the family on Saturdays. So two days each week is not practical.

So instead of a classroom course, I've decided to modify the existing course to an online course. That way you can go to the online course whenever you have the time. No excuses. During the January meeting, I will give a status update and make known when the online course will become available. If there is a lot of interest in the course, I will also add an intermediate and advanced courses. With an online course, you could get to it on your own time schedule, on the day and time you actually have the time.

Again, my apologies go out to everyone who have been patiently waiting for CW classes to start. In January 2020, I should have an update as to when the on-line class will be available.

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 (UPDATED) Sundays 7:30 pm CT on the 147.390+ (118.8 PL) repeater. Fannin County ARC Weekly Net Tuesdays 8:00 pm CT on the 145.470- (100.0PL) repeater. (Replaces 147.200 repeater). 444.525 links into 145.470 full time. 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. Grayson County ARC Information Net 1 st & 3 rd Sunday at 8:00pm CT on the 147.000+ (100.0 PL) repeater. This is an informal information net and buy/sell/swap net.
<u>Semi-Monthly</u>	Grayson County ARES Net 2 nd & 4 th 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) 2 nd & 4 th 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! Ladies Net (RUNNING AGAIN AS of February 21, 2019) **Every 1 st and 3 rd Thursday of each month at 8:00 pm CT on the 147.00+ repeater 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.
<u>Monthly</u>	McKinney ARES Net 2 nd Sunday at 9:00pm CT on the 146.740– (110.9 PL) repeater.

AREA REPEATERS (UPDATED 11-30-2018)

Sherman TX – 444.750+ MHz (100.0 PL) W5RVT 147.280+ MHz (107.2 PL) W5COP 147.000+ MHz (100.0 PL) W5RVT	Gainesville TX – 147.340+ MHz (100.0 PL) WB5FHI McKinney TX - 146.740- MHz (110.9 PL) W5MRC 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 145.470 – MHz (100.0 PL) K5FRC 443.750 – MHz (100.0 PL) K5FRC 147.200+ MHz (100.0 PL) K5FRC	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
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

2020 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 – 365 day membership

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

Associate (non-ham) Membership \$15.00/year – 365 day membership

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

(NOTE: Sign-up Online. Go to www.graysoncountyar.org)

Pay via Paypal or Stripe



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



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 +\$5)			
Shipping \$2.00 per item			
Total			