



# GRAYSON COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB NEWS

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*No Meeting is Scheduled in December.  
The GCARC Christmas Party/Dinner will take place on  
December 17, 2019*

*at  
Mariachi's Mexican Restaurant – Sherman, Texas  
Next Antenna Workshop – December 14, 2019 @ 10AM  
Next General Meeting – January 21, 2020 @ 7PM  
Winter Field Day – January 25-26, 2020*

## The President's QSO

Happy Holiday to All...

This year for the GCARC has come to a close. At the start of the year there will be a new board and I will not be your president come January 1st. Glen Davis - KG5REK will be the new president for the club. I have decided to not run again due to personal reasons and new opportunities for the next year. I will be pretty busy with these new things and I would not be able to lead the club effectively for the next year. However, I do have faith in the new board. I wish Glen and the new board well and nothing but the best for the club in 2020. This has been a rewarding experience for me and a definite learning experience as well. There have been good times and bad and a lot of changes for the club for this year, but we made it through the year and hopefully more great things will happen in the years to come. I also want to thank my board for sticking with me and for doing everything that they have done for this year. I am forever grateful. And most importantly, thanks to all for allowing me to be your president for this year to lead the GCARC. I have enjoyed it. Please don't forget about the upcoming Christmas party at Mariachi's on December 17. A special thanks to all who show up at our club activities, and who are active in Grayson County ham radio. I hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas. God will bless you in the new year to come.

Thank you 73 and salut.

Andrew Bentley - KG5SKM

## Officers for 2020

President: **Glen Davis** – KG5REK  
Vice President **Ron Witherington** – WX5A  
Secretary: **Rickey Jesson** – KG5FDT  
Treasurer: **Lee Sly** – N5SLY  
Director at Large **John Love** – WD5IKX  
License Trustee: **Rick Simmons** – K5ECX  
QSL Manager **Lee Sly** – N5SLY

## Meetings

When: 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

Published: Monthly via e-mail  
Editor and Webmaster: James Frank – KW5CW

To submit news or

e-mail changes: [KW5CW@arrrl.net](mailto:KW5CW@arrrl.net)

Submission Deadline: **5 PM on first Monday following each monthly meeting**

Scheduled Publish date: **5 PM on Wednesday following submission deadline**

Club Email Address: [graysoncountyarrrc@k5gcc.org](mailto:graysoncountyarrrc@k5gcc.org)

## WEBSITE & SOCIAL MEDIA

Address: [www.graysoncountyarrrc.org](http://www.graysoncountyarrrc.org)

Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/groups/K5GCC](https://www.facebook.com/groups/K5GCC)

## 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**

**No club meeting - No Meeting minutes in December**

### **Treasury Report – December 2019**

The balance displayed in the November Newsletter was \$1,441.68

Received a \$1 donation from Rita McConnell from Pueblo West, Colorado during the Eisenhower Special Event

**As of December 11, 2019, the balance is \$1,442.68.**

### **New GCARC Officers for 2020**

Please give the new officers your support as the year goes on in 2020. Taking on a position of a club officer can be challenging at times, and these people have volunteered their time to better help promote our hobby and the GCARC. The GCARC welcomes all the new officers and look forward to a very exciting and fun year in our hobby of amateur radio.

The new officers of the Grayson County Amateur Radio Club 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

The old officers and the new officers will get together for a turnover meeting on January 11, 2020 at the residence of our new president, Glen Davis – KG5REK. The meeting is scheduled to commence at 12 noon, after the antenna workshop held by Jim McGlynn – K5QOI from 10AM till 12 noon.

## **This Month's Antenna Workshop hosted by Jim McGlynn - K5QOI**

The December 2019 Antenna Workshop will be held **this Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>** at CompuTek Computers, 117 Sunset Blvd, Sherman Texas. *The workshop will be held each second Saturday of each month from 10:00AM until Noon.*

As everyone should know by now, Jim is moving to south Texas and will not be able to participate in GCARC activities as he has done in the past. But he is set on keeping his antenna workshop active and is willing to make the trip each month to hold his workshop. This means that Jim will be commuting from his beach house on Follett's Island near Lake Jackson Texas to CompuTek Computers in Sherman once a month to hold his workshop.

Jim is extremely knowledgeable regarding antennas and what makes them work the way that they should. If you have an antenna that you may be having issues with, bring it along to the workshop and Jim will help you understand the issue and what it will take to correct it.

In the January workshop, Jim plans to help James (KW5CW) with a 4-element Quad for 2 meters. At this session, Jim will assist in showing how to properly feed the antenna for vertical and horizontal polarization. The date for the first workshop of 2020 is January 11 from 10 AM until Noon.

Unfortunately, I (KW5CW) will not be able to attend the December workshop, as my wife and I will be flying off to the Philippines after this newsletter is published on Wednesday, December 11. That's the reason for the early newsletter. I was contemplating taking a low band rig with me so that I could operate CW and digital from the Philippines during some island hopping, but due to airplane security, it's almost impossible to take a rig along without having airport security go through your bags. It's almost a certainty my bags would be opened when I catch a connection flight in Taipei, Taiwan to the Philippines. But I will be able to access my home system remotely from the Philippines using a program similar to Teamviewer called Splashtop. It is definitely safer to leave the rigs at home. My airlines - EVA Air, warned me what most likely would happen.

## Message from the Editor of the GCARC Newsletter – James KW5CW

I wanted to thank everyone who contributed to the Grayson County Newsletter this year. You know who you are, and for the newsletter to actually be published each month, it requires effort from the membership to continue to provide the material in the newsletter, by and for the members of the GCARC and others interested in reading it. I am hoping that others would be willing to create an article or two for the publication, as my hope is that many others within the club would contribute something for each edition. There are the regulars, like the President, the QSL manager, the ARES EC, and the officers that supply information each month for the membership.

Since I've been the newsletter editor, getting this newsletter out so early in December has to be a first. In case you did not make the last meeting, I told the membership that I was traveling to the Philippines for Christmas and New Year's with my wife for 3 weeks. I catch the flight on Wednesday evening, and I would not have a moment of time during this trip to write the newsletter, so here it is. Some of you may actually be shocked that it's out so early in the month. But this is the time that maybe we should get an early newsletter in, since there is no general club meeting in December, but a few upcoming activities before and after the upcoming Christmas party.

## GCARC Christmas Party – December 17, 2019

The annual Christmas party will take the place of the monthly meeting in December. You also have the opportunity to bring your family along to the Club Christmas party and enjoy a great dinner. You can **only** bring your favorite desert or Christmas cookies that you may want to share with the club. The Christmas Party date is December 17, 2019, at Mariachi's Mexican Restaurant in Sherman, located at 1909 Texoma Pkwy #103. Music will be provided by Andrew and of course you can bring your special desert to share with other club members who attend. The room is reserved from 6PM until 9PM, so you can arrive early if you want to.



### **Message from Wade Graves – KF5AUD**

Thanks to all of you for your support of ARES in 2019! May you and your family have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

73  
Wade

Wade Graves, KF5AUD  
Grayson County ARES EC

### **QSL Managers Message from Lee Sly – N5SLY**



I want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Another year has gone by for our club and we had many good times this year with the different events the club sponsored. We'll do it all over again next year. Looking forward to that.

For those of you that enjoy HF radio and contacting other special events there is a fun one coming up in a few short days. From December 14 – December 25 contact these stations for the...

## 2nd Annual 12 Days of Christmas - 2019

W2P - Partridge,    W2T - 2 Turtle Doves,

W2F - 3 French Hens,    W2C - 4 Calling Birds,

W2R - 5 Golden Rings,

W2G - 6 Geese A-Laying,    W2S - 7 Swans A-Swimming,

W2M - 8 Maids A-Milking,    W2L - 9 Ladies Dancing,

K2L - 10 Lords A-Leaping,    K2P - 11 Pipers Piping,

And W2D - 12 Drummers Drumming.

Salli Rosato, K2RYD, from Long Island, NY created this special event last year and it was very successful. I had a lot of fun contacting all those stations. Most of them are in the New England area, but there are a few out west as well. More info at... [www.qrz.com/db/k2ryd](http://www.qrz.com/db/k2ryd)

Looking forward to sharing a meal with everyone during our Christmas party at **Mariachi's**. Not real sure what the traditional Mexican Christmas meals consist of, but I'm pretty sure tamales will be on my plate.



God Bless & Have fun on the radio!

73 de Lee N5SLY

n5sly@arrl.net

# **Planning for Winter Field Day**

**1/25/2020-1/26/2020**

**Property Owner:** Doug and Sharon Hotalen

**Property Location:** 1655 Hackleman Rd., Whitesboro, TX 76273

**Property Note:** This is our Hobby House, our extra property for projects and family events. The backyard is an excellent open space for ham antennas.

**Property Amendments:** Mobile Home 16 x 60, AC, Heat

## **Outside Area**

**Outside Outlet Circuits with access to inside Mobile Home**

**Back ½ Acre Area for Antennas, probably get 4-6 antennas easy.**

**Parking for 15 cars**

**2 Car Carport to Hangout and setup equipment per weather.**

**Outside Light Pole for overnight light.**

**May consider bringing telescope when radio waves are poor.**

**Space for Solar Panels.**

## **Inside Area**

**Area for Projector/Chairs for Presentations/Class**

**Refrigerator, Microwave, Rest Room, Electric Stove**

**Coffee Maker**

**Some Sleeping Space**

**6' Table for HAM Equipment**

**Directions:** 1. Go on 82W ~ 14 miles to FM 901, South or left on FM 901 ~ 2 miles to Old Sherman Rd just before HW 56 and make a left onto Old Sherman Rd and go 1 mile to the intersection of Hackleman Rd and Old Sherman Rd. Make left onto Hackleman Rd, second house on right (1655 Hackleman Rd).



**2. Alternative way to go out HW56 West out through Southmayd and go to FM 901 make right on FM 901 for 1000 ft and make quick right onto old Sherman Rd for 1 mile to Hackleman Rd intersection, make a left and second house on right (1655 Hackleman Rd).**

**What we would need:** 8 inside folding chairs, a lawn chair for yourself, cooler and your nonalcoholic drinks, snacks. Decide on who brings what for dinner and breakfast. Club TS-2000 Transceiver, antennas.

**What I can provide:** Gas grill if we need to make meals outside.  
5500 Watt Generator available.

**What I DON'T HAVE:** Internet connection, you can bring a hub or use your cell phone.  
TV connection, don't have a local antenna at this time.

**Summary:** I offer this location because we have very few restrictions, quiet area and we sit at 723 ft., easy access to and from sight and neighbors are friendly.

**If you want to rough it, sleep under the carport with your equipment or set up in the Hotalen Hobby House.**

**The club will need to decide on the radio class plan to use to collect points for the event.**

**Ladies want their own radio setup so need clubs TS-2000 Radio and antenna.**

**Cost to GCAR Club: Free**

**Jim McGlynn – K5QOI has interest for NIVS Antenna Evaluations, and if he is available to participate on Field Day weekend, he may put up a few antennas for testing with NVIS. See ya'll at Winter Field Day this year!**

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## LOCAL RADIO NETS

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<b><u>Daily</u></b>	<b>Texas Slow Net (CW only)</b> 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.
<b><u>Weekly</u></b>	<b>South Texas Section ARES Net (HF)</b> 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. <b>Durant ARA Weekly Net (UPDATED)</b> Sundays 7:30 pm CT on the 147.390+ (118.8 PL) repeater. <b>Fannin County ARC Weekly Net</b> Tuesdays 8:00 pm CT on the 145.470- (100.0PL) repeater. (Replaces 147.200 repeater). 444.525 links into 145.470 full time. <b>McKinney 6 meter AM Net</b> Wednesdays 10:00pm CT on 50.400 MHz <b>McKinney ARC Info Net</b> Sundays 8:00pm CT on the 146.740– (110.9 PL) repeater. <b>Grayson County ARC Information Net</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 8:00pm CT on the 147.000+ (100.0 PL) repeater. This is an informal information net and buy/sell/swap net.
<b><u>Semi-Monthly</u></b>	<b>Grayson County ARES Net</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday at 8:00pm CT on the 147.000+ (100.0 PL) repeater. This is a directed information net used for training. <b>RACES Command Net Check (HF)</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> 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! <b>Ladies Net (RUNNING AGAIN AS of February 21, 2019)</b> **Every 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at 8:00 pm CT on the 147.00+ repeater <b>North Texas Section ARES Net (HF)</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> 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.
<b><u>Monthly</u></b>	<b>McKinney ARES Net</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday at 9:00pm CT on the 146.740– (110.9 PL) repeater.

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## AREA REPEATERS (UPDATED 11-30-2018)

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<b>Sherman TX</b> – 444.750+ MHz (100.0 PL) W5RVT 147.280+ MHz (107.2 PL) W5COP 147.000+ MHz (100.0 PL) W5RVT	<b>Gainesville TX</b> – 147.340+ MHz (100.0 PL) WB5FHI <b>McKinney TX</b> - 146.740- MHz (110.9 PL) W5MRC <b>Melissa TX</b> - 443.200+ MHz (100.0 PL) W5MRA
<b>Allen TX</b> 145.350 – MHz (100.0 PL) N5GI	<b>Paris TX</b> 146.760- MHz (203.5 PL) WB5RDD
<b>Bonham TX</b> 145.470 – MHz (100.0 PL) K5FRC 443.750 – MHz (100.0 PL) K5FRC <del>147.200+ MHz (100.0 PL) K5FRC</del>	<b>Rosston TX</b> - 145.490- MHz (85.4 PL) WD5U <b>Van Alstyne TX</b> - 443.800+ MHz (103.5 PL) W5VAL <b>Whitesboro TX</b> - 442.875+ MHz (100.0 PL) WC5GC
<b>Denison TX</b> 145.330 – MHz (100.0 PL) W5DWH	
<b>Durant OK</b> 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
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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](http://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
<b>*Shirts/jackets- (2x to 4x +\$5)</b>			
Shipping \$2.00 per item			
Total			