



# GRAYSON COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB



GCARC

GRAYSON CO. TEXAS USA

Having Fun with Amateur Radio

July 2020

## Events Coming Up

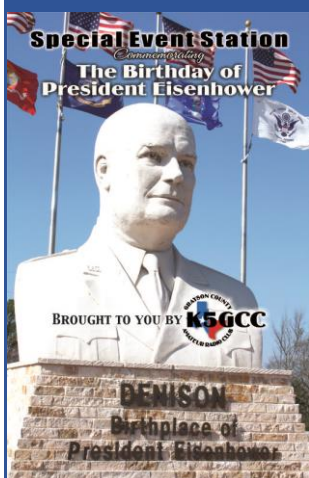
Lightbulb  
Antenna  
QSO Party

August 22-23



Birthday of President  
Eisenhower Special  
Event

Oct 10 – 18



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July 2020  
Station of the Month

Roy Reed  
AF5VA

## President's QSO

Glen. N5LDO

Fellow GCARC Club Members, we had another great club meeting for July, with 20 attendees. It was really nice to see and talk to everyone.

I would like to thank our special guests Andy Barnes, W5KZJ and Lisa Barnes, KG5OBK for attending our meeting and sharing information about Fire Prevention Week and its history. Andy noted that this year they are emphasizing Kitchen Fire Safety and has invited all club members to participate in the N5F Special Event, October 4-10 this year. For more history and information click on this link <https://hamfire.com/>. We will set up some reminders.

I hope everyone enjoyed the antenna discussion as much as I did. Also, I am looking forward to putting together and testing lightbulb antennas this Saturday and then getting ready for the Lightbulb Antenna QSO Party on August 22.

A big shout out to Doug, KG5QPI for donating the 50/50 raffle winnings back to the club!

For those of you who weren't at the meeting, in remembrance of SK Ben Sly, KF5OEB our members voted Ben as a permanent Honorary Member of the Club.

While 2020 has not been a good year on many fronts, the club has grown and we are having fun with Amateur Radio. Welcome to all of our new members, we are looking forward to meeting you! Also looking forward to next month's meeting, our NETs and other activities.

73

Glen, N5LDO

## Contact a Club Officer

President: Glen Davis N5LDO ([president@k5gcc.org](mailto:president@k5gcc.org))

Vice President: Ron Witherington WX5A ([vp@k5gcc.org](mailto:vp@k5gcc.org))

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QSL Manager: Lee Sly N5SLY ([treasurer@k5gcc.org](mailto:treasurer@k5gcc.org))

Webmaster/Newsletter Editor: James Frank KW5CW

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## Contact or send the Club a QSL Card

Grayson County Amateur Radio Club

PO Box 642 Sherman, TX

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## Nets and Meetings

1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>

### Sunday Nets

Dates/Net Control:

August 2 – Roy - AF5VA

August 16 - Bill - K5XBP

August 30 - OPEN

Time: 8:00 PM Local

Repeater: 147.000 +

### Thursday Night

#### Ladies Net

August 6, 13, 20, 27

Lynda Tuma – KF5JUO

Angel Staten – N5APJ

Time: 7:00 PM Local

Repeater: 147.000+

### Antenna Group

#### Workshop

### Lightbulb Antenna

Meeting August 1

@ 10AM

### Club Monthly

#### Meeting

Date: August 18, 2020

Time 7:00- 8:30 PM

Location: Mariachi's

Mexican Restaurant

2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>

### Sunday ARES Nets

Dates: August 9

& August 23

Time: 8:00 PM Local

Repeater: 147.000+



# Grayson County Amateur Radio Club Monthly Meeting Minutes

## Conducted July 21, 2020 at Mariachi's Mexican Food

Four officers were present:

Glen Davis	President	N5LDO
Ron Witherington	Vice President	WX5A
Ricky Jessen	Secretary	KG5FDT
Lee Sly	Treasury	N5SLY

### Meeting called to order

- President N5LDO called meeting to order 7:00 pm at Mariachi's restaurant.
- Guest speaker Introduced; Andy Barnes, W5KZJ
  - Andy is the 5-area rep for the Fire Prevention Week.
  - Andy spoke on "Fire Prevention Week" history.
  - N5F Special Event running October 4-10 this year. Google "N5F Fire Prevention Week" for more history and information.

### 20 Present (19 Hams, 1 visitor) Round Table Introductions

KG5GMA, N5SLY, AF5VA, N5LDO, KG5FDT, KE7TSJ, KE7VDI, KF5TDQ, KW5CW, WX5A, N5APJ, K5XBP, AG5AZ, KG5QPI, KF5JUO, KD5KPR, KG5OBK, W5KZJ, KG5SKM.

Visitor Jessica Dehart preparing to test.

- President N5LDO reviewed Agenda
- Lightbulb QSO Party August
- Summer Fall Events
  - Red River Bridge War, 7/18-26
  - Eisenhower Birthday, 10/10-18

### ➤ Net Control Volunteers (August)

- Anyone who wishes to be Net Control please let myself or any of the officers know. It is fun, we do have a script for new Hams, it is a great way to practice talking. You do not have to be perfect.
- 8/2 AF5VA Roy
- 8/16 K5XBP Bill
- 8/30 **Open**

### ➤ Net Control Volunteers

- 9/6 KW5CW James
- 9/20 N5APJ Angel
- 10/4 KG5FDT Ricky
- 10/18 **Open**
- 11/1 KW5CW James
- 11/15 KG5FDT Ricky
- 11/29 **Open**
- 12/6 KI5BMN James
- 12/20 **Open**

### ARES News Ron WX5A

- Echo-Link still down. Access to the courthouse computer has been extremely limited.
- Simplex net 7/26 testing South East county.
- Testing is available August 6th at Grayson College. Contact Ron WX5A for more details.

### Old Business

- June Meeting minutes and Treasures both reports passed unanimously.

### New Business

- Treasure's Report
  - Closed June with \$1974.60 General balance
  - Closed June with \$141.33 50/50 Raffle

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### ➤ New Lifetime Honorary Member

- James, KW5CW, made a motion to make Ben Sly "Honorary Lifetime Member".
  - Marvin, KG5GMA, 2<sup>nd</sup>.
  - Accolades were given on behalf of Ben.
  - Passed unanimously!!!

***I will always remember that Saturday at Denison Fall Festival when he encouraged me to follow the dream I once had, Ham radio. I, like so many were touched by his passion.***

KF5OEB-KF5OEB-KF5OEB

Till we meet again...

***Lee, on behalf of the club we truly extend our heartfelt condolences.***



The URL to help Lee Sly with Funeral Expenses: GoFundMe page is <https://gf.me/u/ybhr86>

- Doug, KG5QPI brought his Field radio mounted in a box with the power source. Good example of how portable Ham radio can be and being ready for service when needed. Thanks Doug.
- Raffles
  - Door prize given out.
  - Doug KG5QPI won the 50/50. He donated his winnings back to the club.

Meeting Adjourned 8:30. Everyone returned to normal amateur use. 73's and stay safe... Ricky Jessen – KG5FDT

# Grayson County Amateur Radio Club Treasurers Report Plus 50/50 Raffle for Christmas Gift Fund

Lee – N5SLY

Grayson County ARC - Treasurers Report	Amount
July 2020	
<b>Beginning Bank Balance</b>	<b>\$1,922.33</b>
<b>Income - Note PayPal payments don't include fees</b>	
New member, Dan Barnes, AG5AZ, Cash	\$20.00
Donation, James, KG5SJY, Cash	\$10.00
50-50 Raffle, Christmas Gift Fund, Cash	\$44.00
Donations received with Perrin Field SE QSL cards	\$37.00
Donation, PayPal, Glen, N5LDO	\$9.41
Renewal membership, PayPal, Dave O'Neil, NG5E	\$19.21
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$139.62</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Check 1148 - Waldo Funeral Home for Ben Sly	\$100.00
Bank fee	\$12.35
W5 Incoming Bureau	5.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$117.35</b>
<b>Ending Bank Balance</b>	<b>\$1,944.60</b>
<b>Cash on hand</b>	<b>\$30.00</b>
<b>Total cash on hand</b>	<b>\$30.00</b>
<b>Checks &amp; other funds to be deposited</b>	
<b>Total Checks &amp; other funds to be deposited</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Final Total at time of report</b>	<b>\$1,974.60</b>
Submitted by Lee Sly, N5SLY July 17, 2020	

Grayson County ARC Budget Items Calendar Year 2020	Budget Amount	Actual Expenses
<b>Operating Events</b>		
<b>Winter Field Day</b>		
Food, Drinks & Supplies	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Perrin Field Museum Special Event</b>		
Food, Drinks & Supplies	\$50.00	\$0.00
<b>ARRL Field Day</b>		
Food, Drinks & Supplies	\$50.00	
<b>Red River Bridge War Special Event</b>		
Food, Drinks & Supplies	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b>Eisenhower Birthday Special Event</b>		
Food, Drinks & Supplies	\$50.00	\$0.00
<b>Festivals</b>		
Spring	\$75.00	\$0.00
Fall	\$75.00	
<b>Operating Events Total</b>	<b>300.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>QSL Management /Administrative/Finance</b>		
PO Box Rental	92.00	92.00
eQSL Bronze Membership	12.00	12.00
LOTW Awards	62.48	62.48
QSL Card printing	0.00	
W5 Incoming Bureau	5.00	10.00
Denison Chamber Renewal	150.00	
Bank Fees - Jan through July	175.00	90.75
Paypal Fees - Jan through June	30.00	17.39
<b>QSL Management /Administrative/Finance Total</b>	<b>526.48</b>	<b>284.62</b>
<b>Christmas Party</b>		
Food	\$50.00	
Décor	\$50.00	
<b>Christmas Party Total</b>	<b>\$100.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Equipment Hard/Soft</b>		
Radios		
Antennas		
Accessories		
Software	\$110.00	
<b>Equipment Hard/Soft Total</b>	<b>\$110.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Total Budget Approved ***</b>	<b>\$1,036.48</b>	<b>\$284.62</b>
<b>Approved Budget Balance</b>		<b>\$751.86</b>

## 50/50 Raffle for Christmas Gift Fund Report

Lee – N5SLY

50 - 50 Raffle Christmas Gift Fund	Cash on hand	Deposit to checking	Total
<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
2020			
January	\$0.00		\$0.00
February	\$9.00	\$50.00	\$59.00
March	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
April	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
May	\$0.00	\$18.51	\$18.51
June	\$1.00	\$53.41	\$54.41
July		\$9.41	\$9.41
August			\$0.00
September			\$0.00
October			\$0.00
November			\$0.00
December			\$0.00
<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>	<b>\$131.33</b>	<b>\$141.33</b>

### Donations for the 50/50 Monthly Raffle

Members who donate during the month through the Friday before our Monthly Meeting will get one 50/50 raffle ticket per \$1 donated. The Treasurer, Lee will create your paper ticket/s and place them in a container as he sees your donation come in on PayPal. You can donate via PayPal or with your credit/debit card at the "Donate" link below. If we meet on the air Lee's spouse or other family member will conduct the drawing while we are on the air and Lee will announce the winner during our Monthly meeting. Otherwise, this drawing will be conducted during our meeting on location with all present. Click this donate button to make your donation and enter the 50/50 raffle. Good luck and have some fun!!

[Donate](#)

## Message from Steve Lott – KG5VK - ARRL NTX Section Manager

### To ALL GCARC ARRL Members who respond to this note

You have been kind enough to respond that you wish to attend the scheduled Saturday, August 1, 2020 NTX-West Gulf Meeting on behalf of your club and its members.

Although it is late, Steve and I are going to postpone the 8.1.20 meeting to Saturday, August 29, 2020 — good reasons to do so have developed.

First, the recessed meeting of the ARRL Board of Directors has now been reset to August 16-17, 2020. After this meeting, we expect some important announcements to be made. They are of sufficient importance you should have the opportunity to discuss the announcements and ask questions.

Second, we are diligently working to obtain sponsors for our Congressional legislation. To support that effort, we are attempting to obtain Sen. Cornyn and Sen. Cruz as guest speakers for this meeting, assuming we can obtain their sponsorship. Their sponsorship could be critical to our chances of passage of the desired legislation.

We will send the Zoom connection notice to each of you for the reset meeting on 8.29.20 as soon as we can confirm the times with Sen. Cruz and Cornyn. Thanks for being ARRL Members and leaders.

**Note: If interested and want to attend the Zoom NTX-West Guld Meeting on behalf of the GCARC, please send a note to John Robert Stratton – [N5AUS@n5aus.com](mailto:N5AUS@n5aus.com), Director of the West Gulf Division.**

**Phone numbers - Office: 512-445-6262 or Cell: 512-426-2028. You will receive a Zoom connection notice.**



## QSL managers & Treasurers Message

By Lee Sly

The meeting this month was very emotional for me. It's been a month since my son Ben, KF5OEB, passed away and the amount of support I've received from the club is really overwhelming. The presentation Ron gave about Field Day and the talks James and Roy gave were almost more than I could bear. But I made it through it and I'll be OK. It gets easier as time goes on, but the pain never goes away. Thanks again to everyone for your thoughts and prayers and to everyone who has contributed to helping out with Ben's final expenses. It means a great deal to me and my whole family. You folks are the best!

So how did we do at Field Day this year? Well...the club did very well indeed. Those that made contacts at our site in Ambrose made more QSO's than have ever been made during Field Day in prior years. Plus, this year, because of the Covid-19 virus, ARRL changed the rules and those who operated from home could assign the contacts they made to the club...

K5KDE, Chris Frank (James Frank's son), KG5QPI, Doug and N5SLY, Lee all assigned the contacts they made to the club. So, when the results are published by ARRL later this year we'll see how well we did in this event compared to everyone else. But always remember...it's not a contest.

Right now, we are in the middle of our 2<sup>nd</sup> special event of the year...the Red River Bridge War. This year I invited Andy Barnes, W5KZJ, to join in the fun and he accepted. Andy is an avid POTA member and plans on using our W5I call sign in one of his POTA Activations during the event. Remember all club members are welcome to participate. You can use any band and any mode you want to during the event. There are only 2 rules...you must follow the band plan for the license you hold and you must send your log to me when the event is over. Finally, you don't have to use the HF bands during the event. If you are only a Technician you can make contacts on the VHF and UHF bands using the W5I call sign. In all the years I've been doing these SE's for the club no one has made a contact on these bands for our special events. Who will be the 1<sup>st</sup> to do it?

Have fun doing what you enjoy in the hobby.

73 de Lee N5SLY

n5sly@arrl.net

## The Upcoming Eisenhower GCARC Special Operating Event

October 10 thru October 18, 2020

The last scheduled special Event for the GCARC in 2020 will be the Eisenhower Special Event. It takes place starting on October 10<sup>th</sup> through October 18<sup>th</sup>. The special event call sign that the GCARC uses in North Texas (Grayson County) for the events will again be W5I. Moving further south to Dallas (Dallas County), Dave O'Neil – NG5E and Andy Barnes – W5KZJ will be using the call W5K. From Maryland, Kerri Wright – KB3WAV and her husband Ray – KC3RW will be using the call W5E and will also run operations from the Eisenhower home in Gettysburg. There will be a host of others in the Maryland area that will be participating in the Special Event. It also may be possible that we can have my friend in Kansas – AD0WE – Kurt, operate in the event. Hopefully within the next couple of months, I can confirm that he can operate from the Eisenhower State Park in Kansas.

*Also, a special thanks to everyone who participated in the Red River Bridge War Special Event that just concluded... \*FYI\* On another front, the club has secured the Ambrose School house for Winter Field Day in 2021. If you haven't experienced that place this year at Summer Field Day 2020, you owe it to yourself to come out for Winter Field Day 2021 and join in the action.*

In case you haven't figured out what we do best at the GCARC, it's to have F-U-N !

## Grayson County Amateur Radio Club General News

***ARRL Summer Field Day***  
***June 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> in the books.***  
***A Great Success!***

*Was held at the Old School House*  
*Ambrose, Texas*  
<https://graysoncountyarcl.org/2020/05/27/arrl-summer-field-day-2020/>

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***Video- Drone Flyby Courtesy of Ron – WX5A***  
<https://www.facebook.com/1488443394/videos/10217748219285730/>



***Build a Lightbulb Antenna workshop***  
***August 1, 2020 10AM-Noon***

<https://hamsignal.com/blog/lightbulb-qso-party-2020>

### **STATION - OF - THE - MONTH**

**July 2020**

***AF5VA – Roy Reed***



*Details of AF5VA's station can be found in a post on the GCARC website.*

<https://graysoncountyarcl.org/2020/07/31/2077/>



## Grayson County Amateur Radio Club General Info

- ❖ Become a Member of the GCARC click here: <https://graysoncountyarcc.org/membership/>
- ❖ 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday GCARC Information Net Control Schedule: <https://graysoncountyarcc.org/about-gcarc/net-control-schedule/>
- 1. Visit the GCARC Website [www.graysoncountyarcc.org](http://www.graysoncountyarcc.org)
- ❖ Visit the GCARC Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/groups/k5gcc>
- ❖ Submit articles for GCARC newsletter to: [editor@k5gcc.org](mailto:editor@k5gcc.org)
- ❖ E-mail change updates @ <http://hamclubonline.com>

**Donate**

Be our HERO - and Click here to Donate to GCARC Club

## Club Patches and Clothing Options:

**Option 1.** From Ham Threads: <https://www.hamthreads.com/> get a large variety of clothing styles with GCARC, ARES and or Skywarn Logos, Call Sign and Name. See Examples Below:



**Option 2.** Order from the club Treasurer using the form below. Additionally, you can order premade ARES and Skywarn patches for \$4.00 each and GCARC Club Patches for \$5.00 each.



**K5GCC**

### Grayson County Amateur Radio Club Apparel Order Form



**Tactical Shirt \$45**

Mic loops on shoulders and front placket, dual pen pockets  
2x-4x sizes + \$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		_____	_____	_____

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## Texas Gov. Abbott Issues New Guidelines

The Texas “stay at home order” expired on April 30, 2020. Per the Governor, his order supersedes all other orders issued by counties. There are still restrictions in place. Social distancing should be practiced when feasible.

Because of the resurgence of Covid-19, Governor Abbott has pulled back on the total opening of the state of Texas.

As of this past weekend, all bars have again been closed until further notice. Restaurants now can only operate at 50% capacity. Of concern to our club is the availability of [Mariachi's Mexican Restaurant](#) for our next meeting on August 18th. Only if the restaurant is totally closed will we have to go to our backup meeting place on-line or unless the officers decide that it's best to go back to online meetings.

**On July 2, 2020 Governor Greg Abbott has issued Executive Order 29 requiring all Texans to wear a face covering over the nose and mouth in public spaces, with few exceptions, in counties with 20 or more positive COVID-19 cases. Open Texas checklists are being updated consistent with this order and will be posted after noon on Friday, July 3, 2020. Please checkout the new checklist that will be posted on <https://open.texas.gov>.**

### Governor Abbott video

The full report can be found here: <https://gov.texas.gov/organization/opentexas>

James – KW5CW

