



GRAYSON COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB



GCARC

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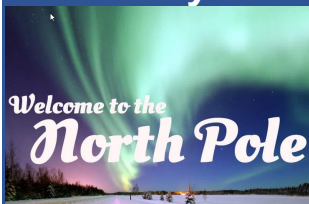
Having Fun with Amateur Radio

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Event Coming Up

Christmas Party



December 15, 2020
Location
Mariachi's Mexican
Restaurant

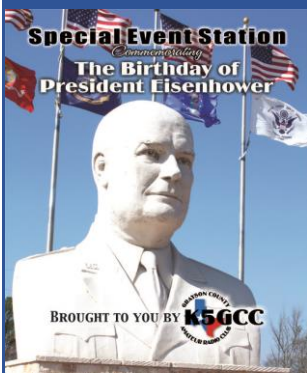
September 2020
Station of the Month

James Frank
KW5CW



Event Passed

Eisenhower
Birthday
Special Event
W5I – W5K- W5E



President's QSO

Fellow GCARC Members, the cooler weather will give us some time to accomplish the amateur radio projects we have been putting off because of the heat.

My project will be cleaning out my shed and turning it into my ham shack.

The shed is only 30 feet from my newly installed Hustler 6 BTV so I will be able to use short run coax.

Once I get things situated for the new location, I intend to operate from battery power most of the time. It is time I got my money's worth out of my solar panels, charge controller and battery. I have commercial power to the shed but I want to take advantage of every opportunity to reduce noise in my radios.

I will also be moving my 2m and 70cm antenna off the house and putting it along with a 2m vertical on an 18-foot mast 3 ft in the ground and attached to the fascia of shed. It is going to be a little work, but the kind of work I like.

So what is your project for our cool weather months? I hope you have something exciting planned and can share it with us in the near future.

I am looking forward to our final club meeting of the year coming up in November; finalizing our election process and congratulating our 2021 Board of Directors; The December Christmas Party and finally to a much better year in 2021.

Glen Davis | N5LDO

President | Grayson County Amateur Radio Club

Contact a Club Officer

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

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

Secretary: Ricky Jessen KG5FDT (secretary@k5gcc.org)

Treasurer: Lee Sly N5SLY (treasurer@k5gcc.org)

Director at Large: John Love WD5IKX (directoratlarge@k5gcc.org)

License Trustee: Rick Simmons K5ECX

QSL Manager: Lee Sly N5SLY (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

Nets and Meetings

1st and 3rd Sunday Nets

Dates/Net Control:

Nov 1 James – KW5CW

Nov 15 – Ricky-KG5FDT

Nov 29 -Bill – K5XBP

Time: 8:00 PM Local

Repeater: 147.000 +

Thursday Night Ladies Net

Nov 5 and Nov 19

Lynda Tuma – KF5JUO

Angel Staten – N5APJ

Time: 7:00 PM Local

Repeater: 147.000+

Club Monthly Meeting

Date: Nov 17, 2020

Time 7:00- 8:30 PM

Location: Mariachi's
Mexican Restaurant

2nd, 4th Sunday ARES Nets

Dates: Nov 8

& Nov 22

Time: 8:00 PM Local

Repeater: 147.000+



Grayson County Amateur Radio Club Monthly Meeting Minutes

Conducted October 20, 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.

15 Present Round Table Introductions

KG5GMA, N5SLY, AF5VA, KG5FDT, KW5CW, WX5A, N5APJ, N5LDO, KD5KPR, KI5BMN, KG5QPI, KF5LKG, KF5JUO, KG5SJY, KG5SKM.

2020 CLUB GOALS



- Have fun with the Amateur Radio Hobby
- Get Members on the air more and get them to share that experience with the rest of the club
- Increase our visibility and participation in the community
- Increase Club Membership
- Increase participation in club activities
- Improving our social media presence.
- Find new income streams

Meeting Activities and Fun Stuff

- Lee Sly N5SLY Eisenhower Special Event Review
 - Event ran 10/10 thru 10/18 operating several call signs alone with POTA.
 - Parks activated (Call Signs; W5I, W5K & W5E)
- K-0810Eisenhower National Historic Site in PA
- K-2335Eisenhower State Park in KS
- K-3005Eisenhower State Park in TX
- K-6553Eisenhower Birthplace State Historical Site in TX
- K-7499Eisenhower Memorial in DC an ATNO

- Results coming soon. Probably the most successful event ever with contacts numberings into the thousands.
- All who participated are to send their logs to Lee and he will enter.
- James Frank KW5CW reflected on his Eisenhower out of state Experiences
 - James traveled out of state for the event and activated a POTA park.
 - James reflected on valuable lessons learned.
 - Main take-aways Practice, Plan, Checklist. *(Most of all go with what happens keeping your sense of humor.)*

Club News

- YL Nets 2nd and 4th Thursday - 147.000 @ 7:00 PM
 - KF5JUO, Lynda and N5APJ, Angel are primary Net Controllers
 - Men also tune in and check in...
- Club Nets, 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays - 147.000 @ 8:00 PM
- Net Control Volunteers (November thru December) *(New 2021 sign-up List coming soon)*
 - 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.
- 11/1 KW5CW James
- 11/15 KG5FDT Ricky
- 11/29 K5XBP Bill
- 12/6 KI5BMN James
- 12/20 **Santa may be checking in... Be sure your kids, old and young, are available.**

ARES News Ron WX5A

- Emergency Test net November 14th.
 - This is a Wind-Link exercise in conjunction with American Red Cross testing communications.

Grayson County Amateur Radio Club Monthly Meeting Minutes

Conducted October 20, 2020 at Mariachi's Mexican Food (Continued)

- Anyone interested can contact Wade KF5AUD for more information.
- There are "NO" face to face Skywarn meetings scheduled. They will probably move to all virtual events. Information for certifications will be coming.

Old Business

- September Meeting minutes and Treasures report approved with a unanimous vote.
 - Glen N5LDO made the motion and Roy AF5VA seconded.
- Christmas Party – N5APJ Angel – Invitations Email with RSVP.
 - Christmas party will be at Mariachi's at our regular club meeting, Tuesday December 15th.
 - Please bring deserts. Food will be ordered from Mariachi's menu. (*Members responsible for their own check*)
 - A couple of club members will be supplying tamales.
 - Angel will need helpers to help set-up and tear down.
 - There will be many door prizes and gifts.
 - Also, did I ask for everyone to bring a desert?
 - This goes without saying... Please bring your spouses...

New Business

- Treasure's Report
 - Closed September with \$2474.47 General balance
 - Closed September with \$524.56 50/50 Raffle (Designated for Christmas party)
- *****
- Nomination of Officers 2021
 - **President, Ron Witherington, WX5A**
 - **Vice President, James Shiplet, KI5BMN**
 - **Secretary, Ricky Jessen, KG5FDT**
 - **Treasure, Lee Sly, N5SKY**

2021 Officer Election Plan

- Take nominations and acceptance of nomination through October meeting.
- Follow the October meeting create an election ballot in Ham Club Online (HCO) that includes all accepted nominations and the ability to write in a candidate not on the ballot. (Note: If you choose to writ-in a candidate, your nomination of that candidate will be assumed and that candidate must accept the nomination prior to voting results disclosure.)
- At least 2 weeks prior to the November meeting, send out HCO ballots to all members who are up-to-date with their dues, you may also vote by paper ballot during the November meeting.
- HCO voting will be set to close at 7:00PM CST of 20 November 2020 meeting.
- At the November meeting, pass out ballots to all active members who have not voted via HCO; collect ballots and tabulate votes on paper ballots and HCO. (Note: A call for Nominations may be necessary if no candidates have accepted nomination for any given position prior to the November meeting.)
- Tabulate votes. Motion to Accept the results.

2021 Plans Preview

- Winter Field Day January 30/31 Save the date!
- Activities for 2021 (*Accepting ideas*)
 - POTA – ARES go kit testing
 - Fox Hunts – Ideas
 - LBA – QSO (*Light Bulb Antenna for clarification*)
 - Satellite / ISS QSO events
 - Peanut Festival and other regional events
 - Meteor Shower Events – 6M
- Raffles
 - Door prize given out. David Darcy KF5LKG drew the winning ticket.
 - Andrew KG5SKM won the 50/50.

Motion made to adjourn by Marvin KG5GMA, seconded by Roy AF5VA.

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

Grayson County Amateur Radio Club Treasurers Report

50/50 Raffle for Christmas Gift Fund Report by Lee Sly – N5SLY

Grayson County ARC - Treasurers Report	Amount
October 2020	
Beginning Bank Balance	2,147.07
Income - Note PayPal payments don't include fees	
50-50 Raffle - Cash	38.00
Patch sale, Angel - PayPal	5.04
Glen Davis, N5LDO, payment for tower sections and hardware and a donation to purchase new checks - Check	300.00
Donation - Glen Davis, N5LDO - PayPal	9.41
New Member - Paul Todd, N3HT - PayPal	19.12
Total Income	371.57
Expenses	
N3FJP Logging Software Package	32.01
Check purchase	51.94
Total Expenses	83.95
Ending Bank Balance	2,434.69
Cash on hand	39.78
Total cash on hand	39.78
Checks & other funds to be deposited	
Total Checks & other funds to be deposited	0.00
Final Total at time of report	2,474.47
Submitted by Lee Sly, N5SLY, on October 16, 2020	

Grayson County ARC Budget Items Calendar Year 2020	Budget Amount	Actual Expenses
Operating Events		
Winter Field Day		
Food, Drinks & Supplies	0.00	0.00
	\$	\$
	\$	\$
Perrin Field Museum Special Event		
Food, Drinks & Supplies	50.00	0.00
	\$	\$
ARRL Field Day		
Food, Drinks & Supplies	50.00	0.00
	\$	\$
Red River Bridge War Special Event		
Food, Drinks & Supplies	0.00	0.00
	\$	\$
Eisenhower Birthday Special Event		
Food, Drinks & Supplies	50.00	\$
	\$	\$
Festivals		
Spring	75.00	0.00
Fall	75.00	\$
	\$	\$
Operating Events Total	300.00	0.00

QSL Management /Administrative/Finance		
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 September	175.00	103.90
Paypal Fees - Jan through September	30.00	15.44
Check printing	0.00	51.94
QSL Management /Administrative/Finance Total	526.48	347.76
Christmas Party		
Food	\$50.00	\$
Décor	\$50.00	\$
Christmas Party Total	\$100.00	\$0.00
Equipment Hard/Soft		
Radios	\$	\$
Antennas	\$	\$
Accessories	\$	\$
Software/web site	110.00	56.35
Equipment Hard/Soft Total	110.00	56.35
Contribution to Christmas Gift Fund		250.00
Total Budget Approved ***	1,036.48	654.11
Approved Budget Balance		382.37
*** Budget approved at club meeting on 3/17/2020		

50 - 50 Raffle Christmas Gift Fund	Cash on hand	Deposit to checking	Total
Beginning Balance	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
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	\$0.00	\$47.41	\$47.41
August	\$0.00	\$38.41	\$38.41
September	\$0.00	\$47.41	\$47.41
October		\$9.41	\$9.41
November			\$0.00
December			\$0.00
Balance	\$10.00	\$255.15	\$274.56
Contribution from club			\$250.00
Gift Purchases			
Ending Balance			\$524.56

QSL Manager & Treasurer Message

By Lee Sly – N5SLY

The Eisenhower Birthday Special Event was a great success this year. Our club and the 1X1 call signs we used are registered with the Parks on the Air (POTA) program and because of that we had many operators who are active POTA enthusiasts participate.

Kerri, KB3WAV & Ray, KC3RW operated from K-0810 the Eisenhower National Historic Site in PA. Also participating from his home in Maryland was Greg, N3ARS.



James, KW5CW operated from K-2335 the Eisenhower State Park in KS. That jerk Murphy visited James many times on his trip and made making contacts a real challenge. Read all about it [HERE](#).



KW5CW - Mr. James 'Murphy'



IKE's Pond - No Fish



End-Fed Antenna wouldn't stay up

Andy, W5KZJ, operated from K-3005 the Eisenhower State Park in TX.



Ron, WX5A and Dave, NG5E operated from K-6553 the Eisenhower Birthplace
State Historical Site in TX.



Ron - WX5A – Sun power amplified by the trees...



Dave - NG5E - Crusin' making contacts



Lee – N5SLY also operated from K-6553 the Eisenhower Birthplace at least 3 times during the week at the State Historical Site in TX

Mr. Dedication



Lee - N5SLY from the comfort of his mobile

Kerri and Ray also operated from K-7499 the Eisenhower Memorial in Washington DC. This was the first time this park was ever activated.



This year our 3 call signs W5I, W5K & W5E contacted 5280 stations during the special event.

A fine effort by all who participated and a new club record.

We also earned an award from the POTA program...



Everyone had fun and we are looking forward to doing it all again next year. That is what this hobby is all about...having fun.

73 de Lee N5SLY
n5sly@arrl.net

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



Welcome to our newest member – David Darcy – KF5LKG

STATION - OF - THE - MONTH

October 2020

James Frank – KW5CW



Station of the month article to be available soon, located in the newsletter.

CW Corner Article

About Satellite Communications?



<https://graysoncountyarcs.org/2020/11/01/cw-corner-interesting-tidbits-from-kurt->

Christmas Party 2020: Welcome to the North Pole

By Angel Staten – N5APJ



<https://graysoncountyarcs.org/2020/10/04/christmas-party-2020/>

Toys for Tots - <https://graysoncountyarcs.org/2020/10/20/toys-for-tots-collection-2020/>

Grayson County Amateur Radio Club General Info

Become a Member of the GCARC click here: <https://graysoncountyarcc.org/membership/>

- ❖ 1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday GCARC Information Net Control Schedule: <https://graysoncountyarcc.org/about-gcargc/net-control-schedule/>
- 1. Visit the GCARC Website www.graysoncountyarcc.org
- ❖ Visit the GCARC Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/groups/k5gcc>
- ❖ Submit articles for GCARC newsletter to: 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.



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

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





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

		Men/ Ldy	Qty	Ext
First Name _____ (as you want on clothing)				
Last _____				
Call _____				
Payment _____				
<small>Make checks Payable to GCARC</small>				
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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Monthly Meetings Continue at Mariachi's Mexican Restaurant Officer Elections to take place in November

The Mariachi's Mexican Restaurant has been available to us for our monthly meetings each month. As of this point in time, the GCARC will continue to hold the GCARC meetings at the restaurant and will meet again on November 17th for the final formal meeting to elect officers of 2021. There will be a Christmas Party on December 15th, as there will be no formal meeting in December.

Nominations were held and accepted for the two open positions for President and Vice-President. Ron – WX5A was nominated for president, and James Shiplet KI5BMN was nominated for vice-president and they have formally accepted to serve in these positions in 2021.

At the November Meeting, paper ballots will be passed out to all active members present who have not voted via HAMCLUBONLINE.com. Then the paper ballots will be collected and tabulated and will be combined with the submissions already received online.

New officers for 2021 will be elected at the November meeting on November 17th.

Even with the rise of Covid-19 in the year 2020, it has not stopped our club from going forward, making it a very fun year in Amateur Radio. If there is one thing you should look forward to each month, that would be to attend the GCARC meeting and to be able to watch a great presentation that the club provides to its members each month. In November, it is especially important to be there to vote and welcome our new officers of the GCARC for 2021. Come early and partake in some of the greatest Mexican food you will find in the county.

Our meeting may be the only chance that you would normally have to see one of your ham-radio friends. As an act of awareness concerning Covid-19, it is advisable to promote social-distancing at the meeting and for your protection, you may want to bring a mask and sanitizer. I always have a face mask with me everywhere I go, and I decide where and when I want to use it pending the circumstances.

So please make a special effort to attend the next general meeting on November 17th, our last general meeting of 2020.

73,

James – KW5CW



Note regarding State Mandated Orders from Governor Abbott concerning Covid-19

Governor Greg Abbott has issued [Executive Order 29](#) on July 2, 2020 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 now updated consistent with this order. As of October 13, 2020, businesses may operate up to 75% capacity, effective on October 14, 2020.

The Governor also issued a [proclamation](#) giving mayors and county judges the ability to impose restrictions on some outdoor gatherings of over 10.

More information can be found at a website <https://open.texas.gov>.

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

James – KW5CW

