



GRAYSON COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB



GCARC

GRAYSON CO. TEXAS USA

Having Fun with Amateur Radio

November 2020

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Events Coming Up

GCARC Christmas Party



December 15, 2020
Location
Mariachi's Mexican
Restaurant
Contact Angel N5APJ
for tickets

November 2020
Station of the Month

David O'Neal
NG5E



NEXT OPERATING
EVENT

January 30 - 31

GCARC Winter
FIELD DAY

Location:
AMBROSE, TEXAS

PRESIDENT'S QSO

Fellow Grayson County Amateur Radio Club Members, 2020 is almost over and it has been a fun year for me from an Amateur Radio perspective. I have enjoyed my time having fun with Amateur Radio and doing so with many of you. Being President of the Club was really rewarding for me and I must say I will miss it. I won't miss you guys because I plan on being as involved as possible in 2021. Thank all of you for your support and participation throughout the year.

I would like to take a moment to congratulate WX5A Ron Witherington on his election as the new President of the Club, KI5BMN James Shiplet on his election as our new Vice President and, our returning board members KG5FDT Ricky Jessen, as Secretary and N5SLY Lee Sly as Treasurer, and last but not least WD5IKX John Love as our continuing Director at Large. Thank you, to those of you who took the time to vote and show your support for each of the 2021 Board Members! I am confident that each of these gentlemen will guide the club to greater amateur radio fun in 2021!

I hope to see many of you at the Christmas Party on December 15. Finally, I would like to wish each of you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. May 2021 be a better year for us all. Stay safe and, May God Bless You All!!

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
(editor@k5gcc.org)

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:

Dec 6 – KI5BMN - James

Dec 20 – Cancelled
unless Santa shows up!

Time: 8:00 PM Local

Repeater: 147.000 +

Thursday Night Ladies Net

Cancelled until further
notice

Next Club Monthly Meeting

Date: Jan 19, 2021

Time 7:00- 8:30 PM

Location: Mariachi's
Mexican Restaurant

2nd, 4th Sunday ARES Nets

Dates: Dec 13

& Dec 27

Time: 8:00 PM Local

Repeater: 147.000+



Grayson County Amateur Radio Club Monthly Meeting Minutes

Conducted November 17, 2020 at Mariachi's Mexican Food

Three officers were present:

Glen Davis	President	N5LDO
Ron Witherington	Vice President	WX5A
Lee Sly	Treasury	N5SLY

Meeting called to order

- President N5LDO called meeting to order 7:00 pm

20 members and 3 guests present

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

- Kurt Zoglmann – AD0WE – Presentation using Zoom, on Amateur Radio Satellite communications – links to his presentation found later in newsletter and Facebook.
- Announcement –KI5BMN – Jim Shiplet not present at meeting as his wife Tona is being sworn in as the mayor of Whitewright TX. Congratulations go to Tona.
- New Member – Glen Willie – WW5GRW** – needs assistance programing his ICOM IC2730. Let's help Glen! Who owns one of those radios?

ARES News – WX5A Ron announcements

- County resets the Echolink computer once a week so that Echolink should be more readily available.
- Rosston Repeater (145.490+600hz PL 85.4) is back on the air.
- NASA just launched 4 hams into space – Three American hams and one Japanese ham now onboard using the call NA1SS on 2 meters.
- National Weather Service is requesting public input in order to consolidate how they display and communicate winter weather warning advisories on freezes and winter warnings of any type. If interested, contact Ron WX5A and he will forward an email to you so you can participate.

Club News

Ladies Net Announcement by Lynda Tuma – KF5JUO

The ladies that participate in their net have decided to have the net on standby until the girl base grows. They will communicate any activities about a future net or other info to be shared on the regular information net on Sundays. Until further notice the ladies net will no longer be active.

- Club nets – held on 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays at 8 PM

147.00 +600 PL tone 100.0 hz.

Club Old Business

- October meeting minutes approval as stated in the Newsletter, website and Facebook. Motion for approval by Glen N5LDO, second by Roy – AF5VA. Minutes approved. Minutes for November meeting will be approved at the 1st meeting of 2021. No December meeting because of Christmas Party.

GCARC Officer Elections for 2021

Finalized and Accepted

Unanimously Elected – No Write-Ins

Newly Elected officers are:

- Ron Witherington – WX5A – President
- James Shiplet – KI5BMN – Vice-President
- Ricky Jessen – KG5FDT – Secretary (2nd term)
- Lee Sly – N5SLY – Treasurer (2nd term)
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Christmas Party Update by Angel – N5APJ

- The Christmas party will be at Mariachi's in place of our regular club meeting in December.
 - 18 people registered to attend (more registrations being taken in back of meeting room.)
 - Spouses and children welcome
 - Please bring deserts. You have an opportunity to order your own meal from Mariachi's. (*Members responsible for their own check*)

Grayson County Amateur Radio Club Monthly Meeting Minutes

Conducted November 17, 2020 at Mariachi's Mexican Food (Continued)

- Toys for tots for donation are to be received at the party or shipped to Angel's home by Dec 15. Toys for tots will be delivered on day after party on Dec.16.
- Toys needed for 0-2 age group and 11-12 age group. These are the hardest to fill.
- Angel will need helpers to help set-up and tear down. Setup starts at 5PM before party.

There will be a raffle to win one of the many door prizes and gifts purchased from MTC in Paris Texas. (Hamfest type prizes included)

- Winter Field Day in Ambrose Texas – Jan 30-31
- Net Control - Dec 6 – James Shiplet – KI5BMN
- No Net on Dec 20 Unless there will be children present during the net. If there are children, Dave Anderson – KD5KPR (AKA Santa Claus) will show up too.

New Business

Treasure's Report

Closed November with \$2,526.00 General balance

Closed November with total collection of \$564.97 for 50/50 Raffle (Designated for Christmas party)

GCARC Net Control Operators for 2021

- Jan 3 – No net
- Jan 17 – Roy – AF5VA
- Jan 31 – No net – Field day in progress
- Feb 7 – Lee – N5SLY
- Feb 21 – Doug – KG5QPI
- March 7 – Lynda – KF5JUO
- March 21 – Bill – K5XBP
- April 4 – James - KW5CW
- April 18 – Glen - N5LDO
- May 2 – Roy – AF5VA
- May 16 – Ricky – KG5FDT
- May 30 – Angel – N5APJ
- June 6 – Mark – KF5UZW

GCARC Net Control Operators for 2021 (Continued)

- June 20 – No Net – Father's Day
- July 4 – No Net – 4th of July Holiday
- July 18 – Dave – KD5KPR
- August 1 – Glen – N5LDO
- August 15 – Ron – WX5A
- August 29 – Jim – K5QOI
- Sept 5 – Ricky – KG5FDT
- October 3 – Roy – AF5VA
- October 17 – Lynda – KF5JUO
- October 31 – No Net – Halloween
- November 7 – Ron – WX6A
- November 21 – Angel – N5APJ
- December 5 – James – KW5CW
- December 19 – KG5GMA

AF5VA – Brought up a discussion on club net procedures. A healthy discussion pursued. Ideas tabled for discussion at a later date.

- Monthly Club meeting schedule for 2021 revealed – To be listed on the website.
- Monthly Meeting 50/50 Raffle won by Angel – N5APJ. She donated her winnings (\$40) back to the club.
- Door Prize Raffle won by David Darcy - KF5LKG (second month in a row)
- Amsat Schedule passed out by Bill - K5XBP

Motion made to adjourn by Glen – N5LDO, seconded by Roy – AF5VA

Meeting Adjourned @ 8:55PM.

Minutes taken by James - KW5CW Acting Secretary



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
November 2020	
Beginning Bank Balance	2,474.47
Income - Note PayPal payments don't include fees	
New membership - David Darcy, KF5LKG - PayPal	19.12
Membership renewal - James Shiplet, K15BMN - Cash	20.00
50-50 Raffle Christmas Gift Fund	31.00
Donation - Glen, N5LDO - PayPal	9.41
Total Income	79.53
Expenses	
Denison Area Chamber of Commerce, membership renewal, ck 121	75.00
Total Expenses	75.00
Ending Bank Balance	2,479.00
Donations received from Eisenhower SE QSL cards	7.22
Cash on hand	39.78
Total cash on hand	47.00
Checks & other funds to be deposited	
Total Checks & other funds to be deposited	0.00
Final Total at time of report	2,526.00
Submitted by Lee Sly, N5SLY, on November 11, 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	0.00
Festivals		
Spring	75.00	0.00
Fall	75.00	0.00
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	0.00
W5 Incoming Bureau	5.00	10.00
Denison Chamber Renewal	150.00	75.00
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	422.76
Christmas Party		
Christmas Party Expenses	\$100.00	\$
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	729.11
Approved Budget Balance		307.37
*** 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	\$0.00	\$40.41	\$40.41
November		\$9.41	\$9.41
December			\$0.00
Balance	\$10.00	\$304.97	\$314.97
Contribution from club			\$250.00
Gift Purchases			
Ending Balance			\$564.97

Welcome to our newest member – Glen Willie – WW5GRW

STATION - OF - THE - MONTH

November 2020

David O'Neal – NG5E

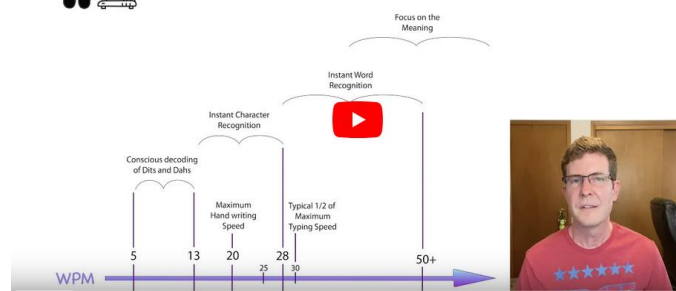


<http://graysoncountyarcs.org/2020/12/03/station-of-the-month-ng5e-november-2020/>

CW Corner Article



Speed vs Proficiency



<https://graysoncountyarcs.org/2020/11/30/cw-corner-november-2020/>

The November Zoom Presentation Amateur Radio Satellite Communications

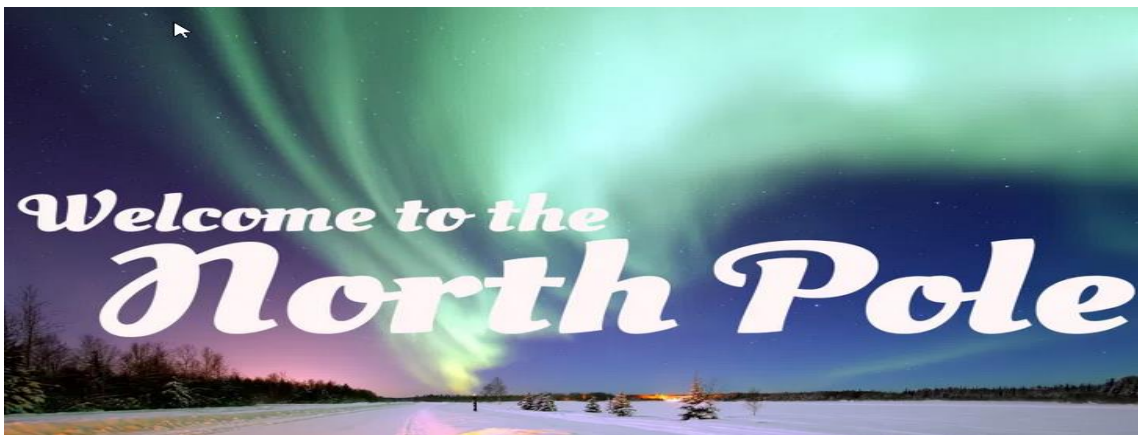
Slides and Audio Presented by
Kurt Zoglmann – AD0WE

[Slides](#)

[Audio](#)

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-gcarrc/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>

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



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First Name _____ (as you want on clothing)

Last _____

Call _____

Payment _____

Make checks Payable to GCARC

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Monthly Meetings Continue at Mariachi's Mexican Restaurant Officer Elections Now History!

The Mariachi's Mexican Restaurant has been available to us for our monthly meetings each month. They have been very gracious to us and provided us an excellent venue to hold our meetings. As of this point in time, the GCARC will continue to hold the GCARC meetings at the restaurant and will meet again on January 19th for the first meeting in 2021.

For our last activity of 2020, there will be a Christmas Party on December 15th at the restaurant, as there will be no formal club meeting in December. If for any chance our Texas governor puts on more restrictions and we cannot meet, then the party may be cancelled, but just keep in mind that at the first opportunity in 2021, we will have a belated party.

The election of the new 2021 GCARC Officers is now history...

Ron Witherington – WX5A is our President for the upcoming year, and **James Shiplet KI5BMN is our vice-president** and their mission is to continue to bring lots of FUN to the club. Our current Secretary and Treasurer decided to serve again in 2021. Thank you, **Ricky Jessen – KG5FDT** and **Lee Sly – N5SLY** for your continued service to the club.

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 meetings and to be able to watch a great presentation that the club provides to its members each month. January 2021 is just around the corner and Winter Field Day soon follows on the last weekend in January. Then there's our special events. A special treat is in store for us for the last special event in 2021 – the Eisenhower Special Event. Maybe next month the officers will be able to share with you some of the details of the events in the upcoming new year. Also look for the coming updates on the GCARC Website.

Our meeting may be the only chance that you would normally have to see one of your ham-radio friends. One of the highlights for me in 2020 in the times of Covid are our monthly meetings. 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. Protect yourself and help to protect others by encouraging them to wear masks.

*So please make plans and a special effort to attend the next general meeting on January 19th, our first general meeting of 2021. **The complete GCARC meeting schedule for 2021 is immediately below...***

January 19	July 20
February 16	August 17
March 16	September 21
April 20	October 19
May 18	November 16
June 15	December 21 -Christmas Party

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>

****View the Latest Governor Video about Latest Challenges – Face masks now mandatory immediately below...**

<https://youtu.be/uRZdTKxeAvE>

James – KW5CW

