



GRAYSON COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB



GCARC
GRAYSON CO. TEXAS USA

Having Fun with Amateur Radio

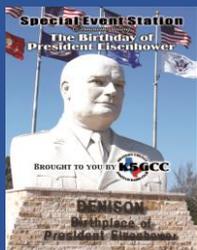
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Events
Coming Up

Eisenhower
Birthday
Special Event

October 9 -17, 2021



The largest of online club
operating events
10 Callsigns to be used

Presentation
TBA

PRESIDENT'S QSO

It's time for cooler weather! Although we've had it pretty easy this summer, it's nice to get to some weather where we can enjoy spending time outside a little more. Dust off those radios and go do some Parks On The Air, or whatever you enjoy.

Thank you to everyone for their time and efforts year to date with all our special events and participating in the club meetings. The club has hit several substantial records and milestones this year, and with only the "New and Improved/broadened" Eisenhower Birthday special event left to go, I anticipate that it will be a complete blowout.

Another thanks to everyone who has donated/bought tickets for the 50/50 this year. We are shaping up to have a fantastic Christmas party in December.

Finally, I would like to say thank you to John Love – WD5IKX for having served on the Board as Director at Large for the last two years. Also, congratulations and welcome (back) to the Board to James Frank – KW5CW who will be in the Director at Large position for two years.

I look forward to seeing everyone on the air and at the next club meeting!

Ron – WX5A

Contact a Club Officer

- President:** Ron Witherington – WX5A (president@graysoncountyar.org)
- Vice President:** James Shiplet – KI5BMN (vp@graysoncountyar.org)
- Secretary:** Ricky Jessen KG5FDT (secretary@graysoncountyar.org)
- Treasurer & QSL Mgr:** Lee Sly N5SLY (treasurer@graysoncountyar.org)
- Dir. at Large:** James Frank KW5CW (director@large@graysoncountyar.org)

License Trustee: Rick Simmons K5ECX (rr52s@yahoo.com)

Webmaster/Newsletter Editor: James Frank KW5CW
(editor@graysoncountyar.org)

Contact or send the Club a QSL Card

Grayson County Amateur Radio Club
PO Box 642 Sherman, TX 75091

1st, 3rd and 5th
Sunday Nets

Dates/Net Control:
09/05 – KG5FDT - Ricky
09/19 – N5LDO - Glen

Time: 8:00 PM Local
Repeater: 147.000+

Next Club
Monthly Meeting

Date: Sept 21, 2021
Time: 7:00 – 8:45 PM
Location:
Mariachi's Mexican
Restaurant

2nd, 4th
Sunday ARES Nets

Dates: Sept 12
& Sept 26
Time: 8:00 PM Local
Repeater: 147.000



Grayson County ARC July Monthly Meeting Minutes August 17, 2021 - by Ricky – KG5FDT

Three officers were present:

Ron Witherington - President WX5A

Ricky Jessen - Secretary KG5FDT

Lee Sly - Treasurer N5SLY

Meeting called to order.

President WX5A called meeting to order 7:00 pm at Mariachi's restaurant.

15 Members Round Table Introductions

N5SLY, AF5VA, KW5CW, WX5A, KF5LKG, KG5FDT, KI5IPH, WW5GRW, KI5QED, KG5GMA, KI5NUK, KG5SJY, KG5SKM, KI5RFY, KM6ZXO

Club Goals Review

- Have fun with Amateur Radio!
- Get more members on the air. Growing and sharing experiences.
- Community visibility and participation.
- Continue to grow club membership.
- Continue to improve club performance in events.
- Grow Social Media presence.
- Grow financial stability.

Old Business

- May minutes and Treasure's report approved with a unanimous vote.
 - Roy AF5VA made the motion and Marvin Schiavone KG5GMA seconded.

Presentation

Steve Lott Smith, KG5VK called literally at the last minute and could not make the meeting. We may be able to re-schedule for later in the year.

New Business

- July's Treasurer's Report
See Treasurer's report in the newsletter.
- Scheduled 2021 Club Meetings Presentations
 - September and October – Open
 - November – Stan Robinson W9SMR presentation on PSK31

• James KW5CW was nominated for Director at Large position. No other nominees.

- Roy AF5VA made the motion and Mike KI5IPH second. Passed unanimously.

Miscellaneous

- Net control Schedule for 2021

~~30-May N5APJ~~ 19-Sep N5LDO

~~6-Jun KF5UZW~~ 3-Oct AF5VA

~~20-Jun CNX-FD~~ 17-Oct KW5CW

4-Jul CNX 31-Oct CNX

~~18-Jul KD5KPR~~ 7-Nov WX5A

~~1-Aug N5LDO~~ 21-Nov N5APJ

~~15-Aug WX5A~~ 5-Dec KW5CW

29-Aug KG5SKM 19-Dec KG5GMA

5-Sep KG5FDT

Remaining 2021 Special Events

- Eisenhower's Birthday – October 9-17

ARES News

• Remember Win link Wednesday KF5VO • Echo Link being worked on, should return soon.

Door Prizes/Photos

- Anyone can donate door prize for the drawings. Any club photos send to photos @graysoncountyar.org.
- Door Prize and 50/50 Drawing
 - Dave KF5LKG won the door prize.
 - Roy AF5VA won the 50/50.
- Roy graciously donated back to the club.

Meeting Adjourned

Motion made and seconded. Andrew KG5SKM made motion, Doug KI5QED second. Meeting Adjourned at approx. 8:15.

73's everyone and God Bless... Ricky – KG5FDT

Grayson County Amateur Radio Club Treasurer's Report – August 2021 Plus 50/50 Raffle for Christmas Gift Fund – by Lee Sly – N5SLY

Grayson County ARC - Treasurers Report	Amount		
August 2021			
Beginning Bank Balance	1,641.15		
Income - Note PayPal payments don't include fees			
Donation - Angel - PayPal	9.41		
Membership renewal - John, W5IKX - PayPal	19.12		
Membership renewal - Lavant, KB5TMU - Cash	20.00		
Donation - Glen Willie - Cash	20.00		
50-50 Raffle Christmas Gift Fund - Cash	76.00		
Donation - James Johnson - Cash	10.00		
Donation - James Shiple - Cash	5.00		
Donation - ? - Cash	3.50		
Dr. Fong Antennas - Checks	140.00		
Dr. Fong Antennas - Cash	158.50		
New membership - Bryan Davies, N5BRD - PayPal	19.12		
Donation - Glen, N5LDO - PayPal	9.41		
Total Income	490.06		
Expenses			
1000 Red River Bridge War QSL cards - PayPal	121.00		
Total Expenses	121.00		
Ending Bank Balance	2010.21		
Cash on hand	20.00		
Total cash on hand	20.00		
Checks & other funds to be deposited			
Donations received with Red River Bridge War QSL Cards	55.00		
Total Checks & other funds to be deposited	55.00		
Final Total at time of report	2,085.21		
Submitted by Lee Sly, N5SLY, on August 11, 2021			
50 - 50 Raffle Christmas Gift Fund	Cash on hand	Deposit to checking	Total
Beginning Balance	0.00	0.00	2.64
2021			
January	10.00	102.82	112.82
February - Meeting Cancelled		18.82	18.82
March		63.82	63.82
April		87.82	87.82
May		63.82	63.82
June		118.82	118.82
July		94.82	94.82
August		18.82	18.82
September			0.00
October			0.00
November			0.00
December			0.00
Balance	10.00	569.56	582.20
Gift Purchases			
Ending Balance			582.20

Grayson County ARC Budget Items Calendar Year 2021	Budget Amount	Actual Expenses
Operating Events		
Winter Field Day		
Food, Drinks & Supplies	50.00	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	50.00	0.00
Eisenhower Birthday Special Event		
Food, Drinks & Supplies	50.00	
Light Blub QSO Party	50.00	
Witches Around The World	50.00	
Operating Events Total	350.00	0.00
QSL Management /Administrative/Finance		
PO Box Rental	92.00	118.00
eQSL Bronze Membership	12.00	12.00
LOTW Awards	50.00	34.00
QSL Card printing	100.00	242.00
W5 Incoming Bureau	15.00	15.00
Paypal Fees - Jan - June 2021	30.00	26.08
Rubber Stamp for Clean Sweep, Eisenhower SE	0.00	34.54
ARRL Outgoing QSL Service	0.00	13.50
QSL Management /Administrative/Finance Total	299.00	495.12
Christmas Party		
Christmas Party Expenses	150.00	
Christmas Party Total	150.00	0.00
Equipment Hard/Soft		
Radios	0.00	
Antennas	240.00	240.00
Accessories	250.00	322.23
Web Site - 3 year lease & Domain Renewal	230.00	252.17
Equipment Hard/Soft Total	720.00	814.40
Total Budget Approved	1,519.00	1,309.52
Approved Budget Balance		209.48
* Budget approved at club meeting on January 19, 2021		
** Approved at club meeting on March 16, 2021		

New Role as GCARC Director at Large – by James – KW5CW

During my tenure as a member of the GCARC, I've had the honor of doing many things for the club, presently to include being the Webmaster of the GCARC website, the Newsletter Editor, and now as Director at Large for the next two years. For me, it's a special time to contribute to the club, as there is really allot to do to make it FUN for the members.

As Director at Large, one of my responsibilities is to perform in the role of Activities Director. So, I will help manage and coordinate with the officers all of the upcoming activities for the next two years. That would be to include the final special event of this year – The Eisenhower Birthday Special Event and the upcoming events for 2022 and 2023.

Here is a brief rundown of the upcoming event...

The Eisenhower Birthday Special Event commences on October 9th thru October 17th. The modes of operation will be CW, Phone and Digital. All bands including 80,60,40,30,20,17,15,12,10, 6 and 2 meters will be used for the event and any eligible mode can be used. Ten 1 x 1 callsigns will be used. This event is NOT a contest. You operate when you want to. The only entries needed in the log will be the date, frequency, mode, name and City/State of the station worked. Logs are to be submitted to Lee – N5SLY immediately after the event in ADIF format. Each one of the callsigns has been designated to someone that wants to operate in the event.

At a previous meeting, it was discussed that there may be others who are not assigned a 1 x 1 call that want to operate. I can make it simple for anyone to participate. All you would need to do is contact Lee – N5SLY, or myself to find out which call is presently available to use at any given time. Obviously, not all of the designated people assigned to the calls will be operating continuously for an entire week. Many of the operators work, and during their work times, family times or sleep times, the calls will be available for others to use. The end goal here is that ANYONE that wants to work the Eisenhower event can do so if they want to and a call should be available for them to use.

It's kind of neat to use a 1 x 1 call in a special event, but even so, anyone who uses them must adhere to the license class privileges that each person presently has with their personal ham radio license. Don't assume you can operate in the Extra Class band using a 1 x1 call if you hold anything other than an Extra Class license.

In 2022, the club plans to continue to hold all of the special events as in 2021. But what I would like everyone to do is to think on how they may be able to actively participate in the club events. Starting with Winter Field Day 2022, I would like to have someone volunteer to take pictures during the event and possibly other events to come. If you so desire, you can become the official club photographer to help us catalog all of the fun in each event. If someone doesn't volunteer to do it, then it will be just another job that is left for me to do.

In another operating activity known as Parks on the Air, maybe it's time that you get a sneak-peek of what it actually is like at one of the activations. Take it from me. POTA as it is known, is very habit forming. If you like to operate, regardless of the mode, you will have lots of fun working POTA events. Maybe you would like to tag along with one of the regulars that work POTA on any given day and experience the fun.

There will be more information to come about future events, so keep checking the newsletter, the website and updates on Facebook for future activities. There will be no 'CW Corner' article this month, but the next article will appear on the website around the first of October.

I'm looking forward in seeing everyone at the next meeting on September 21st.

73, James – KW5CW



QSL Managers Message

Short message this month. We just finished the Red River Bridge War Special Event and the operators did a super job. More contacts were made than ever. Details will be presented at the next club meeting. My thanks to everyone who helped fill out QSL cards at the last meeting. We are all caught up now.

Not much happening for the club in August and September, but there are still some fun ham radio events that you can participate in. From September 11 through September 19, you can contact stations participating in the Route 66 On The Air Special Event. This is a very fun and challenging event. Not easy so us in North Texas to get a Clean Sweep because there are stations in OK City and Tulsa that must be contacted. They are so close that this can be difficult. Details about the event can be found here...W6JBT.ORG – Home of Citrus Belt Amateur Radio Club.

Also look into the POTA, Parks On The Air, program if you aren't already involved. This activity goes on every day forever. It is a lot of fun. Just ask James, KW5CW...Dave, NG5E...or Lee, N5SLY. They are all avid POTA participants and will tell you all about it. Details can be found here...[Parks on the Air | POTA | Parks program for amateur radio.](#)

In October is our final Special Event of the year...the Eisenhower Birthday Special Event. This year we will be using 10 call signs and it should prove to be a very successful event for the club. All the details will be provided at our next club meeting. Please check out one of our QRZ pages for information...www.qrz.com/db/w5e

Thanks everyone and remember...no matter what you do in the hobby...have fun!

73

Lee N5SLY

NEXT Amateur Radio Testing in Sherman on October 7th, 2021

Location: Grayson County College in Denison Texas

Time: 7:00PM

Sherman testing is held on the first Thursday of each EVEN-numbered month (Feb, Apr, Jun, etc.) at the Grayson County College, Center for Workplace Learning Seminar Room C, 6101 Grayson Drive, Denison TX 75020 at 7:00 PM. For more information contact:

Ron Witherington, WX5A,

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or at 214-394-7950. Call first!



Grayson County Amateur Radio Club General Info

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

† 1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday GCARC Information Net Control Schedule: <https://graysoncountyar.org/about-gcArc/net-control-schedule/>

1. Visit the GCARC Website www.graysoncountyar.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>

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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 Skywam 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 Skywam 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 each + \$5

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





		Men/ Ldy	Qty	Est
First Name _____ (as you want on clothing)	Polo Shirt* sm M L XL			\$30
Last _____	Camp Shirt* sm M L XL			\$36
Call _____	Caps			\$17
Payment _____	Jacket* sm M L XL			\$45
<small>Make checks Payable to: GCARC</small>	Tactical Shirt sm M L XL			\$45
	*Shirts/Jackets- (2x to 4x +\$5)			
	Shipping \$2.00 per item			
	Total			

