



GRAYSON COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB



GCARC
GRAYSON CO. TEXAS USA

Having Fun with Amateur Radio

January 2021

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Nets and Meetings

Events
Coming Up
Perrin Field
Museum Special
Event

May 15-23, 2021

Red River Bridge
War Special
Event

July 17-25, 2021

Eisenhower
Birthday Special
Event

Oct. 9-17, 2021

Past Events

January 30 - 31

GCARC Winter
FIELD DAY

Full report on WFD to
appear in February
Newsletter

PRESIDENT'S QSO

Welcome everyone to 2021! Even though we all hope 2021 is a better year than 2020 turned out to be, I would like to start out by thanking Glen Davis N5LDO, for doing a fantastic job of leading this organization last year. I would also like to thank everyone on the Board who served and assisted, as well as the club members for their time, financial and intellectual contributions. I hope we can build on the momentum, continue to grow the organization and most importantly, have (even more) fun with Ham radio this year. Our first event is Winter Field Day, January 30-31 this year. Last year we put up record numbers for the event, and there is nothing I would like more than to surpass our accomplishments of last year, for this and all our events. All the plans are in place, and we are set up to make it happen! Please reach out to me or any Board member anytime with any questions, comments, feedback or ideas. I look forward to seeing and working with everyone throughout the year!

Ron Witherington | WX5A
President | Grayson County Amateur Radio Club

Contact a Club Officer

President: Ron Witherington – WX5A
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Vice President: James Shiplet – KI5BMN
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Secretary: Ricky Jessen KG5FDT
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QSL Manager: Lee Sly N5SLY (treasurer@graysoncountyarc.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

1st and 3rd
Sunday Nets

Dates/Net Control:
Feb 7 – Lee – N5SLY
Feb 21 – Doug – KG5QPI
Time: 8:00 PM Local
Repeater: 147.000 +

Next Club
Monthly Meeting

Date: Feb 16, 2021
Time 7:00- 8:30 PM
Location: Mariachi's
Mexican Restaurant

2nd, 4th
Sunday ARES Nets

Dates: Feb 14th
& Feb 28th
Time: 8:00 PM Local
Repeater: 147.000+



Grayson County Amateur Radio Club Monthly Meeting Minutes

Conducted January 19, 2021 at Mariachi's Mexican Food

Four officers were present:

Ron Witherington	President	WX5A
James Shiplet	Vice President	KI5BMN
Ricky Jessen	Secretary	KG5FDT
Lee Sly	Treasury	N5SLY

Meeting called to order

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

19 Present Round Table Introductions

KG5GMA, N5SLY, AF5VA, KG5FDT, KW5CW, WX5A, N5APJ, N5LDO, KD5KPR, KI5BMN, KF5LKG, KG5SJJ, KG5QPI, WW5GRW, N5SWG, KF5LKG, (Zoom KF5JUO, W5KZJ, KE7VDI).

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

- November Meeting minutes and Treasures report approved with a unanimous vote.
 - Roy AF5VA made the motion and Marvin K5GMA seconded.

New Business

- Proposed 2021 Special Events
 - Winter Field Day, January 30-31
 - Summer Field Day
 - Light Bulb QSO
 - Red River Bridge War
 - Eisenhower's Birthday
 - Perrin Field
 - Lady's Witches Night Out October 31

- Treasure's Report
 - Beginning balance \$1873.11; Closing balance \$2119.66; 50/50 \$106.05
- New 2021 Budget Proposed
 - Total Budget \$1029
 - Passed Unanimous vote
- Club Domains
 - <K5GCC.org> URL has become expensive and is not being used. The club will start using exclusively <graysoncountyarc.org>.
 - E-mails will be changing. Ex: President@k5gcc.org will be changing to president@graysoncountyarc.org
 - Hoisting website changed from INMotionHoisting to Mochahost. Less money for longer period.
- ARES News
 - Sky Warn (Virtual Session) February 23, Sign-up online.
 - Club decided to recommend to members to give Ares Amazon credit to help income.
- Scheduled 2021 Club Meetings Presentations
 - January – Roy Reed – 2020 Storm Spotting Review
 - February – Steven Lott Smith - ARRL
 - March – Glenn Cate N4GRC – Lightning and Grounding
 - April – Mac Cody AE5PH – Satellite Demo
 - May – Dr. Ed Fong - Antennas
 - June – Field Day Planning

Presentation

- Special Thanks to Roy AF5VA for Sky Warm Review
 - Many pictures, stories and information shared. Valuable information discussed that keeps spotters safe. Thanks again Roy, always a good presentation.

The Club wants to thank all those who donate their time, money, and resources that provide the public needed information in times of stress.

Grayson County Amateur Radio Club Monthly Meeting Minutes

Conducted January 19, 2021 at Mariachi's Mexican Food (Continued)

GCARC Net Control Operators for 2021

- **Jan 3** – No net
- Jan 17 – Roy – AF5VA
- **Jan 31** – No net – Winter Field Day
- **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
- **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
- Sept 19 – Glen – N5LDO
- 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

- Winter Field Day
 - January 30-31
 - Old Ambrose Schoolhouse
 - Setup (9am Saturday), Operate (1pm Saturday – 1pm Sunday)

Door Prize and 50/50 Drawing

- James KW5CW won the door prize.
- Marvin KG5GMA won the 50/50.
 - Marvin graciously donated winnings to Ares.

Meeting Adjourned

- Glen N5LDO made motion.
 - Ricky KG5FDT seconded.

Meeting Adjourned approx. 8:45.

73's everyone and God Bless...

Ricky – KG5FDT – Secretary - GCARC



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
January 2021	
Beginning Bank Balance	1,873.11
Income - Note PayPal payments don't include fees	
Membership renewal - Marvin, KG5GMA - Cash - December 2020	20.00
From Christmas Gift Fund - Cash - December 2020	84.00
Donation - Angel - PayPal	9.41
Donation - Glen, N5LDO - PayPal	9.41
Membership renewal - William, KCOEHR - PayPal	38.54
Membership renewal - Glen, N5LDO - PayPal	19.12
Membership renewal - James, KW5CW - PayPal	19.12
Membership renewal - Tom, K5TPK - PayPal	19.12
Total Income	218.72
Expenses	
Domain Renewal - James, KW5CW - Check 123	12.17
Total Expenses	12.17
Ending Bank Balance	2,079.66
Cash on hand	30.00
Postage from Cash on hand	-\$10.00
Total cash on hand	20.00
Checks & other funds to be deposited	
Membership renewal - Lee, N5SLY - Cash	20.00
Total Checks & other funds to be deposited	20.00
Final Total at time of report	2,119.66
Submitted by Lee Sly, N5SLY, on January 14, 2021	

Grayson County ARC Budget Items Calendar Year 2021	Budget Amount	Actual Expenses
Operating Events		
Winter Field Day		
Food, Drinks & Supplies	50.00	
Perrin Field Museum Special Event		
Food, Drinks & Supplies	50.00	
ARRL Field Day		
Food, Drinks & Supplies	50.00	
Red River Bridge War Special Event		
Food, Drinks & Supplies	50.00	
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	
eQSL Bronze Membership	12.00	
LOTW Awards	50.00	
QSL Card printing	100.00	
W5 Incoming Bureau	15.00	
Paypal Fees	30.00	
QSL Management /Administrative/Finance Total	299.00	0.00

Christmas Party		
Christmas Party Expenses	\$150.00	
Christmas Party Total	\$150.00	\$0.00
Equipment Hard/Soft		
Radios	0.00	
Antennas	0.00	
Accessories	0.00	
Web Site - 3 year lease & Domain Renewal	230.00	12.17
Equipment Hard/Soft Total	230.00	12.17
Total Budget Approved ***	1,029.00	12.17
Approved Budget Balance		1,016.83

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	\$93.41	\$103.41
February			
March			
April			
May			
June			
July			
August			
September			
October			
November			
December			
Balance	\$10.00	\$93.41	\$106.05
Gift Purchases			
Ending Balance			\$106.05



QSL Manager & Treasurer Message

QSL Managers Message

Really looking forward to our next event...Winter Field Day. I plan to operate using my portable HF station from my vehicle using only battery power. I've been doing a fair number of POTA (Parks on the Air) activations from parks in our area and I've yet to run out of battery power. I get tired out before the battery does which is a good thing.

I've received a very enthusiastic response regarding our Eisenhower Special Event this year. We'll be using 10 call signs so each operator will have their own call sign to use. That way we don't have to worry about who is operating when, using what band or what mode.

We do have a new guest operator this year...Jim Innis, K5SP, from Gainesville, TX. Jim is the Executive Director of the PODXS 070 Club. This club is focused on the PSK digital modes and has many contests during the year using these modes. I have lots of fun participating in their events. Welcome aboard Jim!

The other interesting thing is Dave, NG5E, will have to work during the event, but he said he can operate using his radio from his ship which will be out in the middle of the Gulf of Mexico. How cool is that!

Here is a list of the call signs we'll be using and who is assigned to each call sign...

W5E Lee N5SLY

W5I Kerri KB3WAV

W5S Ricky KG5FDT

K5E Jim K5SP

W5N Dave NG5E

W5H Doug KG5QPI

W5O James KW5CW

W5W Ron WX5A

N5E Angel N5APJ

W5R Glen N5LDO

Those that operate CW may very well have a preference to what call sign to use because of the way the dits and dahs are arranged. So, if anyone would rather use a different call sign please feel free to contact the other operator to see about switching. Makes no difference to me. All I'm concerned about is everyone having fun participating.

If anyone else wants to operate during this event please let me know...we'll work something out. I know we'll need operators to fill in if someone has radio or antenna problems...or operating during the time operators are at work and off the air...etc.

Let the fun begin.

73 de Lee N5SLY
n5sly@arrl.net



CLUB WEBSITE MOVED TO A NEW HOST

By James – KW5CW

At approximately 4 AM on January 30, 2021, the club website was moved to a new hosting company called Mochahost. There were several benefits for moving to the new host and for one, the stars and the planets aligned to give us a cost savings for moving. The present hosting plan was to expire on January 31st at 3 AM. On the morning of Winter Field Day, I was able to complete the move to the new host. So needless to say, I didn't get much sleep by the end of Winter Field Day so it was pretty much impossible to get this newsletter out before the event. The move didn't come without a few hiccups, but before I left to operate my own Winter Field Day Event with my son Christopher – K5KDE, which afforded me little sleep before the operating event, I worked out the details to make it work. Some may have noticed a little downtime, but most did not, because the move was done in the middle of the night.

Some of the advantages now afford the club the following benefits... Some of the descriptions may not be recognizable to you, but take it from me... IT's all GOOD!

- Unlimited SSD Disk Space + Cache Boost
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- Staging (Cloning) Tool
- WooCommerce Optimized
- **Managed** ----->
- Free CDN
- CloudFlare Railgun
- Mocha MemCached
- Mocha Redis Cache
- SSH / SFTP support
- WP-CLI / Git Repo

New future web pages to include photos for all

Stations of the Month

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- ✓ Performance & Health Monitoring
- ✓ Enhanced Server Security
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STATION - OF - THE - MONTH

January 2021

Ricky Jessen – KD5FDT



[Website Article – Click here](#)

Christmas Party 2020

Since there was no December 2020 Newsletter, I would like to make a statement about the GCARC Annual Christmas Party celebrated for the 2nd year at Mariachi's Mexican Restaurant. It was a great success! The people in attendance had a terrific time. This year, unlike all previous years, the club raffled off prizes to the members in attendance similar to those won at Hamfests. Just about everyone received a gift. If you didn't win something, you were given something. It was a true spirit of giving. Angel – N5APJ coordinated the event, from the balloons, setup and preparation. She is doing a great job as our new activities' director. She made every member in the club a Christmas tree ornament with our call signs on them to take home. She spent allot of time and effort making it work. The year 2020 may have been a downer for most because of Covid, but the one thing that the club provided in 2020 was the ability to forget what was happening around you, and to celebrate the hobby of amateur radio in a way that the GCARC knows best, and that's to have FUN! That was Glen's #1 rule. Our Christmas party was a terrific end to a great year for the club.

The one person not in attendance for the Christmas party was our President – Glen Davis – N5LDO. As unselfish as he always is, he stayed home from the celebration that he looked forward to as president of the club since he became our president in January of 2020, because he was not feeling well that evening. Not many people contributed as much to our club in such a short period of time other than Glen.

All would agree that Glen, along with his vice-president Ron – WX5A, that between the two of them, brought organization and lots of FUN to our club. Ron – WX5A now continues the job as President in 2021 and we should all support him for continued success of the GCARC.

The Christmas party was just the final success story to a terrific year for the club.

Thanks to all whom attended!

73 - James – KW5CW



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-gcArc/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
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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 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

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
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				___

First Name _____ (as you want on clothing)

Last _____

Call _____

Payment _____

Make checks Payable to GCARC

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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

