



GRAYSON COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB



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Having Fun with Amateur Radio

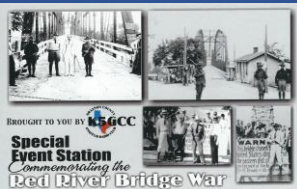
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Events Coming Up

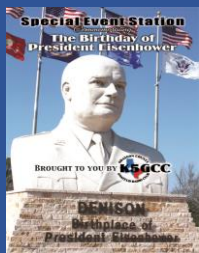
Red River
Bridge War
Special Event

July 17 – 25, 2021



Eisenhower
Birthday
Special Event

October 9 -17, 2021



CLUB
2021 ARRL
Field Day Results
in this issue

PRESIDENT'S QSO

I really cannot say enough about the great folks in this organization! We came together and orchestrated the most successful Field Day event this club has ever had. I genuinely appreciate everyone's efforts, time and contributions. Everything went flawlessly, and we had a bunch of fun doing it! It will be a few months before we have the results from the ARRL. Thank you to everyone from the bottom of my heart.

Don't forget the Red River Bridge War event from July 17-25th! It is beginning in just over 2 weeks, before our next club meeting. It will be an operate from anywhere event. Just be sure at the conclusion to get your logs to Lee, so we can get the results tallied.

Be careful out there in the summer heat, and we look forward to seeing everyone at the next club meeting!

73 – Ron – WX5A

Contact a Club Officer

President: Ron Witherington – WX5A (president@graysoncountyarc.org)

Vice President: James Shplet – KI5BMN (vp@graysoncountyarc.org)

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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:
07/04 – Cancelled
07/18– KD5KPR - Dave
Time: 8:00 PM Local
Repeater: 147.000+

Next Club Monthly Meeting

Date: July 20, 2021
Time: 7:00 – 8:45 PM
Location:
Mariachi's Mexican
Restaurant

Presentation:
Glen Davis – N5LDO
Topic - DMR

2nd, 4th Sunday ARES Nets

Dates: July 11
& July 25
Time: 8:00 PM Local
Repeater: 147.000



Grayson County Amateur Radio Club June Monthly Meeting Minutes - by Ricky – KG5FDT

Four officers were present:

Ron Witherington	President	WX5A
James Shippet	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.

18 Members

Round Table Introductions

N5SLY, AF5VA, KW5CW, WX5A, KI5BMN, KF5LKG, KG5QPI, KG5FDT, N5LDO, KI5IPH, KF5TDQ, WA5RTW, KI5BMP, KG5SKM, KI5QED, KG5GMA, KI5NUK, KG5SJY.

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.
 - Glen Davis N5LDO made the motion and Marvin Schiavone KG5GMA seconded.

Presentation

- Special night for Summer Field Day planning. No other topic.

New Business

- May Treasure's Report
 - See Treasure's report in the newsletter.
- Scheduled 2021 Club Meetings Presentations
 - June – Field Day Planning
 - July – Glen Davis – N5LDO – DMR
 - August – Steve Lott Smith – KG5VK
 - September – Mac Cody AE5PH – Satellite Demo

Miscellaneous

- Net control Schedule for 2021

4-Jul – Cancelled – Holiday

18-Jul KD5KPR	31-Oct - Cancelled -
1-Aug N5LDO	7-Nov WX5A
15-Aug WX5A	21-Nov N5APJ
29-Aug K5QOI	5-Dec KW5CW
5-Sep KG5FDT	19-Dec KG5GMA
19-Sep N5LDO	
3-Oct AF5VA	
17-Oct KF5JUO	

Summer Field Day (June 26-27)

- New Location, Pecan Grove Park (West Sherman (Confirmed!))
- Pavilion #1, Fees waived, Stay overnight approved.
- Advantages: Better turnout, more public interest, more dignitaries to visit, reduced noise floor, antenna location spread.
- Up-coming Club Gatherings

Remaining 2021 Special Events

- Summer Field Day – June 26-27
- Light Bulb QSO -?
- Red River Bridge War – July 17-25
- Eisenhower's Birthday – October 9-17

Door Prize and 50/50 Drawing

- Marvin KG5GMA won the door prize.
- Ralph KI5NUK won the 50/50.
 - Ralph graciously donated back to the Christmas fund.

Meeting Adjourned

- Motion made and seconded.
 - Roy AF5VA made motion, Jim K5QOI second.
- Meeting Adjourned approx. 8:30.

73 everyone and God Bless

**Grayson County Amateur Radio Club Treasurers Report - June
Plus 50/50 Raffle for Christmas Gift Fund – by Lee – N5SLY**

Grayson County ARC - Treasurers Report	Amount
June 2021	
Beginning Bank Balance	1,689.27
Income - Note PayPal payments don't include fees	
50 - 50 Raffle Christmas Gift Fund - May meeting	45.00
Donation - Angel, N5APJ - PayPal	9.41
New membership - Gary Chambers Jr., KG5TQE - PayPal	19.12
Sale of vertical antenna to Glen, N5LDO - PayPal	145.35
Donation - Glen, N5LDO - PayPal	9.41
Membership Renewal - Terry, KE5RUH - PayPal	19.12
Total Income	247.41
Expenses	
Rubber Stamp - PayPal	34.54
Check 126 - ARRL Outgoing QSL Service	13.50
Check 127 - Ed Fong, antennas	460.50
Total Expenses	508.54
Ending Bank Balance	1428.14
Cash on hand	20.00
Total cash on hand	20.00
Checks & other funds to be deposited	
Donations received from Perrin Field SE QSL cards - Cash	22.00
Total Checks & other funds to be deposited	22.00
Final Total at time of report	1,470.14
Submitted by Lee Sly, N5SLY, on June 10, 2021	

Grayson County ARC Budget Items Calendar Year 2021	Budget	Actual
Operating Events		
Winter Field Day		
Food, Drinks & Supplies	50.00	0.
Perrin Field Museum Special Event		
Food, Drinks & Supplies	50.00	0.
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.

QSL Management /Administrative/Finance		
PO Box Rental	92.00	118.00
eQSL Bronze Membership	12.00	12.00
LOTW Awards	50.00	
QSL Card printing	100.00	121.00
W5 Incoming Bureau	15.00	15.00
Paypal Fees - Jan - May 2021	30.00	26.67
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	340.71
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	1,155.11
Approved Budget Balance		363.89
* Budget approved at club meeting on January 19, 2021		
** Approved at club meeting on March 16, 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		18.82	18.82
July			0.00
August			0.00
September			0.00
October			0.00
November			0.00
December			0.00
Balance	10.00	355.92	368.56
Gift Purchases			
Ending Balance			368.56



Field Day 2021

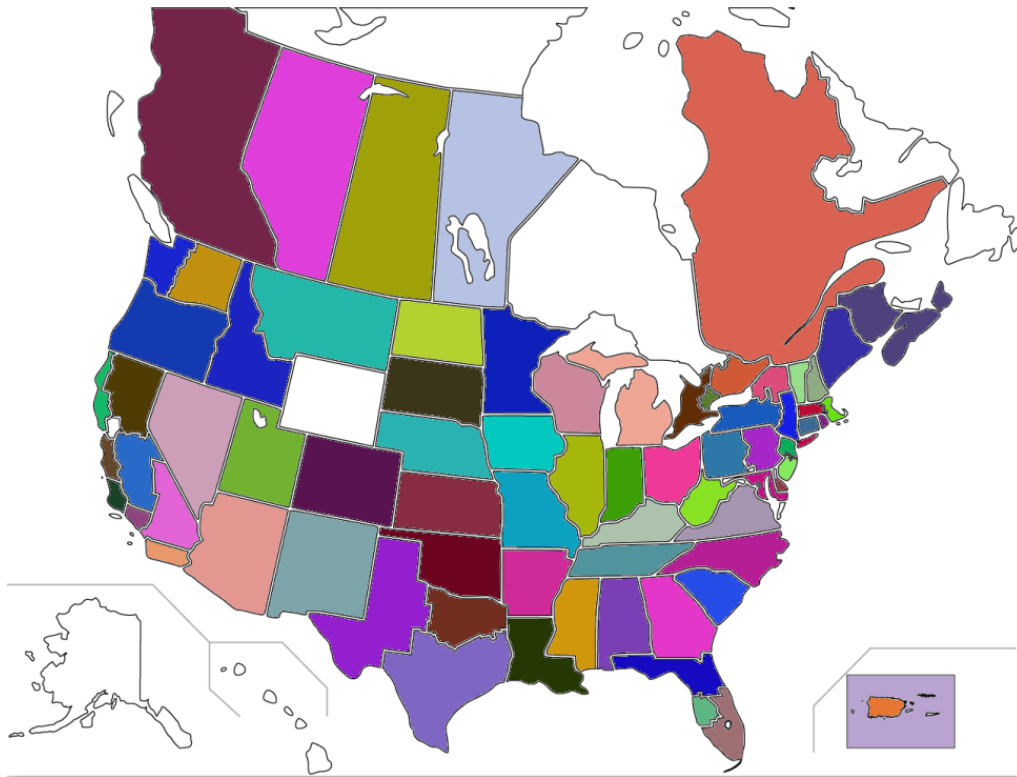
A great big success. That's all there is to say about Field Day this year. Great place to set up and operate...Pecan Grove Park West. Great food, great visitors, great operators, everyone working together and having a good time, good weather...nothing bad to say about it.

Here are some numbers about our QSO's...

Band	CW	Digital	Phone	Total
80	43	14	5	62
40	182	121	78	381
20	43	230	14	287
15	53	19	18	90
10		1		1
6		1		1
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	321	386	115	822

The club's best effort ever! All QSO's have been uploaded to ARRL, eQSL & LOTW.

Although it is not a contest ARRL gives us points based on the contacts we make, our power levels, etc. and Bonus points for completing certain activities. This year we got 3058 points for our QSO's and 650 Bonus points for a total of 3708 total points. We'll see how we stacked up against others when the results are published in the December issue of QST.



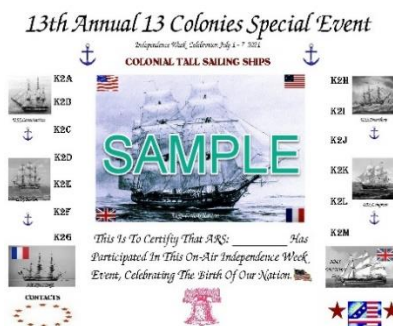
As you can see from the map, we missed getting any contacts in Alaska, Hawaii and Wyoming. A great effort indeed. Thank you everyone who participated this year. Looking forward to the remaining events this year with the club.



QSL Managers Message

Well, Field Day is in the books. I'm waiting for all the logs to arrive so I can compile the results for the club, but it sure looks like this year's results will surpass all others. We made more contacts this year than ever. Everyone had a good time and we had some great food. Pecan Grove Park West was a great place to operate from and we should keep that in mind for future Field Days. Results for Field Day will be published in the December issue of QST.

Coming up in July are some very fun events. First up is the 13 Colonies Special Event.



Details can be found here...

<http://www.13colonies.us/>

This is one of the premiere Special Events of the year. Last year the 13 Colonies stations made over 200,000 contacts...so don't expect that it will be easy to get that Clean Sweep. You'll be competing against a lot of other hams that want to make those contacts too. Every station will have unending pileups.

A few days after that, starts is a contest I really enjoy...the PODXS 070 Club Firecracker Sprint.



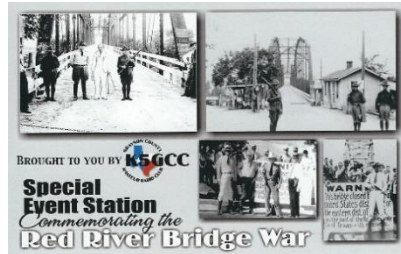
This contest only lasts 6 hours and you can choose when you want to start. It's only on 40 meters and only uses the PSK31 digital mode. Their contests are very laid back and anyone can participate. You don't have to be a member of the club to participate.

Details can be found here...

<http://www.podxs070.com/o70-club-sponsored-contests/40m-firecracker-sprint>



Shortly after that is our next special event...



This special event will run from July 17, 0000z – July 25, 2359z. Details can be found here... www.qrz.com/db/w5r

I just wanted to let everyone know that the club can now offer Anderson Power pole Connector installation to any club member that would like to install these connectors on their ham radio equipment.



Just let me know and we'll make it happen. The club has a crimping tool and a supply of Powerpole connectors available for immediate install.

Have fun everyone and have a Happy and Safe 4th of July.

73

Lee N5SLY

Pre-Field Day Testing at the Hobby House

The GCARC had a successful event held at Doug's Hobby House on June 5th in Whitesboro. The antennas that were tested at the event were used at the 2021 ARRL Summer Field Day event. This is one of the most recent years in memory so far that the gods of rain stayed away and one of the more successful June's in club's history. The new club vertical antenna with a new MFJ auto antenna tuner, and a homebrew 6-band Sloper antenna were tested. Both antennas performed as hoped, and both were made available for use for Field Day.

During the event, Lee – N5SLY gave a training session on the club rig, a Yaesu TS2000. The participants of the training session received first hand training from Lee, to show how the club radio worked with the new club antenna.

The event also was used to test the light bulb antenna concept. This year will be the 2nd year that the club will enter the light bulb antenna contest that is held at the end of summer. To be honest, there is still some work to do on this antenna project and the club will schedule further meetings prior to the fall event for further testing and collaboration of the minds. A special thanks go out to Doug (KG5QPI) for making his hobby house available to the club.

The results of Summer Field Day 2021 was proof that being prepared with the proper equipment was key to having a successful event. For sure, the old club vertical antenna was not missed. The hobby house was key in the successful Field Day this year.

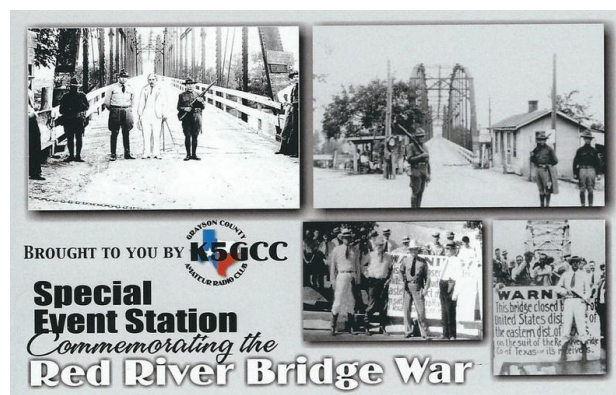


Speaker of the Month for the upcoming GCARC Meeting - July 20, 2021

For the month of July, we will be honored to have as the speaker, our 2020 president, Glen Davis – N5LDO. The topic of the discussion will be DMR. A few members of the club have some experience with this mode of communication, and there is no one better in the club that can help put everyone on the right track when it comes to this subject other than Glen. It is a most interesting mode of voice communication for VHF and UHF, which contributed extensively in fighting the lack of open lower band conditions due to a poor sunspot cycle. Take it from James – KW5CW that you want to attend this meeting if CW is the furthest from your mind.

The Upcoming Red River Bridge War Special Event

July 18 thru the 25th



The following message may be redundant as the Red River Bridge War Special event was mentioned by Lee in his article. But it is important to keep reminding people interested in events that they are happening NOW or in the very near future, certainly before the next club meeting on July 20th. As the year progresses without delay, club members are getting ready for other operating events. With the recent success of Field Day behind us, there is no time to waste in getting ready for an operating event that is open to anyone who would like to participate. But even before this event, some of the GCARC members will participate in another operating event called the [13 Colonies held from July 1 at 1300 UTC \(8:00AM CT\) to July 8 at 0400 UTC \(11:00AM CT\)](#). Work the 13 colony stations and you can receive a beautiful certificate suitable for framing.

The Red River Bridge War Special Event has been one of the favorites for the club for the past several years. The call that will be used this year is W5R. The goal is to contact as many stations as you can, using any mode of your choice using the bands 80 thru 2 meters. Details of the event can be found on the clubs QRZ page for the event ... <https://www.qrz.com/db/w5r>. And again, a reminder that the Bridge War Special Event commences before the next club meeting.

The CW Corner – June Edition, [click HERE](#).

Found on the GCARC Website.



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.



Grayson County Amateur Radio Club Apparel Order Form




Tactical Shirt \$45
Mic loops on shoulders and front placket, dual pen pockets
2x-4x sizes - \$1

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	Est
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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