



# GRAYSON COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB



GCARC  
GRAYSON CO. TEXAS USA

Having Fun with Amateur Radio

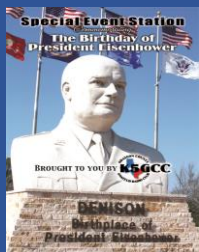
July 2021

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Events  
Coming Up

Eisenhower  
Birthday  
Special Event

October 9 -17, 2021



The largest of online club  
operating events

Presentation for  
the August 17  
Club Meeting  
to be given by

Stephen Lott Smith  
KG5VK  
ARRL NTX Section  
Manager



## PRESIDENT'S QSO

Welcome to August everyone! Enjoy these first few days of below normal temperatures, summer will be back...it's not done with us yet!

Please remember that we are in the process of electing a new Director at Large for the club and try to make it to the meeting this month on the 17th to get in your vote. We hope to see everyone there! Also keep in mind that we have nominations coming up soon for board positions, and they will all be open. If you are interested or have someone you would like to nominate, there is information about what each position entails in the Bylaws and Constitution (available in the "Files" section of Hamclubonline).

Thank you to all who participated in the Red River Bridge War special event. We had a very successful special event and greatly appreciate everyone's efforts. I am really excited about to Eisenhower special event, coming up in October, and look forward to seeing what kind of impressive results we can put up for that!

Look forward to seeing everyone on the air and at our next meeting!

73,

Ron – WX5A

### Contact a Club Officer

**President:** Ron Witherington – WX5A ([president@graysoncountyarc.org](mailto:president@graysoncountyarc.org))

**Vice President:** James Shiplet – KI5BMN ([vp@graysoncountyarc.org](mailto:vp@graysoncountyarc.org))

**Secretary:** Ricky Jessen KG5FDT ([secretary@graysoncountyarc.org](mailto:secretary@graysoncountyarc.org))

**Treasurer & QSL Mgr:** Lee Sly N5SLY ([treasurer@graysoncountyarc.org](mailto:treasurer@graysoncountyarc.org))

**Director at Large:** John Love WD5IKX ([directoratlarge@graysoncountyarc.org](mailto:directoratlarge@graysoncountyarc.org))

**License Trustee:** Rick Simmons K5ECX ([rr52s@yahoo.com](mailto:rr52s@yahoo.com))

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Contact or send the Club a QSL Card

Grayson County Amateur Radio Club  
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1st, 3rd and 5th  
Sunday Nets

Dates/Net Control:  
08/01 – N5LDO - Glen  
08/15 – WX5A – Ron  
08/29 – K5QOI – Jim

Time: 8:00 PM Local  
Repeater: 147.000+

Next Club  
Monthly Meeting

Date: August 17, 2021

Time: 7:00 – 8:45 PM

Location:

Mariachi's Mexican  
Restaurant

2nd, 4th  
Sunday ARES Nets

Dates: August 8  
& August 22

Time: 8:00 PM Local  
Repeater: 147.000



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

### July 20 2021

Four Officers were present:

Ron Witherington	President	WX5A
James Shiplet	Vice-President	KI5BMN
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.

#### 20 Members Round Table Introductions

N5SLY, AF5VA, KW5CW, WX5A, KI5BMN, KF5LKG, KG5QPI, KG5FDT, N5LDO, KI5IPH, KF5TDQ, WW5GRW, KI5QED, KG5GMA, KI5NUK, KG5SJJ, KB5TMU, KF5JUO, KG5TQE, KI5NVI,

#### 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.
  - Marvin Schiavone KG5GMA made the motion and Roy AF5VA seconded.

#### Presentation

Glen Davis – N5LDO gave an excellent talk on DMR. Thanks Glen, very informative and interesting. Many of us want to go and get a DMR radio. *(Our wives thank you also...)*

#### New Business

- June's Treasure's Report
  - See Treasure's report in the newsletter.
- Scheduled 2021 Club Meetings Presentations
  - August – Steve Lott Smith – KG5VK
  - September – Mac Cody AE5PH – Satellite Demo
- Lee Sly N5SLY displayed the WAS (Worked all States) award for the club.
  - Special thanks to James KW5CW for his contribution of contacts.
- Director at Large position needs to be filled. Voting will be at August meeting.
  - Nominates were David Darcy KF5LKG, Roy AF5VA and James KW5CW.

#### Miscellaneous

- Net control Schedule for 2021

<del>30-May</del>	<del>N5APJ</del>	19-Sep	N5LDO
6-Jun	KF5UZW	3-Oct	AF5VA
<del>20-Jun</del>	<del>CNX-FD</del>	17-Oct	KW5CW
4-Jul	CNX	31-Oct	CNX
<del>18-Jul</del>	<del>KD5KPR</del>	7-Nov	WX5A
1-Aug	N5LDO	21-Nov	N5APJ
15-Aug	WX5A	5-Dec	KW5CW
29-Aug	K5QOI	19-Dec	KG5GMA
5-Sep	KG5FDT		

#### Remaining 2021 Special Events

- Eisenhower's Birthday – October 9-17

#### Door Prize and 50/50 Drawing

- Mike Whitten KI5IPH won the door prize.
- Glen N5LDO won the 50/50.
  - Glen graciously donated back to the Christmas fund.

#### Meeting Adjourned

- Motion made and seconded.
  - Roy AF5VA made motion, Glen N5LDO second.
- Meeting Adjourned approx. 8:30.

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

**Grayson County Amateur Radio Club Treasurers Report – July 2021  
Plus 50/50 Raffle for Christmas Gift Fund by Lee – N5SLY**

Grayson County ARC - Treasurers Report	Amount
July 2021	
<b>Beginning Bank Balance</b>	<b>1,428.14</b>
<b>Income - Note PayPal payments don't include fees</b>	
New membership - Douglas Hunt, KI5QED - PayPal	19.12
Membership renewal - Dora, KF5TDQ - Check	20.00
Cash from 50-50 Christmas Gift Fund Raffle	100.00
Donations received from Perrin Field SE QSL cards - Cash	22.00
Donation - Angel - PayPal	9.41
Donation - Glen, N5LDO - PayPal	9.41
Membership renewal - Ron, WX5A - PayPal	19.12
Membership renewal - Steve KI5IOQ - Family - PayPal	28.83
Membership renewal - Dave, NG5E - PayPal	19.12
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>247.01</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Check 128 - ARRL WAS awards	34.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>34.00</b>
<b>Ending Bank Balance</b>	<b>1641.15</b>
Cash on hand	20.00
<b>Total cash on hand</b>	<b>20.00</b>
<b>Checks &amp; other funds to be deposited</b>	
Membership renewal - Lavant, KB5TMU - Cash	20.00
<b>Total Checks &amp; other funds to be deposited</b>	<b>20.00</b>
<b>Final Total at time of report</b>	<b>1,681.15</b>
Submitted by Lee Sly, N5SLY, on July 13, 2021	

50 - 50 Raffle Christmas Gift Fund	Cash on hand	Deposit to checking	Total
<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>2.64</b>
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		18.82	18.82
August			0.00
September			0.00
October			0.00
November			0.00
December			0.00
<b>Balance</b>	<b>10.00</b>	<b>474.74</b>	<b>487.38</b>
<b>Gift Purchases</b>			
<b>Ending Balance</b>			<b>487.38</b>

Grayson County ARC Budget Items Calendar Year	Budget	Actual
<b>Operating Events</b>		
<b>Winter Field Day</b>		
Food, Drinks & Supplies	50.00	0.00
<b>Perrin Field Museum Special Event</b>		
Food, Drinks & Supplies	50.00	0.00
<b>ARRL Field Day</b>		
Food, Drinks & Supplies	50.00	
<b>Red River Bridge War Special Event</b>		
Food, Drinks & Supplies	50.00	
<b>Eisenhower Birthday Special Event</b>		
Food, Drinks & Supplies	50.00	
<b>Light Blub QSO Party</b>	50.00	
<b>Witches Around The World</b>	50.00	
<b>Operating Events Total</b>	<b>350.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>QSL Management /Administrative/Finance</b>		
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	121.00
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
<b>QSL Management /Administrative/Finance Total</b>	<b>299.00</b>	<b>374.12</b>
<b>Christmas Party</b>		
Christmas Party Expenses	150.00	
<b>Christmas Party Total</b>	<b>150.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Equipment Hard/Soft</b>		
Radios	0.00	
Antennas	240.00	240.00
Accessories	250.00	322.23
Web Site - 3 year lease & Domain Renewal	230.00	252.17
<b>Equipment Hard/Soft Total</b>	<b>720.00</b>	<b>814.40</b>
<b>Total Budget Approved</b>	<b>1,519.00</b>	<b>#####</b>
<b>Approved Budget Balance</b>		<b>330.48</b>
* Budget approved at club meeting on January 19, 2021		
** Approved at club meeting on March 16, 2021		



## GCARC Special Events

With the passing of summer, the bulk of the club Special Events has passed and the year 2021 is already heading to a sunset. With the searing heat we have been experiencing lately, it may be a welcome change.

BUT....

The yearly events are never completely finished without the last event of the year, called the Eisenhower Birthday Special Event. There will be more information on this last event in the next newsletter, but this notice is just to warn everyone in advance – TO GET READY! It's going to be lots of FUN for anyone who participates.

On another note... and with sincerity...

As everyone is aware, the Amateur Radio Community celebrates Field Day during the last weekend in June. As expected, the GCARC ARRL Field Day this year was fantastic. The weather couldn't have been better and everything went as planned without a hitch. The results of the Field Day event were highlighted by Lee – N5LSY in the June edition of this newsletter. In this month's edition, some of the Field Day pictures will be highlighted. Many others will be displayed on the website soon. The GCARC Club Events calendar is pretty crowded with activities in the summer months, and already the next event called the Red River Bridge War Special event is already behind us. Normally, the results of the Red River Bridge War Special event that takes place in the end of July would have been highlighted by Lee in this edition of the newsletter.

But . . . Unfortunately

Lee – N5LSY has experienced another tragic loss in his family, as his granddaughter Karlee Sly, the daughter of his son Ben, was killed on July 25<sup>th</sup> 2021. How does a dad/grandfather handle the loss of his son and his granddaughter within a year's time? This news came to me as a shock, as it has for so many others of the GCARC. Condolences from all of the GCARC family goes out to the Sly family.

The results of the Red River Bridge War Special event will be delayed until next month, as Lee obviously has other priorities in his life at the moment and he has to somehow put his sanity back together again after such a tragic loss. Because of what has been going on in real time for Lee, there will be no QSL Manager's Message in this edition.

James – KW5CW

GCARC Newsletter Editor



**Come to the next GCARC meeting and meet our  
ARRL North Texas Section Manager  
Steven Lott Smith KG5VK**

Steve's presentation will cover the following and much more.....

What does the ARRL Section Manager do for you  
Who and what positions make up the ARRL North Texas Section Staff Team  
What are the North Texas Demographics as Compared to other ARRL Sections  
What his personal mission is as our ARRL North Texas Section Manager  
Steve will also take questions from members present at the meeting on anything Ham Radio related  
and provide a couple of door prizes to club members at the meeting.

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Steve

**KG5VK**

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ARRL NTX Section Manager

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## More Information about the GCARC 2021 ARRL Field Day

As everyone in the club is aware of by now, the past Summer Day was one of the best summer field days ever for the GCARC. We were honored to have Katherine Forson and her mom visit us this year at Field Day.



Katherine KT5KMF (left) Lee N5SLY (right)

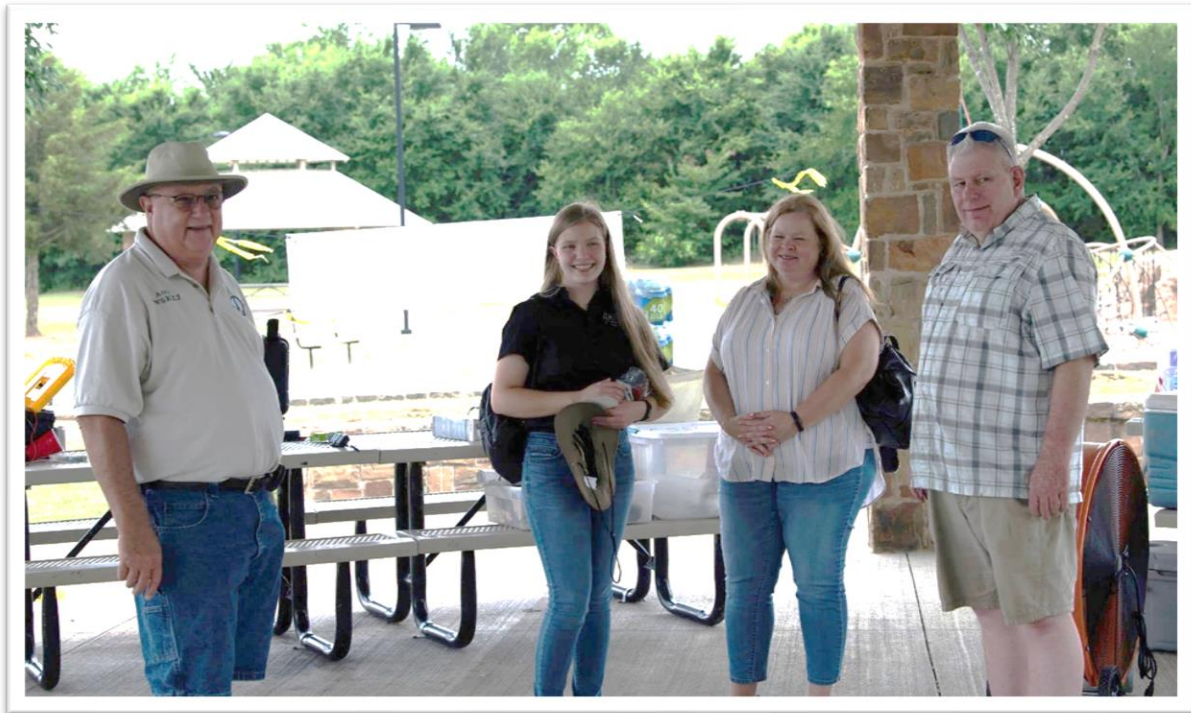
Katherine happens to be the ARRL North Texas Youth Coordinator and the club was delighted to see her presence at the event, even though Stephen Lott Smith, the ARRL North Texas Section Manager could not be there, as he was visiting several other clubs during Field Day this year. But, Steven will be giving an ARRL presentation at the next GCARC Club meeting on August 17<sup>th</sup>. You don't want to miss this meeting!





Doug KG5QPI (left) Andy W5KZJ (center) Katherine KT5KMF (right)

We were also honored to have Katherine’s mom visit us at our Field Day event. She is in the picture below with Katherine.



Andy W5KNJ

Katherine KT5KMF

Katherine’s Mom

Jim Shiplet K15BMN

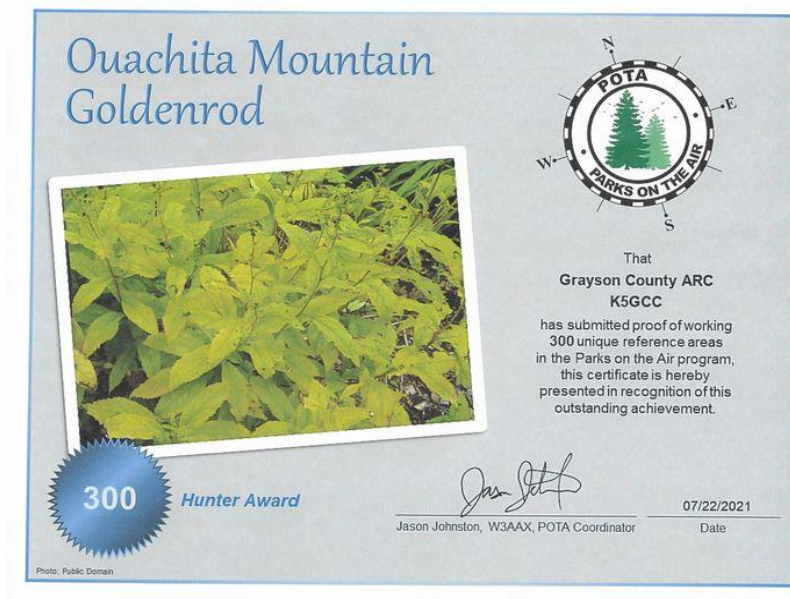




Lee N5SLY and Marvin KG5GMA (LEE WORKING THE DIGITAL STATION)

### Recent Operating Awards for the Club

The GCARC continues to receive awards of excellence because of operators that participate in the Club Special Events. One of the awards was received because of a single contact made that the club needed for the Worked All States certificate. A picture of that certificate will appear on the website along with the other awards listed. The other was a certificate received because of a POTA HUNTER achievement made during an event that is pictured here.



## Amateur Radio Testing in Sherman on August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020

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,

[rwitherington@verizon.net](mailto:rwitherington@verizon.net)

or at 214-394-7950. Call first!

The CW Corner – July 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](http://www.graysoncountyar.org)

† Visit the GCARC Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/groups/k5gcc>

† Submit articles for GCARC newsletter to: [editor@k5gcc.org](mailto: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	___	___	___
<b>*Shirts/Jackets- (2x to 4x +\$5)</b>				
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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