



# GRAYSON COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB



GCARC

GRAYSON CO. TEXAS USA

Having Fun with Amateur Radio

September 2021

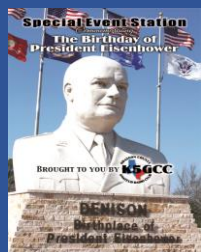
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## Events Coming Up

### Eisenhower Birthday Celebration

At the Eisenhower  
Birthplace  
October 9, 2021  
Club to setup a  
table to operate  
Special event and  
demonstrate  
Amateur Radio with  
equipment and  
antennas.

Eisenhower  
Birthday  
Special Event  
runs from  
October 9 -17, 2021



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

October 19<sup>th</sup>  
Club Meeting  
Presentation  
Go-Kit and On-the-  
Air Demonstration  
by  
James KW5CW

## PRESIDENT'S QSO

First, a HUGE "Thank You" and shout out to James Shiplet – KI5BMN for covering for me at last month's general meeting. I had several people reach out and tell me what a fantastic job you did handling the meeting. I greatly appreciate your leadership in my absence, and currently plan to be able to attend the rest of the meetings this year.

October is one of the most important meetings for the club all year. We will be taking nominations for President, VP, Secretary and Treasurer at the October general meeting. Then in November we will vote to determine who will be on the new board. Please be thinking about anyone you would like to nominate, or if you would like to nominate yourself and run for a position. The "Job Duties" of each position are spelled out in the Constitution and Bylaws, and they are available for download and review by any club member under the "Files" area in Hamclubonline.

I hope everyone can participate in the Eisenhower Birthday Special Event this year. This should be a very well received and substantial event for the club now and going forward. Thank you Lee Sly N5SLY for all the hard work you have put into this event!

Finally, I hope everyone has a safe and healthy October and Halloween! 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@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))  
**Dir. at Large:** James Frank KW5CW ([director@large@graysoncountyarc.org](mailto:director@large@graysoncountyarc.org))

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

**Webmaster/Newsletter Editor:** James Frank KW5CW  
([editor@graysoncountyarc.org](mailto:editor@graysoncountyarc.org))

*Contact or send the Club a QSL Card*

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

## 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Nets

Dates/Net Control:  
10/3 – AF5VA - Roy  
10/17 – KF5JUO - Lynda  
10/31 Cancelled  
Time: 8:00 PM Local  
Repeater: 147.000+

## Next Club Monthly Meeting

Date: **October 19,**  
**2021**  
Time: 7:00 – 8:45 PM  
Location:  
Mariachi's Mexican  
Restaurant

## 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday ARES Nets

Dates: Oct 10  
& Oct 24  
Time: 8:00 PM Local  
Repeater: 147.000



**Grayson County ARC Monthly Meeting Minutes September 21, 2021 - by Ricky – KG5FDT**

Three officers were present:

James Shiplet - Vice President - KI5BMN

Ricky Jessen - Secretary - KG5FDT

Lee Sly – Treasurer - N5SLY

**Meeting called to order.**

Vice President KI5BMN called meeting to order 7:00 pm at Mariachi's restaurant.

**20 Members / 5 guests** Round Table Introductions

Guests: Jim Mathis W5JM, son David (non-ham) and Michael Higgins (non-ham) but he did join the club and is ready to take his amateur radio exam.

N5SLY, AF5VA, KW5CW, KF5LKG, KG5FDT, KI5IPH, WW5GRW, KI5NUK, KG5SJY, KG5SKM, KI5RFY, KM6ZXO, KI5BMN, KI5NUI, N5LDO, KW5ABF, KIXBP, W5JM, KG5QPI, KF5JUO.

We also had [Steve Lott - KG5VK](#) and wife Zogail - KB5KBE as guests.

**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**

- August minutes and Treasure's report approved with a unanimous vote. Roy - AF5VA made the motion and Andrew - KG5SKM seconded.

**Presentation****Steve Lott Smith, KG5VK with wife, Zogail KB5KBE presented.**

- Spoke on numerous Ham Fests he has attended this year. Turn-outs have been good but not as good as pre-Covid.
- ARRL Hiram Percy Maxim Memorial youth award went to [Katherine Forson KT5KMF](#)
- David Minster is new CEO of North Texas.

- Discussed Amateur Radio license fees. **New price \$35.** Better than the proposed \$50.

- Contact information: [KG5VK@ARRL.org](mailto:KG5VK@ARRL.org) / 318-470-9806

**Lee Sly N5SLY presented on Special Events**

- Historical Data on Events from 2012-2021.

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Perrin	45	109	87	49	469	675	580	1239	2402	2690
Red River	18	98	0	4	527	604	499	2214	1077	4087
Eisenhower	23	85	42	49	574	934	940	4830	5058	???

- K5GCC achieved the Triple Play Award/WAS Worked All Stations



- Eisenhower Event/10 Call Signs (1x1 Call Signs are registered with POTA)

W5E Lee N5SLY

W5I Kerri KB3WAV

W5S Ricky KG5FDT

K5E Jim K5SP

W5N Dave NG5E

W5H Andy W5KZI

W5O James KW5CW

W5W Marvin KG5GMA

N5E Chris Frank K5KDE

W5R Glen N5LDO

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o All are encouraged and needed to participate. All bands/All modes. Follow your band license privileges.

▪ **Check with Lee for a call sign. Some may be more active than others. We want it to make it more possible to get a clean sweep.**

o QRZ information at: [www.qrz.com/db/w5e](http://www.qrz.com/db/w5e), ...w5i, w5s... etc.

o Club will be setting up at Eisenhower birthplace

▪ Oct 9 th 10:00 am to 3:00 pm.

▪ Several radios will be set up. Please come and operate and visit.

• Congrats to James Frank, Outstanding Operator Award!

#### New Business

• August's Treasure's Report

o See Treasure's report in the newsletter.

• Scheduled 2021 Club Meetings Presentations

o October – James Frank - Go-Kit Live Demo

o November – Stan Robinson W9SMR presentation on PSK31

#### Miscellaneous

##### • Net control Schedule for 2021

<del>30-May N5APJ</del>	<del>19-Sep N5LDO</del>
<del>6-Jun KF5UZW</del>	<del>3-Oct AF5VA</del>
<del>20-Jun CNX FD</del>	<del>17-Oct KF5JUO*</del>
<del>4-Jul CNX</del>	<del>31-Oct CNX</del>
<del>18-Jul KD5KPR</del>	<del>7-Nov KI5BMN</del>
<del>1-Aug N5LDO</del>	<del>21-Nov N5APJ</del>
<del>15-Aug WX5A</del>	<del>5-Dec KW5CW</del>
<del>29-Aug KG5SKM</del>	<del>19-Dec KG5GMA</del>
5-Sep KG5FDT	

\* = Changes

#### Remaining 2021 Special Events

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• Eisenhower's Birthday – October 9-17

#### ARES News

• Remember Win link Wednesday KF5VO

• Echo Link – Being worked on, should return soon.

• ARES net Sunday 26th @ 8:00 pm.

• ARES Training via Zoom Tuesday, September 28th @ 7:00 pm. Jennifer Dunn and Samantha Allison will present.

#### Door Prize and 50/50 Drawing

• Andrew KG5SKM won the door prize.

• James KI5BMN won the 50/50.

o James graciously donated back to the Club.

• James KW5CW and Jim W5JM won ARRL magazines.

#### Meeting Adjourned

• Meeting Adjourned approx. 8:34PM.



## Grayson County Amateur Radio Club Treasurer's Report – September 2021

## Plus 50/50 Raffle for Christmas Gift Fund – by Lee Sly – N5SLY

Grayson County ARC - Treasurers Report	Amount
September 2021	
Beginning Bank Balance	2,010.21
<b>Income - Note PayPal payments don't include fees</b>	
Donations from Red River Bridge War SE QSL cards - Cash	57.00
Dr. Fong Antennas - Cash	65.00
50-50 Raffle Christmas Gift Fund - Cash	76.00
New Membership - Arthur Jukes, KM6ZXO - PayPal	18.81
New Membership - Rebecca Meals, KI5RFY - PayPal	18.81
Donation - Glen, N5LDO, PayPal	9.22
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>244.84</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
LOTW Triple Play WAS Award - check 129	21.00
LOTW WAS Phone Award - check 130	29.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>50.00</b>
<b>Ending Bank Balance</b>	<b>2205.05</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>	
Donations from Red River Bridge War SE QSL cards - Cash	2.00
<b>Total Checks &amp; other funds to be deposited</b>	<b>2.00</b>
<b>Final Total at time of report</b>	<b>2,227.05</b>
Submitted by Lee Sly, N5SLY, on September, 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		94.82	94.82
September		9.22	9.22
October			0.00
November			0.00
December			0.00
<b>Balance</b>	<b>10.00</b>	<b>654.78</b>	<b>667.42</b>
<b>Gift Purchases</b>			
<b>Ending Balance</b>			<b>667.42</b>

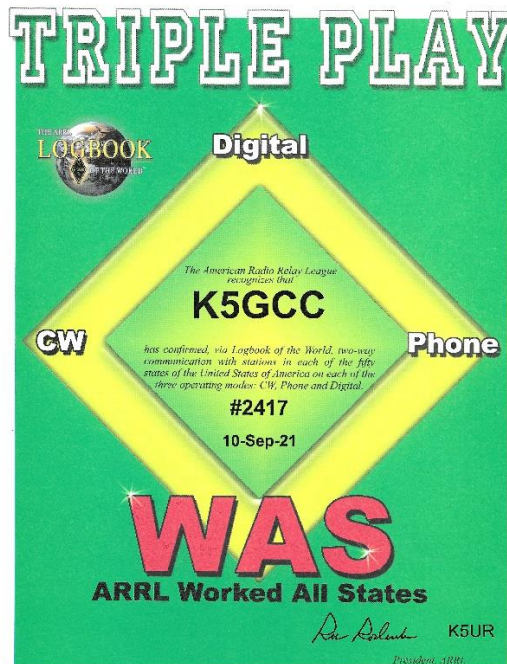
Grayson County ARC Budget Items Calendar Year 2021	Budget	Actual
<b>Operating Events</b>		
Winter Field Day		
Food, Drinks & Supplies	50.00	0.00
Perrin Field Museum Special Event		
Food, Drinks & Supplies	50.00	0.00
ARRL Field Day		
Food, Drinks & Supplies	50.00	0.00
Red River Bridge War Special Event		
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	
<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	84.00
QSL Card printing	100.00	242.00
W5 Incoming Bureau	15.00	15.00
Paypal Fees - Jan - August 2021	30.00	37.17
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>556.21</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>1,370.61</b>
<b>Approved Budget Balance</b>		<b>148.39</b>
* Budget approved at club meeting on January 19, 2021		
** Approved at club meeting on March 16, 2021		





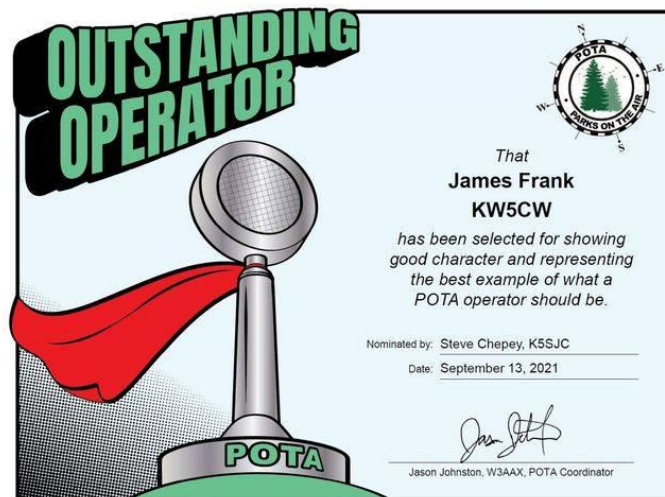
## QSL Managers Message

First, I want to offer my congratulations to all the club members who have operated at our club events over the years. You helped us earn this award...



This award is not an easy one to get. In fact, it is rare...I don't know anyone else who has earned it and this is the first time I have ever seen this award. Worked All States on CW, Phone and Digital. Well done everyone!!!

Next, I want to recognize one of our members...James Frank, KW5CW. He received this award from the Parks on the Air program, POTA.



Congrats James...a well-deserved award!

Finally, I want to remind everyone that our next special event is coming up in October. The Eisenhower Birthday Special Event will be held from October 9 until October 17. We'll be using these 10 call signs...

**W5E, W5I, W5S, K5E, W5N, W5H, W5O, W5W, N5E, W5R**



The management of the Eisenhower Birthplace State Historical Site in Denison, TX has invited the club to participate in their birthday celebration of Ike's birthday on October 9<sup>th</sup> at the birthplace and the club has accepted their invitation. We'll set up the club's radio and antenna and use it to make some contacts for our special event and give many of our newer members an opportunity to experience HF radio and what it is like to make some contacts on the air. I will also set up my mobile station in my vehicle in the parking lot and make some contacts for the special event. Everyone is encouraged to come out and participate and spend some time with the operators using the club's radio or my radio to find out what HF radio is all about. If you are a Technician license holder and don't know if you want to invest the time and money to get involved with HF radio this will be a perfect opportunity for you to get some first-hand experience and knowledge to help you make that decision.

If you are not able to attend on October 9, I plan on operating with my mobile station out at the park on many days during the event. Let me know when you can attend and I'll be there to work with you.

I want to remind everyone...operators who have signed up for our 1X1 call signs and everyone else, that many folks still have to work for a living and won't be using their call signs all the time. If you are an operator and know that you won't be on the air a certain day or time let me know and we'll let someone else use the call sign. Club members who aren't assigned a call sign and want to participate...let me know and I'll let you use a call sign that isn't be used right now.

Remember, you can operate any time you want...use any band...use any mode you want. You don't have to go to a POTA park to operate...you can operate from home...or wherever. There are only 2 rules...

You must follow the band plan for the license you hold.

You must send your log of the contacts you make to me at the end of the event.

Last year we made over 5000 contacts during the Eisenhower Special Event using 3 call signs...

W5I, W5K, W5E

This year I'm hoping we'll make 10000 contacts using 10 call signs. Can we, do it???

We'll find out.

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

73

Lee N5SLY

Cell phone: 903-818-7463

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## GCARC Club Certificates

Our QSL managers message this month touches on several things because there is just so much happening with the club. I am honored in more ways than one this month as we barrel out of 2021, as the club received the 'Triple-Play WAS award', one of 8 awards the club has received recently. It is displayed here with other certificates. Then, for me to receive a POTA award of Recognition from the POTA Coordinator Jason Johnston – W3AAX, I couldn't be happier. Then there's GCARC recognition. To me, it's a pretty HUGE deal. Here is a list of 8 certificates K5GCC received recently...



*DX Century Club*



*eDX award*



*eNAmerica Certificate*



*eSAmerica Certificate*







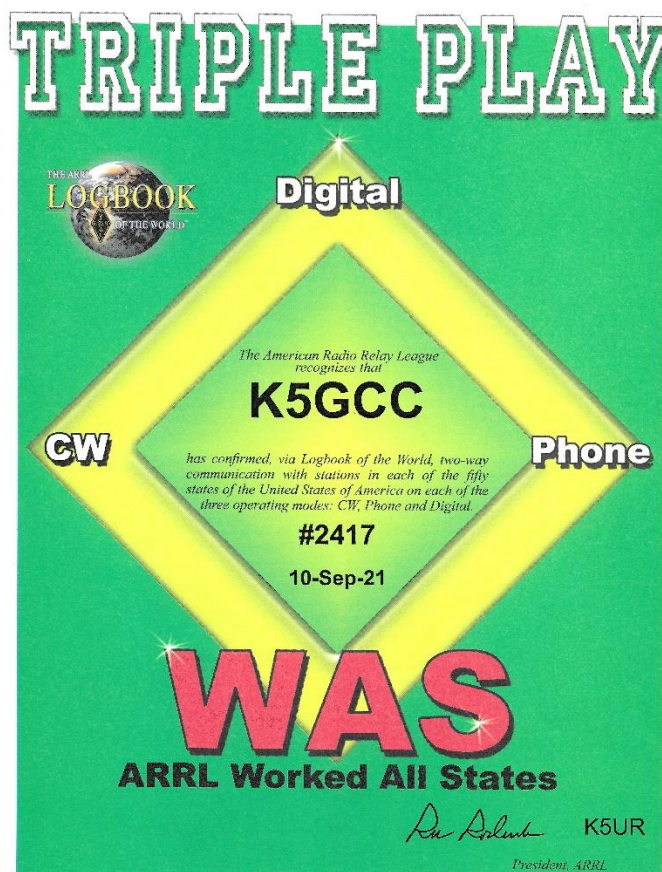
eUK Certificate



Park to Park Certificate



Silver Certificate – ACTIVATOR



TRIPLE PLAY WAS for CW / Digital / Phone





## Upcoming Club Events

### The Eisenhower Birthday Special Event – October 9<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup>

### Nomination of Club Officers for 2022

### Club Meeting Presentation October 19<sup>th</sup> – Go-Kits with a Demonstration

By James – KW5CW

As the saying goes, here comes the ‘meat and potatoes’ of the special events this year with the Eisenhower Birthday Special Event just around the corner. Ike was actually born on October 14, 1890. Can you imagine how many contacts the club will make this year as the club will be using not just one call, but **TEN** 1x1 calls to make contacts for an entire week. It all starts out at the Eisenhower Birthplace on October 9<sup>th</sup>, as the club received and has accepted an invitation to attend. All members are encouraged to be there and see what the event is all about and to tour the birth home of President Dwight Eisenhower. But October 9<sup>th</sup> is just the beginning. After the activities end at the Eisenhower birthplace on that day, club members and non-club members alike will continue making contacts through October 17<sup>th</sup>. Last year, the club made a little over 5000 contacts, but I can safely say the expected number of contacts I expect the club will make this year will at least double the number of contacts made last year. My prediction is at least 10,000 contacts to be made in 2021. This is a special event that many of us have been waiting to take part in for months. If you presently are not one of the people that have been designated to use one of the ten specific calls that will be used, you can be put on a backup list, or at any time you can contact Lee – N5SLY at 903-818-7463 or at [n5sly@arrl.net](mailto:n5sly@arrl.net) and indicate to him the date and time when you would like to operate and be available at that time. Any member or non-member that would like to operate in the event should schedule time to operate with Lee. He will make it happen. Also, designated operators should inform Lee when they know specifically that they cannot operate so someone else can take the spot while you are at work or doing something else besides radio.

At the October meeting, the club will nominate four people that can become the new officers for the club in 2022. At the November meeting, the officers will be formally elected to serve in 2022. So, it's pretty important for all of the GCARC members to be there that can attend in October for the nominations. All positions are open... President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer. It is my responsibility as Director at Large, that the turnover from the old officers to the new officers take place in a seamless fashion. But first, we must get a few people elected. So, I'm hoping that the club has a great turnout of members for the October meeting.

For me, I get to put on the next Presentation at the October club meeting. It will be kept to no longer than 30 minutes, because as just mentioned, there are officer nominations to follow. For years, I've participated in GCARC activities, namely Winter Field Day, Summer Field Day and Special events. I've always had to carry the bulk of my home station with me to these events, and it becomes tiring and cumbersome. Finally, I put together a special go-kit, not very light, but contains everything I need to run Amateur Radio from just about anywhere with emergency power. It takes about 5-10 minutes to set up so I'm ready to transmit, so I'll talk about the go-kit and then make a few digital contacts with it right from Mariachi's. The live demonstration will prove to be very interesting. There will be a slide show, a short talk and then the demo. It should be fun! We can continue operating after the meeting if it's not too late.



## **NEXT Amateur Radio Testing in Sherman on October 7<sup>th</sup>, 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,

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

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](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 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

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ (as you want on clothing)

Last \_\_\_\_\_

Call \_\_\_\_\_

Payment \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks Payable to: GCARC

	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			
<b>Total</b>			

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