



# GRAYSON COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB



GCARC  
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Having Fun with Amateur Radio

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Events  
Coming Up

## PRESIDENT'S QSO

Election of 2022  
Officers  
at the  
November  
meeting

The Eisenhower Birthday Special Event for 2021 is in the books. Thank you to Lee Sly N5SLY for all of the diligence and hard work you put in to coordinate this event. Thank you to everyone who contributed and worked the event, making it the most successful special event GCARC has ever had!

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

Dates/Net Control:  
11-7 KI5BMN - James  
11-21 - KW5CW - James  
Time: 8:00 PM Local  
Repeater: 147.000+

GCARC  
Christmas Party

Thursday  
December 21<sup>st</sup>

Be sure and join us for the club general meeting on November 16<sup>th</sup> at Mariachi's to vote for the 2022 Board members. Come early to eat and help us with QSO cards from the Eisenhower event if you are able.

Next Club  
Monthly Meeting

Mariachi's Mexican  
Restaurant

As we wind down 2021 and prepare for 2022, don't forget to mark your calendars for Winter Field Day. The dates are January 29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>. Let's try to continue to gain momentum and start the year off with outstanding results again!

Date: November 16,  
2021

Time: 7:00 - 8:45 PM

Location:

Mariachi's Mexican  
Restaurant

November 16th  
Club Meeting  
Presentation

Everyone, have a safe and happy Thanksgiving!

Ron - WX5A

### Contact a Club Officer

Stan Robinson  
W9SMR

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

**Vice President:** James Shiptet - 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

PSK31  
Presentation

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

Dates: Nov 8

& Nov 22

Time: 8:00 PM Local

Repeater: 147.000

Next  
Operating  
Event

January 29 & 30

Winter Field Day



**Grayson County ARC July Monthly Meeting Minutes October 19, 2021 - by Ricky – KG5FDT**

Five officers were present:

Ron Witherington	President	WX5A
James Shiplet	Vice President	KI5BMN
Ricky Jessen	Secretary	KG5FDT
Lee Sly	Treasurer	N5SLY
James Frank	Director at Large	KW5CW

**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, KF5LKG, KG5FDT, KI5IPH, KI5NUI, KI5BMN, N5LDO, K5XBP, KG5QPI, KF5JUO, KG5HQV, WX5A, KG5GMA, KG5FJY, KG5KPR, Michael Higgins.

**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**

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

**Presentation**

James Frank KW5CW showed his Go Kit (POTA Ready)

- James showed his go kit. Very interesting, laid out well, high-quality work. Well done James!
  - Go-Kit consisted of two cases, one battery and one radio case.
  - Radio case contained ICOM 7100, antenna, cable and all accessories needed.

- The kit is POTA ready.
- James set up radio and antenna.
- Everyone was impressed on the thought that went into the kit.

### New Business

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

### Miscellaneous

- Net control Schedule for 2021

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

### **Remaining 2021 Special Events**

- No more special events this year except Christmas party in December.
- Hold the date January 29-30, 2022, for Winter Field Day.

### ARES News

- Remember Win link Wednesday KF5VO
- Echo Link for the 147.000 repeater is no more



## New Officers Nominated for 2022

Nominees for 2022 are:

- President James Shiplet KI5BMN
- Vice President Ricky Jessen KG5FDT
- Secretary David Darcy KG5LKG
- Treasurer Ron Witherington WX5A

Nominations are still open until next meeting where we will be voting.

James Frank KW5CW will remain Director at Large for 2022.

## Purchase of Christmas gifts for Christmas party December 2021

Due to the shortage of equipment, it was decided to take the Christmas fund and purchase gifts now.

Roy AF5VA made the motion to take (existing Christmas fund of \$738) + (tonight's tickets \$60) + (\$50 from the clubs budgeted \$150 fund) and buy gifts for the Christmas party. This is with the expectation of November's 50/50 raffle to return the \$50 to the budgeted Christmas fund.

- Michael KI5NUI 2<sup>nd</sup>. Discussion followed and vote passed unanimously.

## Door Prize and 50/50 Drawing

- Marvin KG5GMA won the door prize.
- Dustin KG5HQV won the 50/50.

## Meeting Adjourned

o Meeting Adjourned approx. 8:01.

73's everyone and God Bless...



## 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
October 2021	
<b>Beginning Bank Balance</b>	<b>2,205.05</b>
<b>Income - Note PayPal payments don't include fees</b>	
New membership - Michael Higgins - Cash	20.00
Donations received with Red River Bridge War QSL cards	2.00
50-50 Raffle Christmas Gift Fund	62.00
Donation - Glen, N5LDO - PayPal	9.22
Membership Renewal - David Darcy - PayPal	18.81
Membership Revealal - Paul Todd - PayPal	18.81
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>130.84</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Ending Bank Balance</b>	<b>2335.89</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>	
Dr. Fong antennas - Cash	97.00
Donation - ? - Cash	5.00
<b>Total Checks &amp; other funds to be deposited</b>	<b>102.00</b>
<b>Final Total at time of report</b>	<b>2,457.89</b>
Submitted by Lee Sly, N5SLY, on October 13 , 2021	

50 - 50 Raffle Christmas Gift Fund	Cash on hand	Deposit to checking	Total
<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>0.00</b>	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		71.22	71.22
October		9.22	9.22
November			0.00
December			0.00
<b>Balance</b>	<b>10.00</b>	<b>645.56</b>	<b>658.20</b>
<b>Gift Purchases</b>			
<b>Ending Balance</b>			<b>658.20</b>

Grayson County ARC Budget Items Calendar Year 2021	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	0.00
<b>Red River Bridge War Special Event</b>		
Food, Drinks & Supplies	50.00	0.00
<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	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

The final results are in and our Eisenhower Birthday Special Event for this year is a great big success! The best our club has ever done in a special event.

Here are the results...

Total Contacts by Band and Mode:

<u>Band</u>	<u>CW</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Dig</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>%</u>
80	5	18	822	845	10
60	0	0	93	93	1
40	30	1,073	1,873	2,976	36
30	57	33	245	335	4
20	362	663	2,488	3,513	43
17	0	12	318	330	4
15	0	0	101	101	1
12	0	0	24	24	0
10	0	3	35	38	0
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Total	454	1,802	5,999	8,255	100

Oops! There are some contacts here that are not legal! Who can tell me where our operators went wrong?

We made contacts in all 50 states and in 77 countries around the world.  
Outstanding results!!!!

All of our guest operators did a great job. The W5I call sign was used by KB3WAV, Kerri...KC3RW, Ray & N3ARS, Greg. All in Maryland. The K5E call sign was used by K5SP, Jim. The W5H call sign was used by W5KZJ, Andy. And, the N5E call sign was used by K5KDE, Chris.

The operators who made the most contacts were the father and son team of KW5CW, James and K5KDE, Chris. Those 2 guys made over 4000 contacts...wow!!!!

The digital modes dominated our activity with FT8 being the most popular mode. Other digital modes included FT4 and PSK31.

We have received many QSL cards in the mail, but so far no one has got a "Clean Sweep". Several hams came close. We know of those who got 7, 8 and even 9 of the call signs, but no one has all 10... yet.

Major fun was had by all.



Here are some photos...

Lee, Ron, Ricky, Marvin, James & Lynda all operated from K-6553, the Eisenhower Birthplace State Historical Site in Denison, TX. There may be others...forgive me for not including you.



Kerri and Ray operated at K-0810, the Eisenhower Historic Site in Gettysburg, PA. That's the Eisenhower home in PA.



The most unique operator had to be Dave, NG5E who operated W5N from his ship in the Gulf of Mexico at a rare grid, EL58je. Still trying to figure out how to upload his QSO's to eQSL.cc so folks get credit for EL58.



What a fun event this year. Thank you everyone for your participation.

73

Lee N5SLY



## Weekend of Fun with the Eisenhower Special Event

So, what was this special event all about? First of all, the club participates in it every year, at least since I've been a member since 2015. The purpose is to celebrate the birthday of President Dwight D. Eisenhower. This year marked the 131<sup>st</sup> birthday of our 34<sup>th</sup> President of the United States. He was born on October 14<sup>th</sup>, 1890. The GCARC celebration this year started even before his birthday, as the club was invited by the management of the birthplace site in Denison Texas to participate in a celebration that they held on Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. The club set up a tent, the new club antenna, and a few club members operated the club radio at the birthplace. Unfortunately for me, I had to leave the event early in the afternoon, as my wife had a few chores for me to do. But I made up for it during the upcoming week as I made daily POTA outings at the Eisenhower birthplace and at the Eisenhower State Park during the week. A few other places that I visited were Bonham Park and Lake Ray Roberts, using the special call W5O. I spent the entire day at the birthplace on Thursday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, Eisenhower's birthday operating the event. On that day, a few other members showed up. Lynda, KF5JUO, Glen, N5LDO, and Lee, N5SLY. Lynda was able to perform her 2<sup>nd</sup> POTA activation on Ike's birthday at the birthplace. Just about every day that week, I operated POTA, using the call W5O, and made lots of contacts. I dedicated the entire week with the Eisenhower call and made no personal contacts using my own call. My goal was to assist in doing what I could to get the totals up to 10,000 contacts. In the end we were close, but that number was a little out of reach. Lee's TOTALS in his message shows the club made 8,255 contacts, just 1,745 contacts short of a predicted 10,000. Actually, if you read his column, Lee points out that someone turned in 33 invalid contacts on 30-meter Phone, as the problem is that there are no phone privileges on 30 meters. Who would have made those contacts? Obviously, no one actually made those contacts, but if they were made, who out there in radio land would answer phone CQ's on 30 meters?! It's definitely a typo in the log. Interesting, but if it were true, then they were probably the first phone contacts on 30 meters, EVER. Hopefully, the FCC didn't notice.

As mentioned at each meeting by Ron in his slide presentation, anyone can send in photos to be posted on the club website. None were received, but I took a few of my own, and they are immediately below.





*Bonham State Park - selfie*



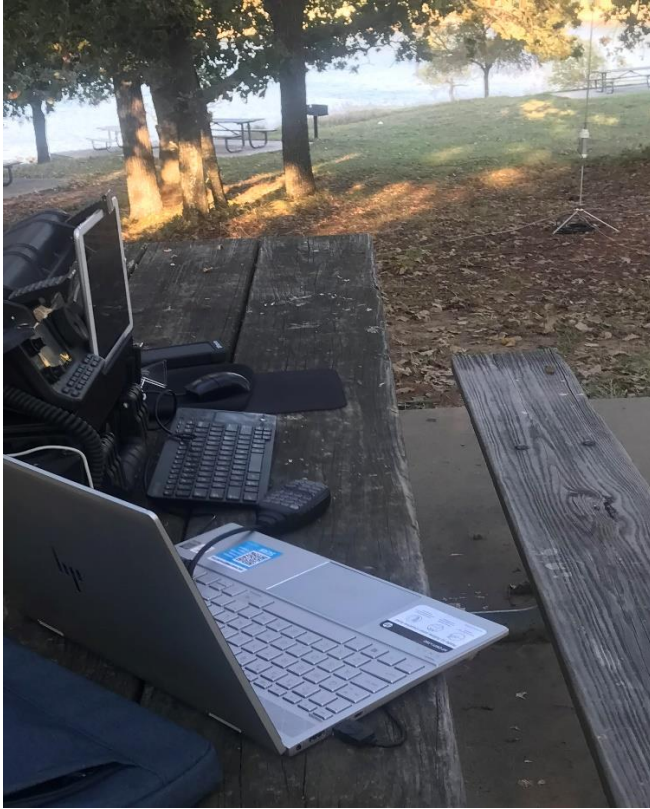
*Eisenhower Birthplace (Rainy Day)*



*Bonham State Park*



*Portable Antenna at the Birthplace used at all outings*



*Lake Ray Roberts*



*Eisenhower State Park*

These are just a few pictures that I took. On one of those days, I was visited by David Darcey – KG5LKG at the park. He spent the entire day until I couldn't make another contact because my battery went dead. He even spent a day with me at the birthplace and bought me lunch. I was hungry, and didn't want to leave to get food. On each of those days, I made over 100 contacts. In several of the pictures, you can see my new go-kit that was presented to the club in the meeting presentation for September.

I can't stress enough how much FUN it was during the Eisenhower Special Event. Hopefully next year more members of the club will participate. The club used 10 different calls this year and I hope we can outscore our totals from this year in 2022.

73 - James – KW5CW



## Upcoming Club Events

### Election of Club Officers for 2022

**Club Meeting Presentation November 16 – PSK31  
by Stan Robinson – W9SMR**

**Christmas Party December 21, 2021**

### Winter Field Day - 2022

At the October meeting, the members present nominated 4 people to be considered as the new officers for 2022. The nominations as listed in the minutes are as follows:

Jim Shiplet KI5BMN – President  
Ricky Jessen – KG5FDT – Vice President  
Secretary – KG5LKG – David Darcey  
Treasurer – WX5A – Ron Witherington

Nominations will be closed at the next meeting after a discussion.

Also at the next meeting, a presentation on PSK31 will be given by Stan Robinson – W9SMR. PSK31 is a digital mode that has been around for a long time, but never-the-less, for some of us who never experienced using a keyboard in digital operations, it will be interesting to get up to date on PSK31.

It's never too early to talk about our next special event. Our next operating event happens to be the very first event of 2022, which is Winter Field Day. The dates are January 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. That's 3 months away from now, but it's never too early to reserve a date and plan to operate or just attend.

But before Winter Field Day, the club will hold the **Christmas Party at Mariachi's on December 21<sup>st</sup>**. There is no general meeting in December. Some really terrific prizes will be raffled off at the party, so hopefully you will attend and maybe even win a prize. The prizes were already purchased at Main Trading Company in Paris. Radios, antennas along with many other prizes will be given away.



## NEXT Amateur Radio Testing in Sherman on December 2<sup>nd</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. Watch here for any changes or cancellations. For more information contact:

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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://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](http://www.graysoncountyarcc.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)

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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
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

Nov 02-12-18

