



GRAYSON COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB



GCARC
GRAYSON CO. TEXAS USA

Having Fun with Amateur Radio

November 2021

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Events
Coming Up

PRESIDENT'S QSO

**GCARC
Christmas Party**

**Thursday
December 21st**

**Mariachi's Mexican
Restaurant**

**No DECEMBER
Club meeting**

**Next
Operating
Event**

January 29 & 30

Winter Field Day

I would like to express my extreme gratitude to everyone in the club for making this year a lot of fun, growing the club, and having the most successful year the club has had to date in all our special events. The momentum that the club is carrying into 2022 is incredible and we are poised to have another record-breaking year.

Thank you to everyone in the club for your support during my term as President! Thank you to the board for your service and helping to make my life easier and helping make the correct decisions during the last year. Congratulations to the new club officers! Thank you for stepping up and taking on the roles to help guide us through the next year. We look forward to working with you. I look forward to celebrating with everyone at the club Christmas party at Mariachi's on December 21st.

We have some great gifts to give away! I hope everyone has a safe, healthy and Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Ron – WX5A

Contact a Club Officer

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

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

Secretary: Ricky Jessen KG5FDT (secretary@graysoncountyarc.org)

Treasurer & QSL Manager: Lee Sly N5SLY (treasurer@graysoncountyarc.org)

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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:
12-5 KW5CW - James
12-19 KG5GMA-Marvin
Time: 8:00 PM Local
Repeater: 147.000+

Next Regular Club
Monthly Meeting

Date: January 18,
2022
Time: 7:00 – 8:45 PM
Location:
Mariachi's Mexican
Restaurant

2nd, 4th
Sunday ARES Nets

Dates: Dec 12
& Dec 26
Time: 8:00 PM Local
Repeater: 147.000



Grayson County ARC July Monthly Meeting Minutes November 16, 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, WX5A, KG5GMA, KG5KPR, KB5TMU, KG5SJX, KI5NUK, KG5KM, WW5GRW, KM6AXO

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

- October minutes and Treasure's report approved with a unanimous vote.
 - Glenn N5LDO made the motion and Roy AF5VA seconded.

Presentation

Stan Robinson W9SMR Sarasota, FL gave presentation on PSK31.

- Stan highlighted the history and how PSK began.
- Stan highlighted all the contests and awards available to participants.
- Stan also highlighted one of our very own, Lee N5SLY. Lee is involved with PSK and ranked exceedingly high in the nation standings. Congratulations to Lee for all his accomplishments.



GCARC MINUTES Continued...

New Business

- November's Treasurer's Report

See Treasurer's report in the newsletter.

- Christmas Party Celebration, December 21, 2021.

Miscellaneous

- Remaining Net control Schedule for 2021
 - 5-Dec KW5CW
 - 19-Dec KG5GMA

2022 Special Events

- Hold the date January 29-30, 2022, for Winter Field Day.
 - Location to TBD.

ARES News

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

New Officers Approved for 2022

- Motion made to close nominations.
 - Glenn N5LDO made the motion, Marvin KG5GMA second.
- Vote by secrete ballot, ballots passed out and voted.
 - By unanimous vote, we have the new 2022 board of officers.

○ President	James Shiplet	K15BMN
○ Vice President	Ricky Jessen	KG5FDT
○ Secretary	David Darcy	KF5LKG
○ Treasurer	Ron Witherington	WX5A

Votes counted by current secretary, Ricky KG5FDT and David KF5LKG.

- Motion to approve 2022 vote
 - N5SLY made motion, AF5VA second, passed unanimous.

James Frank KW5CW will remain Director at Large for 2022



GCARC MINUTES CONTINUED...

Net Control for Club Nets 2022

Jan	2	KI5NUK	Feb	6	KI5BMN	March	6	AF5VA	April	3	N5LDO
	16	KG5SKM		20	KW5CW		20	KG5FDT		17	CXL
	30	CXL									
May	1	KW5CW	June	5	WX5A	July	3	CXL	Aug	7	KG5FDT
	15	KI5NUI		19	CXL		17	AF5VA		21	KI5NUK
	29	CXL					31	KG5SKM			
Sep	4	CXL	Oct	2	AF5VA	Nov	6	KW5CW	Dec	4	WX5A
	18	KG5GMA		16	N5LDO		20	KG5FDT		18	KI5BMN
				30	CXL						

Door Prize and 50/50 Drawing

- Mike KI5IPH won the door prize.
- James KI5BMN won the 50/50.

Meeting Adjourned

- Motion made to adjourn by Roy AF5VA and seconded by Marvin KG5GMA.
 - Meeting Adjourned approx. 8:15.

73's everyone and God Bless...



Grayson County Amateur Radio Club Treasurer's Report – November 2021 Plus 50/50 Raffle for Christmas Gift Fund – by Lee Sly – N5SLY

Grayson County ARC - Treasurers Report	Amount
November 2021	
Beginning Bank Balance	2,335.89
Income - Note PayPal payments don't include fees	
Dr. Fong antennas - Cash	97.00
Donation - ? - Cash	5.00
From 50-50 Raffle - Christmas Gift Fund - October Meeting	55.00
Donation - Glen, N5LDO - PayPal	9.22
Total Income	166.22
Expenses	
Christmas Gifts- MTC - Check 131	850.38
Total Expenses	850.38
Ending Bank Balance	1651.73
Cash on hand	20.00
Total cash on hand	20.00
Checks & other funds to be deposited	
Donations received from Eisenhower SE QSL cards	40
Total Checks & other funds to be deposited	40.00
Final Total at time of report	1,711.73
Submitted by Lee Sly, N5SLY, on November 10, 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		71.22	71.22
October		64.22	64.22
November		9.22	9.22
December			0.00
Balance	10.00	790.22	802.86
Gift Purchases			850.38
Ending Balance			-47.52

Grayson County ARC Budget Items Calendar Year 2021	Budget	Actual
Operating Events		
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	0.00
Light Blub QSO Party	50.00	0.00
Witches Around The World	50.00	0.00
Operating Events Total	350.00	0.00
QSL Management /Administrative/Finance		
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
QSL Management /Administrative/Finance Total	299.00	556.21
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	1,370.61
Approved Budget Balance		148.39
* Budget approved at club meeting on January 19, 2021		
** Approved at club meeting on March 16, 2021		



Newsletter Editor Message – James – KW5CW

There will be no QSL managers message in this edition... so instead, here's a message from me.

First thing, I must apologize to all for this late November edition. There were some things out of my control that could not be helped, but finally it's out!

The year 2021 is finally winding down. It's been a long year and a great year for the club, and obviously it was so much better than 2020. Covid made the year 2020 a year that everyone wants to forget, but then reality sets in, and you realize that the world has changed and never will be the same again.

Businesses permanently closed and millions of people lost their jobs. Many restaurants closed permanently and the retail industry is now just starting to come back in full swing. But whatever was lost will take many years to gain back. Some of it will never come back. What's interesting is that the stock markets came back in full swing in record time, but now with the advent of the newest strain of coronavirus, Omicron, that originated in Africa just recently, the stock market has been tumbling once again. Presently, several cases of Omicron has just been identified in the U.S. With open travel to and from other countries, getting cases with the new strain called Omicron, was inevitable. This should alert everyone to take every precaution to stay safe.

As the saying goes, "It is what it is." But for me, I'm pretty happy with how things turned out for me in 2021. I'm known as a procrastinator sad to say and this newsletter is just one example, but at least there are a few things I've done for myself that really are working for me. First and foremost, I didn't procrastinate getting the Anti-Virus shots when they were available for me. I received 3 doses of the Covid 19 shots. The most recent was the booster shot, received on November 11th of this year. Being a high-risk individual at my age, it was smart to get the doses so that my chances of catching the virus are slim next to none. My opinion... WHY NOT GET THE SHOT? You are not going to die from taking it. If anything, it will keep you alive. Protect the people that you love. But for whatever reason, people still refuse to take it. If I manage to still catch the virus because of the new strain from Africa, I most likely will not even see a hospital. I've had the ability to once again see my family, not stuck at home to hibernate and enjoying life again. Some of us have been extremely lucky by not getting the shot and still enjoy good health. I am happy for them, but they must know that their luck can run out and like I've said "It is what it is" and if you're not really lucky, 2022 may be a bad year for you.

Back to the radio front and thanks to POTA (Parks-On-The-Air), I've had a super year of CW activity, a mode of operation that I cherish the most. My personal main operational goal at these parks is to earn an award called the "KILO" which is achieved when 1000 contacts are made from any specific park. I'm actually doing better than I ever would have imagined. Presently, I have 3 Kilo's and credit for a 4th now on the way. In addition, two other parks are well on their way of gaining KILO status for me, and my goal is to get the award for these two parks by the end of December. I have achieved making many of the contacts with QRP under 10 watts, but usually run around 20 watts, which technically is not considered QRP, but with the Wolf River Coil that I use, I never seem to need much more power. That little crazy vertical is what I will use at our next Winter Field Day.



NEWSLETTER EDITOR MESSAGE continued...

I love to set goals, and what's great is when I achieve them. What's especially neat about these POTA activities is that the 'activators' work from the parks, not from home. That has given me many opportunities to get away from home, take in the fresh air, operate until my heart's content, without the worry of having my HOA send me notices about antennas that I may have in my back yard that the association doesn't approve of. I get to practice emergency communications on a daily basis, as my station at the park is completely portable and self-contained. I demonstrated the radio go-kit at the October regular club meeting. I've operated from a few parks with a handful of club members present, also being an Elmer by supporting them as they too work from the park. Others come along just to witness all the fun. In the past, I used to be big into contesting, but no contest that I've ever worked in the past has been more gratifying to me than POTA operations. It's for that reason that I have no immediate plans to work another regular contest. With POTA, in a sense I make my own contest, when I want to run it, whether I plan it in advance or just in the spur of the moment. Just to throw you off for a moment, it's really not a contest. So, you can run POTA on any of the Amateur Radio bands, including the WARC bands. And when I say at the spur of the moment, sometimes I decide at the last minute to run a POTA activation, and don't even setup an activation on the POTA website until I'm at the park, ready to operate after setting up. I'll set up the activation, then spot myself on the POTA website, and Walla. In less than 60 seconds, stations start calling me as if I was running a station during Field Day or a station participating in a DX-pedition and it goes on for hours. I'll most likely make anywhere between 100 to 150 contacts in just a few hours, either on CW or SSB, a much better average than any field day I have operated in the past.

I must also take this opportunity to thank all the officers for their dedication to the club while performing their free service as an officer and thank Ron in his role as President, Jim as his backup as Vice-President, Ricky, on his easy-to-read, detailed Secretary reports and last but not least, Lee, who has done a terrific job as Treasurer, QSL manager, and Special Events Coordinator. He has held more positions with the club than anyone, including President and Vice-President. What's awesome is that these guys have elected to do it all over again in different officer roles except for Lee, who is dealing with term limits so he was unable to run this year. Instead, our President, Ron-WX5A will now be the club Treasurer. Our Vice-President Jim Shilet - KI5BMN has stepped up to be the 2022 President of the GCARC, and our newest officer – David Darcey-KF5LKG will be the Secretary replacing Ricky Jessen – KG5FDT who stepped up again, this time to be the Vice President. Congratulations to everyone.

On a slightly different topic, this coming Sunday I will be net control for our 2-meter net. **The topic in advance will be what your goals were in Amateur Radio 2021 and what you achieved. Do you make New Year's resolutions and is any part of your resolution have anything to do with amateur radio?** Like I said, 2021 has been a good year for me with Amateur Radio. How about you? You have a few days to think about this topic and I hope you attend the Information Net this coming Sunday on December 5th.

Don't forget to attend the upcoming Christmas party which happens on December 21st. At the Christmas party, there will be some great prizes that will be raffled off in the evening. The Grand Prize will be an Icom-5100A, which is a deluxe, top of the line Dual band, 2 meter/70cm radio. The second prize is an Icom-V80 HT. The third prize is a Tram 1480 dual band base antenna, and the fourth prize will be a 150 piece of a 15,30,45-amp Anderson power-pole kit in a case. The prizes rate up there like you would find at a hamfest. And that's not all. There will be a bunch of other stuff and a lot of free things to give away as well. So, every member of the GCARC owes it to themselves to attend the Christmas Party. It will be lots of fun, with music and lots of food. A soda beverage you choose for the dinner will be complements of the GCARC.



NEWSLETTER EDITOR MESSAGE continued...

I almost forgot to mention that there may not be a newsletter published in December, but the final decision rests with the club officers. There will be no meeting in December because of the Christmas Party, so there will not be a new Secretary report or Treasury Report available or QSL manager's message. Maybe the December newsletter could be a combination or selection of articles sent in by the club members. If you would like to publish one of your articles in the newsletter, send it in. Now is your chance to be heard. Even if I just get a few articles, then I think it would be worthy to publish the newsletter, because all of us have a say in the GCARC. Even if a December newsletter is not published, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their participation in the club this year, and I wish everyone a Merry Christmas.

One last note. Most will agree that the GCARC website needs a new look. The new look will happen sometime before our first special event of 2022 which is Winter Field Day. I hope y'all like it!

Upcoming Club Events

Christmas Party – December 21, 2021

Winter Field Day – January 29-30, 2022
Place to be announced.

Next GCARC Club meeting – January 18, 2022

NEXT Amateur Radio Testing in Sherman is February 3, 2022

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:

Ron Witherington, WX5A,

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or at 214-394-7950. Call first!



Results of Summer Field Day June 26-27 2021

FINALLY IN!!

The results of the 2021 Summer Field Day have now been published in the December 2021 QST. Why does it take so long to publish if that is the #1 contest of the ARRL each year? Yes, it takes almost 6 months to get the scores published. Who knows why, but the good news is that the club had its best score ever, coming in 3rd place in class 3A with the best scores ever for the GCARC. Below is a section of page 4 of the 2021 Summer Field Day Results. It was a tight race from 3rd place, our position with 3,708 points, and 4th place, the Drake ARC with 3,702 points, a 6-point difference. With that said, the club would have needed almost 2,000 more points to top the 1st place scorer for 2021. What's cool is that I believe that the club has what it takes to excel even further than we have this year. Maybe more serious planning regarding operations, and what it would take to make all the extra points we possibly could get. Here is what you see in the QST Field Day article...

3A COMMERCIAL

#1 > Splitrock ARA

N2XP 1,243 2 20 5,640 NNJ

#2> Seneca RC

W8ID (+W8IES)

1,209 2 41 5,052 OH

#3> Grayson Co. ARC

K5GCC 822 2 22 3,708 NTX

#4> Drake ARC

K8UU 849 2 7 3,702 OH

#5> High Point ARC

W4UA (+N4TLC)

844 2 26 3,514 NC



Recent POTA Awards Earned by K5GCC

One of the neat benefits working POTA is that there is a treasure trove of certificates that can be earned as an activator or hunter. If you need lots of wallpaper for your shack, then POTA is where you can get it.

The latest 4 certificates have been credited to the GCARC club call - K5GCC.

#1 – Platinum Certificate 'Activator' states that the Grayson County ARC has submitted proof of activating 40 unique reference areas in the Parks on the Air program, which is a certificate of recognition of this achievement.







The certificate features a background of a night sky with the Milky Way galaxy and silhouettes of desert rocks and a Joshua tree. In the top left corner is the POTA logo, which consists of a circular emblem with a tree and the text 'POTA PARKS ON THE AIR'. Below the logo is the text 'Hunter Award'. The main text of the certificate reads: 'That Grayson County ARC K5GCC has submitted proof of having 100 QSOs from any POTA entity between 00:00z and 12:00z.' The word 'late shift' is written in large, white, lowercase letters across the middle of the certificate. At the bottom left, there is a signature of Jason Johnston and the text 'Jason Johnston, W3AAX, POTA Coordinator'. At the bottom right, the date '05/25/2021' is written above the word 'Date'.


Hunter Award

That
**Grayson County ARC
K5GCC**
has submitted proof of
having 100 QSOs
from any POTA entity between
00:00z and 12:00z.

late shift


Jason Johnston, W3AAX, POTA Coordinator

05/25/2021
Date



Grayson County Amateur Radio Club General Info

Become a Member of the GCARC click here: <https://graysoncountyarc.org/membership/>

† 1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday GCARC Information Net Control Schedule: <https://graysoncountyarc.org/about-gcarc/net-control-schedule/>

1. Visit the GCARC Website www.graysoncountyarc.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 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.



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
Caps \$17
Jacket* sm to xl \$45





	Men/ Ldy	Qty	Ext
First Name _____ (as you want on clothing)			
Last _____			
Call _____			
Payment _____			
Make checks Payable to: GCARC			
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			

