



December 2021

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Events  
Coming Up

**First Operating  
Event 2022**

Winter Field Day  
January 29-30<sup>th</sup>

Doug's Hobby House

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

Dates/Net Control:

1-2 – KI5NUK

1-16 – KG5SKM

1-30 - Cancelled

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

**January Monthly  
Presentation**

**SKYWARN**

by

**ROY REED**

**AF5VA**

## Newsletter Editor's Message

There wasn't going to be a December Newsletter, therefore no presidents message, but at the last minute, I've decided to publish this newsletter and a message of my own.

The year 2021 was a great year for the club. Just as a recap, the club made a few milestones, especially when it came to operating events such as the ARRL Field Day and all club events in 2021. Covid just did not stop us. We were generously given the meeting room located at Mariachi's Mexican Restaurant each month that allowed us to hold our monthly meetings without fail. It was only because of the deep freeze disaster in February 2021 that we did not have a club meeting for every month in 2021. We just couldn't get there because of road conditions and the freeze, and the loss of power and water that many of us experienced.

We always celebrate our Christmas party in December in place of the regular meeting, but with the zeal of our President, he could not help but actually call his last meeting as President to order right in the middle of the Christmas party. Why?

Of course, it was for good reason. One of our members, namely Lee Sly – N5SLY was voted on at the Christmas party at a special formal session of a club meeting for Lee to receive GCARC's highest and most respected award - lifetime member of the Grayson County Amateur Radio Club. The club voted unanimously to make Lee a lifetime member. The special session lasted less than 5 minutes. Lee always rises to the task. He's been president for multiple years, vice-president and also assuming the role of president when he had to step up one year when a current president stepped down, and in 2021 finally serving his 2<sup>nd</sup> term as Treasurer. He provides a QSL manager's message for the newsletter every month and handles ALL QSL cards coming in the PO Box. Not even personal hardships with losses in his immediate family stopped Lee from attending meetings and performing his role as an officer. Lee never gripes about anything. He truly represents the life blood of a great amateur radio operator, and to be honest, I can't find the words to truly say how much he means to the club. We are lucky to have him amongst us.

Other people in the club stepped up this year. I am grateful and the rest of the 2021/2022 Club officers are grateful. Now let's get behind our new president – James Shiplet – KI5BMN to begin another fantastic year in the GCARC. See you at the first meeting in 2022 – January 18. Happy New Year to ALL! - James – KW5CW

*Contact a Club Officer*

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**Grayson County ARC July Monthly Meeting Minutes December 21, 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

**Christmas Party at Mariachi's****Business meeting called to order**

- President WX5A called meeting to order 7:15 pm at Mariachi's restaurant.

**25 Members**

N5SLY, AF5VA, KW5CW, KF5LKG, KG5FDT, KI5IPH, KI5NUI, KI5BMN, WX5A, KG5GMA, KG5KPR, KB5TMU, KI5NUK, KG5SKM, WW5GRW, KG5ZXO, KF5XBP, KI5NUO, KG5QPI, KG5HQV, KF5IPP, KI5NUJ, KB5HPN, KF5JUO, KF5DAS

**New Business**

- Ron WX5A brought a motion from the board to award Lee Sly N5SLY Lifetime Membership to the GCARC.
  - o Vote was unanimous.

**Business meeting Adjourned**

- Adjourned approx. 7:30.

**Resumed Christmas Party**

73's everyone and Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and God Bless...



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

Grayson County ARC - Treasurers Report	Amount
December 2021	
<b>Beginning Bank Balance</b>	<b>1,651.73</b>
<b>Income - Note PayPal payments don't include fees</b>	
Donations from Eisenhower SE QSL cards	40.00
50-50 Raffle Christmas Gift Fund from November meeting	51.00
Donation - Glen Willie - WW5GRW - Cash	5.00
Donation - Glen, N5LDO, Paypal	9.22
New membership – Robert Bytheway, K3DIO – PayPal	18.81
Renewal membership FAM – Dustin Logan, KG5HQV – PayPal	28.46
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>152.49</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Christmas Party – Check 132	60.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>60.00</b>
<b>Ending Bank Balance</b>	<b>1744.22</b>
<b>Cash on hand</b>	<b>20.00</b>
<b>Total cash on hand</b>	<b>20.00</b>
<b>Checks &amp; other funds to be deposited</b>	
Donations from Eisenhower SE QSL cards	2.00
Membership Renewal – Marvin, KG5GMA – Cash	20.00
<b>Total Checks &amp; other funds to be deposited</b>	<b>22.00</b>
<b>Final Total at time of report</b>	<b>1,786.22</b>
Submitted by Lee Sly, N5SLY, on December 21, 2021	

50 - 50 Raffle Christmas Gift Fund	Cash on	Deposit to	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		64.22	64.22
November	-10.00	70.22	60.22
December		9.22	9.22
<b>Balance</b>		<b>860.44</b>	<b>863.08</b>
<b>Gift Purchases</b>			<b>850.38</b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>0.00</b>		<b>12.70</b>

Grayson County ARC Budget Items Calendar Year 2021	Budget Amount	Actual Expenses
<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	0.00
<b>Light Blub QSO Party</b>	50.00	0.00
<b>Witches Around The World</b>	50.00	0.00
<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 – November 2021	30.00	43.36
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>562.40</b>
<b>Christmas Party</b>		
Christmas Party Expenses	150.00	60.00
<b>Christmas Party Total</b>	<b>150.00</b>	<b>60.00</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>1,436.80</b>
<b>Approved Budget Balance</b>		<b>82.20</b>
* Budget approved at club meeting on January 19, 2021		
** Approved at club meeting on March 16, 2021		



## The 2021 GCARC CHRISTMAS PARTY RECAP

By James – KW5CW

There wasn't going to be a December newsletter for 2021 because I didn't have much material for it, but since we did have a formal meeting at the Christmas Party for the month of December, it's only proper to have one, especially because the reason why the formal meeting occurred was to do something special for one of our members.

The party was great, as at least half of the club showed up. There were prizes raffled off and everyone had a great time. For the past 2 years we have had major prizes raffled away during the party, and it was a fun evening. The food as usual was fantastic at our Christmas party gathering at Mariachi's Mexican restaurant.

Then something happened that I believe never happened at a previous Christmas party event. Some of this information mentioned in this article has already been stated before. But I believe that it is important not to miss.

The shortest formal monthly club meeting session in club history took place, under 5 minutes, chaired by our outgoing president – Ron – WX5A. But what occurred that prompted that mini formal session?

If you haven't heard by now, one of our members who has donated so much of his time as an officer whom rarely if ever missed a club meeting, was honored with the club's highest and most special award - lifetime membership.

The nomination to have Lee Sly – N5SLY nominated and confirmed as a lifetime member was a given. I frankly, no pun intended, really didn't understand why it wasn't done sooner. In every respect, and for anyone who knows Lee, could have stated years ago that someday Lee would be given this highest honor of the GCARC.

You might ask why Lee deserves such an award. I can only state some of the reasons since 2015 when I joined the club. At the time, Lee was president of the GCARC. That year, he was also vice-president. Are you confused? Of course. But Lee took up the reins of president when the acting president stepped down in March of 2015 and Lee stepped up, just like he always does. Trever Reed – KG5BFI became his vice-president. Lee was also president in 2016. I served with him as his vice-president. For a good part of 2015 while I was his vice-president, I was in bad health and missed most of the meetings that year. But Lee managed to keep things going even though his backup (yours truly) wasn't there.

Lee served as an officer for many years in this club. Heck, I'd have to go back and look to find out what position came first or in which order. All I can say is that Lee was always there, and you could always depend on him to fill a void, especially when it came to the officers. He was and still is there to mentor anyone, especially when it comes to operating special events or work POTA or digital operations.

Lee then picked up my tail two years ago when I stepped down from being the Treasurer of the GCARC. Lee stepped right in, and took it for two years. He was willing to even take it for a third term as there was a provision in the Articles of the Constitution that says he could do so if no one else wanted the job.

Thanks to our president - Ron-WX5A who said he would do the job, Lee was able to step down.



You still might ask yourself why Lee for Life Membership. Other members have become president, or vice-president, or treasurer. But Lee served the club in all of those positions and in a few of them, multiple times.

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Lee had provided a few of the great presentations we have at our club meetings each month over the years. If there wasn't one scheduled, Lee would come up with a topic of interest and put on a presentation and at times with almost no notice at all. Again, to make things simple. Lee is always there.

Lee has served and continues to serve as QSL manager for the club. He has organized every special event that the club ever had since I can remember since 2015. He always provides me articles for the newsletter, and puts a lot of thought into what he writes. He updates the GCARC Facebook page frequently.

On a personal note, Lee has done something special that has seriously changed my life while in retirement. He introduced me into POTA along with Ron who also encouraged me. Now in retirement, not a day goes by that I try and be out there at a POTA event. Every day for me is like a Field Day, but POTA is even better than Field Day. Thank you Lee. When this newsletter is finally published, you know where I'm going.

So, if there ever was anyone that proved his induction into the ranks of lifetime membership, deserving that would be Lee.

For every member of the club, I would like to congratulate Lee for his excellent job and for just being Lee.

Thank you again Lee.



More Pictures from the Christmas Party Celebration







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						

**Winter Field Day – January 29-30, 2022****Location: Doug's Hobby House – Whitesboro, TX.****Next GCARC Club meeting – January 18, 2022****Presentation: SKYWARN by Roy Reed – AF5VA****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:

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or at 214-394-7950. Call first!





The 2022 Winter Field Day Event is already here. It is the first operating event of the year. The officers have decided to hold the event at Doug Hotelén's Hobby House, located in Whitesboro, Texas. This is the third Winter Field Day that the club has held as a GCARC event. Doug has graciously given his Hobby House for use at a club event yet again. Thank you, Doug!

Doug asks that if you attend, that you practice social distancing inside the Hobby House, especially if someone is there that you know has not received the vaccine. Bring a mask if you have one, of course it is not mandatory to wear one. Take the precaution to help others stay safe in this time of Covid. The new variant called 'OMICRON' is easier to catch if you don't have the vaccine, more than any variant in the past.

This year the plans are to run with 3 transmitters maximum at any given instant. That doesn't mean that you cannot participate, because you can also bring your radio if you want to operate it at the Winter Field Day event. Just so long only 3 transmitters are operating at any given instant, it doesn't matter how many people bring a radio. The class of operation this year will be 3I, the letter I standing for INDOORS. The ARRL section to be used is NTX, even though this is not an ARRL operating event.

So, the exchange is 3I NTX. An exchange can be... "This is K5GCC. My exchange is 3I North Texas."

Let's welcome in the new year with a successful Winter Field Day!



# 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](http://www.graysoncountyarc.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.



**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

		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				
<b>Total</b>				

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

Last \_\_\_\_\_

Call \_\_\_\_\_

Payment \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks Payable to: GCARC

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