



GRAYSON COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB



Having Fun with Amateur Radio

GRAYSON CO. TEXAS USA

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Events Coming Up

First Operating Event 2022

Winter Field Day
January 29-30th

Doug's Hobby House

1st, 3rd and 5th
Sunday Nets

Dates/Net Control:
1-30 CANCL'D - WFD

2-6 – KI5BMN

2-20 – KW5CW

Time: 8:00 PM Local
Repeater: 147.000+

Next Regular Club
Monthly Meeting

Date: February 15, 2022

Time: 7:00-8:45 PM

Location

Mariachi's Mexican
Restaurant

February Monthly Presentation

ARES and RACES

by
Wade Graves
KF5AUD
Rick Simmons
K5ECX

PRESIDENT'S QSO

Howdy, and welcome to the new year. The club had a really great year in 2021 and that would not be possible without the leadership of Ron Witherington, WX5A and the officers who served and assisted, as well as the club members for their time, financial and intellectual contributions. When Glen Davis, N5LDO became president, his main goal for the club was to "have fun with Ham Radio" and we had a lot of fun. Ron continued with that thought and we had a lot of fun in 2021 as well and set new club records. I want us to have (even more) fun with Ham Radio this year. Our first event is Winter Field Day, January 29-30 at Doug's Hobby House this year. We did really well last year and there is nothing I would like more than to surpass our accomplishments of 2021 (our best year ever) Winter Field Day and all our 2022 events. All the plans are in place, and we are set up to make it happen!

According to Lee Sly-N5SLY, our Goals for this year's Winter Field Day are.

1. Make 200+ phone contacts during WFD (last year we made 157)
2. Make 100+ CW contacts during WFD (last year we made 107)
3. Make 150+ digital contacts during WFD (last year we made 140)
4. Operate the radios on battery power the whole time. We get 500 Bonus points for this.

The Covid exception rules still apply this year so if club members want to operate from home they can do so and have their score added to the clubs. Last year James and Lee did this. I know time is short, but find someone who can make a Satellite contact...we can make another 500 Bonus points if we do this.

I am honored to be your club president for 2022. I have an open-door policy so contact me via cell phone/text at 903-818-2257 and via email at KI5BMN@gmail.com Please reach out to me or any board member anytime with any questions, comments, feedback or ideas. I look forward to seeing and working with everyone throughout the year!

James "Ship" Shiplet, KI5BMN
GCARC President - 2022

Contact a Club Officer

President: James Shiplet – KI5BMN – (president@graysoncountyarcc.org)

Vice President: Ricky Jessen – KG5FDT – (vp@graysoncountyarcc.org)

Secretary: David Darcy – (secretary@graysoncountyarcc.org)

Treasurer: Ron Witherington – WX5A – (treasurer@graysoncountyarcc.org)

Director at Large: James Frank KW5CW (directoratlarge@graysoncountyarcc.org)

License Trustee: Rick Simmons K5ECX (rr52s@yahoo.com)

Webmaster/Newsletter Editor: James Frank KW5CW (editor@graysoncountyarcc.org)

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

Grayson County ARC July Monthly Meeting Minutes January 18, 2022 - by Ricky – KG5FDT

Four officers were present:

James Shiplet - President - KI5BMN

Ricky Jessen - Vice President - KG5FDT

Ron Witherington – Treasury - WX5A

James Frank - Director at Large - KW5CW

Business meeting called to order.

- President KI5BMN called meeting to order 7:00 pm at Mariachi's restaurant with the Pledge of Allegiance.
- Reviewed club Goals and had round table introductions

15 Members + (1) non-Ham

N5SLY, AF5VA, KW5CW, KG5FDT, KI5IPH, KI5NUI, KI5BMN, WX5A, KG5GMA, KI5NUK, KG5SKM, KG5QPI, N5LDO, KG5SJY, KC5OLH.

Les Key (Member in waiting)

Presentation

- Roy AF5VA Weather and Spotting Tips.
 - Thank you, Roy, always a great presentation on all the Do's and Don'ts of spotting.

Minutes December 2021

- December 2021 minutes Approved
 - Motion Roy AF5VA, Seconded Marvin KG5GMA
 - Passed Unanimously

New Business

- 2022 Budget Presented by Board for discussion and vote. No seconded required.
 - Budget presented and explained line by line.
 - Passed Unanimously
- 50/50 Proposed Drawing Change
 - 50% to the Winner.
 - 50% to be divided 25%/25%
- 25% Christmas Party / 25% New Club Radio Fund
 - Motion brought to the floor.
- Motion: "The board to discuss the need of a new club radio, how to raise funds and make recommendations next meeting."
- Motion Glenn N5LDO, Seconded Roy AF5VA
- Passed Unanimously



GCARC Meeting Minutes (cont'd)**January 18, 2022**

- Lee Sly N5SLY reported on Special Events 2022
 - o Lee will reserve the W5I call sign for all events.
 - o Winter Field Day January 29-30 (More details later)
 - o Perrin Museum
 - o ARRL Field Day
 - o Red River Bridge War
 - o Eisenhower Birthday
 - o Summer Field Day
- Winter Field Day
 - o Doug's KG5QPI Hobby House - Whitesboro
 - o Set up 1/29, 0900 Hrs. / Teardown 1/30, 1300 Hrs.
 - o Food sign-up list passed out.
 - o (3) Radios; Club's, James KW5CW, and Ron WX5A
- License Class Ron WX5A
 - o February 3rd at CWL Seminar Room 3C.
- Club Inventory
 - o Club's inventory is stored at Glenn N5LDO's home.
 - o We soon will need to find a new location.

ARES News

- Face to Face Meeting
 - o February 1, Mariachi's restaurant
 - Meeting starts 7:00 pm, 6:00 if you want to eat.
- Winlink Wednesday KF5VO
- ARES training net Sunday January 23 @ 8:00.

Up-Coming Presentations

- February – Wade Graves and Rick Simmons
 - o AREA and RACES
- March – David Bodman KD4CLJ
 - o Hamshack Hotline
- April – Go Box/Solar Power, Show and tell.

Net Controls for 2022

Ja n	Net Control	Fe b	Net Control	Ma r	Net Control	Ap r	Net Control	Ma y	Net Control	Ju n	Net Control
2	KI5NUK	6	KI5BMN	6	AF5VA	3	N5LDO	1	KW5CW	5	WX5A
16	KG5SKM	20	KW5CW	20	KG5FDT	17	CXL	15	KI5NUI	19	CXL
3 0	CXL							29	CXL		
Jul	Net Control	Aug	Net Control	Sep	Net Control	Oct	Net Control	Nov	Net Control	Dec	Net Control
3	CXL	7	KG5FDT	5	CXL	2	AF5VA	6	KW5CW	4	WX5A
17	AF5VA	21	KI5NUK	18	KG5GMA	16	N5LDO	20	KG5FDT	18	KI5BMN
31	KG5SKM					30	CXL				



GCARC Meeting Minutes (cont'd)

January 18, 2022

Drawings

- James KW5CW won the Door prize
- Glenn N5LDO won the 50/50.
 - o Glenn graciously donated all back to the club.

Business meeting Adjourned


- Motion to Adjourn
 - o Andrew KG5SKM made motion, Roy AF5VA seconded.
 - o Unanimously passed o Adjourned approx. 8:45 pm

Minutes submitted by Ricky Jessen KG5FDT for current Secretary Dave KF5LKG.

73's everyone and God Bless...

Grayson County Amateur Radio Club Treasurer's Report – January 2022

Ron Witherington – WX5A

Grayson County ARC - Treasurers Report	Amount
January 2022	
Beginning Bank Balance	1,744.22
Income - Note PayPal payments don't include fees 	
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Donations from Eisenhower SE QSL cards	0.00
50-50 Raffle Christmas Gift Fund from December meeting	0.00
Donation - From Glen Davis - PayPal	9.22
New membership -	
Renewal membership – James Mathis - W5JM – PayPal	18.81
Renewal membership – Rick Simmons - K5ECX – PayPal	18.81
Renewal membership - Ricky Jesson - KG5FDT - PayPal	18.81
Renewal membership - Lynda Tuma - KF5JUO - PayPal	18.81
Renewal membership - James Frank - KW5CW - Paypal	18.81
Renewal membership - Glen Davis - N5LDO - Paypal	18.81
Total Income	122.08
Expenses	
Total Expenses	0.00
Ending Bank Balance	1866.30
Cash on hand	20.00
Total cash on hand	20.00
Checks & other funds to be deposited	
Donations from Eisenhower SE QSL cards	0.00
Membership Renewal	0.00
Total Checks & other funds to be deposited	0.00
Final Total at time of report	1,886.30
Submitted by Ron Witherington WX5A 1/13/2022	



Grayson County Amateur Radio Club
Budget / Christmas Fund / 50-50 Raffle Report
Ron Witherington – WX5A

Grayson County ARC Budget Items Calendar Year 2022	Budget Amount	Actual Expenses
Operating Events		
Winter Field Day	50.00	
Food, Drinks & Supplies		
Perrin Field Museum Special Event	50.00	
Food, Drinks & Supplies		
ARRL Field Day	50.00	
Food, Drinks & Supplies		
Red River Bridge War Special Event	50.00	
Food, Drinks & Supplies		
Eisenhower Birthday Special Event	50.00	
Food, Drinks & Supplies		
Light Blub QSO Party	50.00	
Operating Events Total	300.00	0.00
QSL Management /Administrative/Finance		
PO Box Rental	140.00	
LOTW Awards	0.00	
PayPal Fees	50.00	7.92
WS Incoming Bureau	0.00	
ARRL Outgoing QSL Service	0.00	
QSL Management /Administrative/Finance Total	190.00	7.92
Christmas Party		
Christmas Party Expenses	150.00	
Christmas Party Total	150.00	
Equipment Hard/Soft		
Radios	120.00	
Antennas	0.00	
Accessories	0.00	
Web Site & Domain Renewal	24.00	
Equipment Hard/Soft Total	144.00	0.00
Total Budget Approved	784.00	7.92
Approved Budget Balance		776.08

50 - 50 Raffle Christmas Gift Fund	Cash on hand	Deposit to checking	Total
Beginning Balance	0.00	0.00	12.70
2022			
January			
February			
March			
April			
May			
June			
July			
August			
September			
October			
November			
December			
Balance		0.00	12.70
Gift Purchases			
Ending Balance	0.00		12.70



QSL Managers Message

This year the club will participate in 5 events during the year. Winter Field Day is the last full weekend in January and I for one am looking forward to having a good time making some contacts for the club over the weekend. Again, this year we will be at Doug's Hobby House for the event. A great place to set up our radios. Additional details are available in this Newsletter.

The club will also participate in ARRL Field Day the last full weekend in June. More information as it becomes available.

Again, this year the club will have 3 Special Events that we will be hosting. The Perrin Field Museum Special Event will be held from May 14, 0000z thru May 22, 2359z. We'll be using the W5P call sign during the SE.

The Red River Bridge War Special Event will be held from July 16, 0000z thru July 24, 2359z. We'll be using the W5R call sign during the SE.

The Eisenhower Birthday Special Event will be held from October 8, 0000z thru October 16, 2359z. We'll be using these 10 call signs...W5E, W5I, W5S, K5E, W5N, W5H, W5O, W5W, N5E, W5R.

Operators that contact all 10 stations will spell EISENHOWER and get a Clean Sweep. Last year no one got a Clean Sweep even though the club made many thousands of contacts during the event.

If you would like to participate in the Eisenhower Special Event and be assigned one of the 10 1X1 call signs let me know.

Just as in years past, our Special Events have only 2 rules...you must follow the band plan for the License you hold and you must send your log to me at the end of the event. Other than that, you are free to operate as much or a little as you like...you can use any band and use any mode during the event.

The most important thing is to have fun participating in the events. If you have any questions, please feel free to let me know. I'll be glad to help in any way I can.

73

Lee N5SLY





The weekend is here! Yes, it's time for Winter Field Day. The dates are January 29-30 (starting tomorrow) and will be held at Doug's Hobby House located at 1655 Hackleman road in Whitesboro, Texas. The complete rules can be found here at this link... https://www.winterfieldday.com/files/ugd/1c7085_0ef813621655469ca73adfb5427dcc35.pdf. Suggested Frequencies: (to make it easier to find each other) HF CW – 1810-1820, 3.530-3.550, 7.030-7.050, 14.035-14.055, 21.030-21.050, 28.030- 28.040 HF SSB – lowest 30 kHz of the US General Class Phone bands (160m-15m), 28.400- 28.425MHz (10m) 6m/VHF/UHF – adjacent to, but not on, nationally recognized simplex calling channels. Note: 60, 30, 17, and 12-meter bands are off-limits for ANY mode. Digital modes such as PSK31, RTTY, Olivia, Packet, SSTV, ATV and other soundcard modes qualify. **But FT8/FT4 does not qualify.** According to the rules, the releases of software available for FT4/FT8 will NOT do the WFD Exchange as it currently stands. JS8Call can be used, because it is far more robust in what it can send and receive. Again, detailed rules of the operating event can be found at the PDF listed above.

The weather is promising to be great. There will be plenty of food for all. Anyone in reach of this newsletter whether you are a member of the club or not is invited to attend. Personally, I will host 2 guests of my own, the first being my son Chris – K5KDE who has helped us in the past for our Summer Field Day event, and this year, I'll even get some help running CW with a POTA friend – K5SJC – Steve Chepey. I'm so looking forward to it. With Steve's help, the CW team should break all previous records concerning Winter Field Day at the CW position.

The club has really been successful when it holds events at Doug's Hobby House. There is plenty of room to put up antennas. There will be plenty of room to setup the stations. This year, the club will be running 3 stations, one for SSB, one for Digital and one for CW. The exchange the club will use is 3I, NTX. That's '3-eye, North Texas'. So obviously the club will make great use of the hobby house, and it will definitely come in handy if any kind of inclement weather decides to stop by.

Again, this is an open invitation, for any and all hams from anywhere to visit our event. Field day this year as in the past will commence at 1:00PM local time on Saturday, and end 24 hours later at 1:00PM on Sunday. Antennas will be put up on Saturday morning starting around 9AM, and a lunch will be served to everyone who happens to help with the setup, or plans to work a station, or just plans to be there to observe the GCARC in action. Lunch at noon, just prior to commencement of WFD. Dinner at 5PM – Saturday... Breakfast at 9AM on Sunday.

Directions: To get to the Winter Field Day site, take Rt 82 to Sadler 901 FM exit, go south down to Old Sherman Rd not too far from HW 56. Then Go east of Old Sherman Rd for about a mile. Turn left on Hackleman, and the hobby house is the second house on the right side. You will see a travel trailer and truck camper under a carport for a landmark.

Disclaimer: Doug asks that if you attend and since the event is indoors, 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. If you don't bring a mask, one can be provided for you.

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.

Note: If you don't bring a mask, one can be provided for you.



Events coming up to take note...

Winter Field Day – January 29-30, 2022 **(Starts Tomorrow at 1 PM Local)**

Location: Doug's Hobby House – Whitesboro, TX.

Next GCARC Club meeting – February 15, 2022

Presentation: ARES and RACES by Wade Graves – KF5AUD and Rick Simmons – K5ECX
(Come to the meeting and bring a friend)

NEXT Amateur Radio Testing in Sherman is February 3, 2022

NEXT THURSDAY

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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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-gcsrc/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





	Men/ Ldy	Qty	Ext
Polo Shirt* sm to xl			\$30
Camp Shirt* sm to xl			\$36
Caps			\$17
Jacket* sm to xl			\$45
Tactical Shirt sm M L XL			\$45
*Shirts/Jackets- (2x to 4x +\$5)			
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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