



# GRAYSON COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB



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## Events Coming Up

### Next Operating Event 2022

Perrin Field Special  
Event May 14  
thru May 22

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

Dates/Net Control:

4/3 – James – KI5BMN

4/17 -Cancelled

Time: 8:00 PM Local

Repeater: 147.000+

### Next Regular Club Monthly Meeting

Date: April 19, 2022

Time: 7:00-8:45 PM

### Location

Mariachi's Mexican  
Restaurant

### March Monthly Presentation

Go-Kits and Solar  
Show & Tell  
(bring your go-kit if  
you have one)



## PRESIDENT'S QSO

Howdy Fellow Hams!

We had an awesome turnout for our March meeting. The presentation was on Hamshack Hotline by KD4CLJ - David Bodman. Hamshack Hotline was developed to provide backup/backdoor comms for ARES-RACES etc. They are found in EOC's NWS offices, net control operator's stations, and now in ham-shacks across the US and in EU. The system uses older VoIP phones to connect to other hams. Several club members are interested in this and are in the process of buying used VoIP phones on the cheap. I believe it was Cliff Oglesby that found VoIP phones at the Sherman Goodwill for \$5.00 each. I bought most of my phones off Facebook marketplace and the max I have paid is \$25 for Cisco 525G color display.

In our March meeting the club voted to form special interest groups for various aspects of the hobby. The groups will be forming soon and several of you have approached me about leading a group. Some of the groups could be; Antenna, POTA, CW, Digital, DMR, Field Day, Building, etc. I have tasked James Frank-KW5CW to head this up.

Thanks to all members who attended the recent Skywarn training hosted by the NWS-FWD. I could only hear the presentation as I was having laptop issues. I'm sure that what was learned and reviewed during the class was used during our recent storms.

Our presentation for our April meeting will be a Go Box/Solar Power show-and-tell. Soooooooo.... bring yours to display and discuss. This will be a fun learning experience for all of us especially as the spring storms are upon us once again. If you have a small folding table to display items on please bring it.

Summer Field Day is fast approaching. It will be held once again at Pecan Grove West Park near 1417 and Lamberth Rd. in Sherman. Last year was a HUGE success for our Club as we came in third place for the number of points/contacts. Thanks to Ron-WX5A for securing the awesome location.

As 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](mailto: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 you and many new Hams at the April meeting

James "Ship" Shiplet, KI5BMN  
GCARC President – 2022

### Contact a Club Officer

President: James Shiplet – KI5BMN – ([president@graysoncountyarc.org](mailto:president@graysoncountyarc.org))

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***Grayson County ARC March Monthly Meeting Minutes March 15, 2022******by David Darcy – KF5LKG***

19:00 **President James Shiplet KI5BMN** welcomed everyone tonight and went right into the presentation program from David Bodman - KD4CLJ in Raymond, NH. on Zoom about Ham Shack Hotline. Basically, Ham Shack Hotline is a free VOIP internet phone system that has about 7000 users on it. It's being used by amateur radio operators and some EOCs as a backup phone system. It has an extensive website and helpdesk. Go to the Ground Wire link for figuring out which phone you want to buy and use. Amazon and eBay also sell the selected phones advised to be used. I know Cisco is the most popular phone that most use. Get ready to do lots of reading in how to use this system. David says they are getting about 20 new adds to the system a week. It is a free system and donations are accepted to keep the servers going. Also, if you are on a Broadband internet system out in the country it might not work, so be aware of that issue.

Our James Shiplet - KI5BMN has this at his house and said to contact him if anyone has questions. Andrew KG5SKM was able to show the club that he could link into the system using his very long foldable antenna on his HT. The presentation ended at 20:00 and James then went into the club business part. James asked for the minutes to be approved or discussed.

Roy AF5VA made the motion and Dorothy Anderson KD5TTV seconded it for voting approval, Club approved.

Treasurer's report was not reported on.

An around the floor introductions happened for those that were present. Which was : Lee N5SLY, Andrew KG5SKM, Roy AF5VA, Doug KI5QED, Tim Saffa KB5SSQ, Mike Whitten KI5IPH, VP - Ricky Jesson KG5FDT, Sec. -David Darcy KF5LKG, Glen Willie WW5GRW, David Anderson KD5KPR, Dorothy Anderson KD5TTV, Levent Kahveci KB5TMU, - Webmaster and Newsletter Editor and Dir at Large- James Frank KW5CW, Ralph Jerome KI5NUK, Marvin Schiavone KG5GMA, James Johnson KG5SIX, Michael Higgins, Madilyn Simmons, Glen Davis N5LDO, Rebecca Meals KI5RFY, Luellen Bassano KW5ABF, Cliff Oglesby KI5TVP, Grant Miller K5GHEM, Bill Pierce K5XBP, and of course our President James Shiplet KI5BMN (who did not sign in but we all knew he was there).

The April meeting will be about Go Kits and the / your Solar System so bring them. We have nothing planned for May so bring ideas. Mike Durbin K5MJD from the Fannin County Club will be here in June, so be ready for a great talk on Satellite Communications and Antennas/Tracking etc.

As of meeting night, Saturday March 26 Lee N5SLY is putting on and HF teaching event at the Eisenhower Birthplace and Ron WX5A has testing going on at the Grayson County College.

We received an EQL Certificate for 89 countries out in the field, it's not easy to use out in the field so we are moving over to Logbook of the World.

James Frank KW5CW made a motion that he wants to start the formation of Special Interest Groups within the club to get members more interested in what is going on that they may be interested doing. By doing this it brings members more together and communicating in doing things together than just seeing all of us once a month for a 2-hour meeting. Lee N5SLY seconded it and the club approved. Glen Davis N5LDO suggested putting it up on Facebook and Ham Club Online.

Ralph KI5NUK brought up that the club needs to make club cards so we can give them out to people who we meet to talk about our club more when meeting. Roy AF5VA says he has old ones the club made for the members, but things have changed on them since they were created.



Cliff Oglesby K5DCO (new vanity call) won the door prize which was a club patch.

Remember Ron WX5A (who was not there) used to say in past meetings to bring your stuff that you're not using anymore that can be good to give out as a door prize. Glen Davis N5LDO won the 50/50 prize.

Andrew KG5SKM at the last moment of the meeting asked what was going to happen to the old field day computer since we have a new one for field day events. It will be talked about at another meeting to get ideas what to do with it. Meeting ended at 20:40.

## **Grayson County Amateur Radio Club Treasurer's Report – March 2022**

### **Ron Witherington – WX5A**

Grayson County ARC - Treasurers Report	Amount
March 2022	
<b>Beginning Bank Balance</b>	<b>2,006.96</b>
<b>Income - Note PayPal payments don't include fees</b>	
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Donations from Eisenhower SE QSL cards	0.00
50-50 Raffle from February meeting	69.00
Donation - From Levent Kahveci - Cash	20.00
Donation - From Glen Willie - Cash	20.00
	0.00
Renewal membership – Glen Willie WW5GRW - KG5SJY - Check	20.00
Renewal membership – Tim Branam - N5SWG - Cash	20.00
Renewal membership - Michael Coffman - KI5NUI - Cash	20.00
New membership - Les Key - KI5TQK - PayPal	18.81
Renewal membership - Wade Graves - KF5AUD - PayPal	18.81
Renewal membership - Greg Stratton - KD0ZWV - PayPal	18.81
Renewal membership - Roy Reed - AF5VA - PayPal	28.46
Renewal membership - Rick Staples - WB5HVC - PayPal	18.81
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>272.70</b>
-	
<b>Expenses</b>	
Computer - Check #135	306.97
PayPal Fees	10.20
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>317.17</b>
<b>Ending Bank Balance</b>	<b>1962.49</b>



**Grayson County Amateur Radio Club Treasurer's Report – March 2022 - continued**

Cash on hand	20.00
<b>Total cash on hand</b>	<b>20.00</b>
-	
<b>Checks &amp; other funds to be deposited</b>	
<b>Total Checks &amp; other funds to be deposited</b>	<b>0.00</b>
-	
<b>1,982</b>	<b>1,982.49</b>
Submitted by Ron Witherington WX5A 3/8/2022	

Grayson County ARC Budget Items Calendar Year 2022	Budget Amount	Actual Expenses
<b>Operating Events</b>		
<b>Winter Field Day</b>	50.00	0.00
Food, Drinks & Supplies		
<b>Perrin Field Museum Special Event</b>	50.00	
Food, Drinks & Supplies		
<b>ARRL Field Day</b>	50.00	
Food, Drinks & Supplies		
<b>Red River Bridge War Special Event</b>	50.00	
Food, Drinks & Supplies		
<b>Eisenhower Birthday Special Event</b>	50.00	
Food, Drinks & Supplies		
<b>Light Bulb QSO Party</b>	50.00	
<b>Operating Events Total</b>	<b>300.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>



QSL Management /Administrative/Finance		
PO Box Rental	140.00	156.00
LOTW Awards	0.00	
PayPal Fees	50.00	19.76
WS Incoming Bureau	0.00	
ARRL Outgoing QSL Service	0.00	
<b>QSL Management /Administrative/Finance Total</b>	<b>190.00</b>	<b>175.76</b>
Christmas Party		
Christmas Party Expenses	150.00	
<b>Christmas Party Total</b>	<b>150.00</b>	
Equipment Hard/Soft		
Radios	120.00	
Antennas	0.00	
Accessories (New Computer)	350.00	306.97
Web Site & Domain Renewal	24.00	24.34
<b>Equipment Hard/Soft Total</b>	<b>494.00</b>	<b>331.31</b>
<b>Total Budget Approved</b>	<b>1,134.00</b>	<b>507.07</b>
<b>Approved Budget Balance</b>		626.93
Budget approved 1/18/2022		

50 - 50 Raffle Christmas Gift Fund	Cash on hand	Deposit to checking	Total
<b>Beginning Balance</b>	<b>0.00</b>	0.00	<b>12.70</b>
2022			
January	0.00	30.00	30.00
February	0.00	46.00	46.00
March			
April			
May			
June			
July			
August			
September			
October			
November			
December			
<b>Balance</b>		76.00	88.70
<b>Gift Purchases</b>			
<b>Ending Balance</b>	0.00		<b>88.70</b>



## ***GCARC Special Interest Groups Are Forming***

By James – KW5CW

The GCARC voted on and unanimously approved the formation of Special Interest Groups within the Club. The idea and motion were made by me to form these groups. Since it was my idea, I was given the task to find members interested in these groups to participate in the groups of their choice. Interested members of the club would contact me by email using the address of [GCARCFUN@graysoncountyarcs.org](mailto:GCARCFUN@graysoncountyarcs.org). To date, several members of the club have expressed interest in a specific group or groups of their interest. If you haven't responded yet, you can at any time.

A few members have contacted me that they would like to be in one of the groups I indicated that members can join. It is the ARES/RACES/SKYWARN Group. All GCARC officers agree at this time that the GCARC will not form a separate ARES/RACES/SKYWARN group. Just to be clear, if it were to be formed, it would be only for recognition of ARES, RACES, or SKYWARN members, and would not be a functional group. But as requested by ARES/RACES/SKYWARN leadership, the GCARC group will not be formed.

All members of the GCARC received a separate email from me asking if they would like to be part of any group. As stated at the beginning of this note, several people have responded, and by Sunday, April 10, I will notify each member that showed interest in a specific group, who is in each of the groups that you have chosen. As people send me a notification indicating to me that they are interested in a specific group, I will send all members already in that group an email stating who is now interested in joining their group.

Again, thank you to everyone who has decided to participate in a GCARC group. More details to come.

## ***The PERRIN FIELD Special Event – 1<sup>st</sup> of 3 Special Events of 2022***

***May 14<sup>th</sup> through May 22<sup>nd</sup>***

As mentioned in the February newsletter, the First GCARC Special Event of the year is 'Perrin Field' for continued awareness of upcoming events. The club is still organizing a possible on-site event that can happen at the Perrin Field on Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>. It's never too soon to make notice to future special events because the days seem to just fly by. The club has participated in the event on-site in the past and it's a really fun operating event, using the call W5I. This year if there is participation on-site, the mode of operation can be any of the voice modes. There will be no CW participation on-site this year, but there will be CW contacts made away from Perrin Field throughout the week. Besides operating from home, some of the club members may be operating from one of the Parks running POTA while promoting the Perrin Field Special Event. The final two special events that the club participates in each year is 'The Red River Bridge War Special Event' and 'The Eisenhower Special Event'.

In the past, the club operated at Perrin Field right from inside the museum. The downfall to having it within the museum is that the operating hours of the museum are from 9AM to 4PM, which doesn't give the club much time to set up antennas, operate and then completely tear-down by 4PM. But this year it may be possible that the club operate the special event station from the Civil Air Patrol hanger which may allow the club to stay past 4PM. In question would be the land available to setup antennas. But for the next week up to May 22<sup>nd</sup>, participants in the event can operate from home, a park, or wherever they decide to operate and promote the Perrin Field Special Event. People who are part of the GCARC Special Events group will especially be kept informed as to the status of on-site operation for the Perrin Field Special Operating Event. Each year, there seems to be more interest in the club special events. Why, you may ask. The answer is "FUN".





## *Monthly 'Ham Station of the Month'*

The monthly 'Ham Station of the Month' has been a past feature of the GCARC Newsletter. If you are interested in showing-off your Hamshack and/or your antenna system in an upcoming GCARC Newsletter, then just send a couple pictures and maybe a short bio of your station. Your station and bio would be published in the next newsletter. You can send this information by email at [GCARCFUN@graysoncountyarcs.org](mailto:GCARCFUN@graysoncountyarcs.org).

## *Paying Yearly Dues*

Just as a reminder, you can renew your yearly dues at <http://hamclubonline.com>. At that URL, you will find the amateur radio management system that can be used to pay your dues to the GCARC. Yearly dues are good for 365 days from the day that you sign up.

## *ARRL News / New FCC Application Fee Will Not Apply to Amateur Radio License Upgrades*

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) staff has clarified in response to an ARRL request **that the new \$35 application fee will not apply to most license modifications**, including those to upgrade an Amateur Radio Licensee's operator class and changes to club station trustees. The FCC staff explained that the new fees will apply only to applications for a new license, renewal, rule waiver, or a new vanity call sign. As previously announced, the **new fees take effect on April 19, 2022**.

"We are pleased that the FCC will not charge licensees the FCC application fee for license upgrade applications," said ARRL Volunteer Examiner Coordinator (VEC) Manager Maria Somma, AB1FM.

"While applicants for a new license will need to pay the \$35 FCC application fee, there will be no FCC charge for future upgrades and administrative updates such as a change of mailing or email address. Most current licensees therefore will not be charged the new FCC application fee until they renew their license or apply for a new vanity call sign."

The ARRL previously reported that the new \$35 application fee for Amateur Radio licenses will become effective on April 19, 2022.

**NOTE: Besides the new \$35 application fee for an Amateur Radio license, people that take any amateur radio exam will be charged an addition of \$7 for the fee to take the test from the W5YI test team or \$15 from the ARRL test team. When an email is received from the FCC, you will have 7 days to send in your \$35 directly to the FCC or your application will then be invalid.**



*New GCARC Members*

Welcome Jerry -KC5YRC and Patty Hamon -KD5BLI to the Club

**NEXT Amateur Radio Testing in Sherman is April 7, 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,

[rwitherington@verizon.net](mailto:rwitherington@verizon.net) or at (214) 394-7950. Call first!





# EMORY HAMFEST APRIL 23



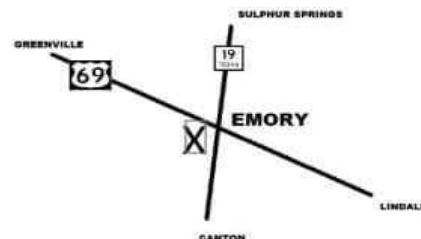
HALFWAY BETWEEN CANTON AND SULPHUR SPRINGS!

HALFWAY BETWEEN LAKE TAWAKONI AND LAKE FORK!

ONE HOUR EAST OF DALLAS AT THE CROSSROADS OF EAST TEXAS



## RAINS COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS IN EMORY TEXAS



**At the southwest corner of US 69 and TX 19**

Admission \$5 donation – RAIN OR SHINE – SATURDAY APRIL 23<sup>RD</sup> FROM 7AM TO ?? Talk-in 146.92 (-.600 PL 88.5) ~40K SQ FT OF COVERED SPACE– First come first served. Bring Your Own Table and Chairs. Overnight camping available Friday Night

**BRING YOUR OLD STUFF – GO HOME WITH YOUR NEW STUFF!**

50/50 PRIZE DRAWING AT 10:30AM (must be present) First ticket is \$5. Extra Tickets \$1 each, 8 for \$5, 20 for \$10  
9:00 AM – VE Testing (If still testing at 10:30, you are present for the drawing)

When you're done hamfesting, hit the lakes: Stripers and Crappie on Lake Tawakoni, Largemouth Bass on Lake Fork!

Please abide by this common sense Covid policy for the Hamfest:

1. Masks and social distancing are strongly recommended. RARA, ARRL, Rains County Fair, Rains County, and its members and residents are not responsible for your health, well being, or property. YOU ARE!
2. Check in with a RARA representative at the check-in table before setting up.
3. Hand sanitizer will be available at the check-in table
4. Money can be dirty, but it's still the legal tender. Bring a lot of it with you to take advantage of the deals. ATM available next door at the Valero station and the bank across the street.
5. Your admission donation will help pay rent for the venue and is appreciated.

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### *April Club Presentation on Go Box/Solar Power*

The topic of the April presentation at the GCARC club meeting will be about Go-Boxes and Solar Power. If you have a go box or a Solar Power setup that you would like to share with others at the GCARC meeting in April, please bring it along. Last year, James – KW5CW demonstrated his main go-kit used at POTA outings at a prior meeting last year. He presently has a bicycle that he uses to run CW while riding through a park. He may show his bike at a future club presentation. In prior demonstrations of Go-Boxes, club members Doug Hotalen – KG5QPI and Andrew Bentley – KG5SKM brought along their goods to show off at the club as did others that I can't remember who they all were.

#### Definition of a Radio Go-Kit:

A Communications Go-Kit (or Radio-Ready-Kit) is **made up of a portable "Amateur radio" station and assorted personal gear that can quickly be assembled to respond to a "Call To Service"**. Check out the pictures below of Go-kits...





# 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>

Donate

Be our HERO - and Click here to Donate to GCARC Club

## 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

Prices plus shipping and all items have K5GCC Club Logo, your Call and first name embroidered



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	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			
Total			

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

Last \_\_\_\_\_

Call \_\_\_\_\_

Payment \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks Payable to: GCARC

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