



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

1st and 3rd

Sunday Nets

Dates/Net Control:

5/1 – James – KW5CW

5/15 – Mike – KI5NUI

5/29 - Cancelled

Time: 8:00 PM Local

Repeater: 147.000+

Next Regular Club

Monthly Meeting

Date: May 17, 2022

Time: 7:00-8:45 PM

Location

Mariachi's Mexican
Restaurant

May Monthly Presentation

Perrin Field
Special Event
by
Lee – N5SLY



PRESIDENT'S QSO

Howdy Fellow Hams!

The Perrin Air Force Museum Special Event begins May 14th 0000z through May 22nd 2359z, 2022. Our modes of operation will be CW, Phone and Digital with bands of operation as follows: 80 - 60 - 40 - 30 - 20 - 17- 15 - 12 - 10- 6 -2. The club will be operating this Special Event for the entire week. Please join us as we salute the men and women who served at Perrin Field from 1941 – 1971. Lee Sly will be our speaker for our May meeting and will give the history of the airbase and the intricate part it played in WWII.

As stated before, the club has voted to form special interest groups for various aspects of the hobby. Currently the POTA and the Antenna Groups are getting active. Jim McGlynn K5QOI and Cliff Oglesby K5DCO are leading the antenna group. Lee Sly K5SLY leading the POTA Voice group and James Frank KW5CW is leading the POTA CW group. I will be the lead for the Solar/Emergency Power group and hope to announce a meeting location and time next week. The Antenna Group's 1st meeting will be May 3rd and that info can be found on page 8 of this newsletter.

Thanks to the few that brought their Go Box/Solar Power setups to our show-and-tell at the April meeting. We all learned some things and got ideas from each other that will assist us as we build our own projects. I know that mine will always be a work in progress.

Mark your calendars for Summer Field Day, June, 25-26, 2022. 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. We will be there from 0900 hours CST Saturday through 1400 hrs. CST Sunday. If you can't stay the whole time, come when you can and operate your favorite mode.

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 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 May meeting.

James "Ship" Shippet, KI5BMN

GCARC President – 2022

Contact a Club Officer

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Grayson County ARC March Monthly Meeting Minutes April 19, 2022***by David Darcy – KF5LKG***

4/19/2022

GRAYSON COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB MEETING MINUTES

PRESIDENT JAMES SHIPLET – KI5BMN started up the club meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance at 19:07.

James asked about any new members and any guests that were present and if anyone had been upgraded with a new license or new callsign. Nothing new from this.

Asked for the motion of the March minutes to be voted on.

Roy Reed AF5VA made the motion to approve, Marvin Schiavone KG5GMA seconded the motion. The club voted and approved the minutes.

Old Business: The special interest groups that James Frank KW5CW had suggested at last month's meeting were being formed and talked about and emails were going out if you wanted to be involved with them. The ARES group suggestion would be dropped because it already existed, talk with Wade Graves KF5AUD if want to be involved with that organization.

What to do with the old computer was brought back up and it was decided that it will be given away in a sealed bidding by members for it.

New Business: James Shiplet brought up that Summer Field Day will be coming, June 25th and 26th and would be at the Pecan Grove West Park again and that Ron Witherington WX5A had secured the table covering again that we had last year.

James also brought up that the Emory Ham fest is coming up this Saturday April 23 in Emory.

Spoke about having a Saturday morning breakfast and we might want to think about having some.

Les Key KI5TOK brought up the idea of members wearing a name tag so other members would know who other members are. (This is a promising idea since I am still learning the members names). My club shirts have my name on them with my call sign or I will remember to wear my tag the next time.

Introductions were finally made,

Ralph Jerome KI5NUK, VP-Ricky Jessen KG5FDT, Glen Willie WW5GRW, Lee Sly N5SLY, Pres. James Shiplet KI5BMN, Sec. David Darcy KF5LKG, Mike Whitten KI5IPH, Roy Reed AF5VA, Andrew Bentley KG5SKM, Les Key KI5TOK, Charles Pool KG5TPT, Marvin Schiavone KG5GMA, Gary Chambers KG5TQE, Grant Miller K5GHM, Cliff Oglesby K5DCO, Bill Pierce K5XBP



Grayson County ARC March Monthly Meeting Minutes April 19, 2022 - Continued

Upcoming meeting programs:

~~May 17 will have our Jim McGlynn – K5QOI talking about Fox Hunt Antennas~~

NOTE: Since the meeting, the upcoming presentation has changed. Presently, Lee Sly – N5SLY will be talking about the Perrin Field Special Event instead. Jim McGlynn – K5QOI has other obligations at our meeting time preventing him from giving his presentation on Fox Hunt antennas.

June 21 will have Mike Durbin K5MJD from Fannin County about Satellite Systems

July 19 James working on possibly having Katherine with the Richardson club on Fox Hunts that she does with her clubs.

Door Prize winner was Roy Reed AF5VA who won a Voltmeter

50/50 winner was Ralph Jerome KI5NUK who donated his win amount back to the club

At 19:45 club meeting talks ended, and everyone began to get up and see and talk about their Go Boxes and Solar power systems they are using. President James Shiplet mentioned for those interested to go to YouTube and query on Will Prowse to see what he does for some good ideas.

Secretary David DArcy KF5LKG



Grayson County Amateur Radio Club Treasurer's Report – April 2022
Ron Witherington – WX5A

	Amount
April 2022	
Beginning Bank Balance	1,958.15
Income - Note PayPal payments don't include fees	
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Donations from Eisenhower SE QSL cards	0.00
50-50 Raffle from February meeting	82.00
	0.00
Renewal Membership - Mike Whitten - KI5IPH	\$20.00
Renewal Membership - Doug Hotalen - KG5QPI - PayPal	18.81
Renewal membership – Jim McGlynn - K5QOI - PayPal	18.81
New membership – Gerald Hamon - KC5YRC - PayPal	28.46
Renewal membership - Cliff Oglesby - K5DCO - PayPal	18.81
Total Income	186.89
Expenses	
	0.00
Total Expenses	0.00
Ending Bank Balance	2145.04
Cash on hand	20.00
Total cash on hand	20.00
Checks & other funds to be deposited	
Total Checks & other funds to be deposited	0.00
Final Total at time of report	2,165.04
Submitted by Ron Witherington WX5A 4/13/2022	



Amateur Radio Club Treasurer's Report – (Budget) April 2022

Grayson County ARC Budget Items Calendar Year 2022	Budget Amount	Actual Expenses
Operating Events		
Winter Field Day	50.00	0.00
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 Bulb QSO Party	50.00	
Operating Events Total	300.00	0.00
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	



Amateur Radio Club Treasurer's Report (Budget) – April 2022 - continued

QSL Management /Administrative/Finance Total	190.00	175.76
Christmas Party		
Christmas Party Expenses	150.00	
Christmas Party Total	150.00	
Equipment Hard/Soft		
Radios	120.00	
Antennas	0.00	
Accessories (New Computer)	350.00	306.97
Web Site & Domain Renewal	24.00	24.34
Equipment Hard/Soft Total	494.00	331.31
Total Budget Approved	1,134.00	507.07
Approved Budget Balance		626.93

Budget approved 1/18/2022

50 - 50 Raffle Christmas Gift Fund	Cash on hand	Deposit to checking	Total
Beginning Balance	0.00	0.00	12.70
2022			
January	0.00	30.00	30.00
February	0.00	46.00	46.00
March		41.00	41.00
April			
May			
June			
July			
August			
September			
October			
November			
December			
Balance		117.00	129.70
Gift Purchases			
Ending Balance	0.00		129.70



QSL Managers Message

During May we will host our first Special Event of the year...the Perrin Field Museum Special Event. All the details can be found here...

www.grz.com/db/w5p

As always everyone is encouraged to participate and remember, we only have two rules:

1. You must follow the band plan for the license you hold.
2. You must send your log to me when the event is over, ADIF files would be appreciated.

We host this Special Event to Celebrate the Perrin Field Museum and Commemorate the men and women who served at Perrin Air Force Base from WWII until the early 1970's. If you have never been to the museum, you should make an effort to do so...it is a great museum that was put together by a bunch of volunteers.

The other activity I want to talk about is our Parks on The Air (POTA) group. We have 13 folks that have expressed an interest in learning more about this activity and many of them are already active in the POTA program. For those who are new to the program please take the time to view the training videos that are available on the POTA web site...

<https://pota.app>

And while you are there Register with the POTA program.

I want to recognize one member who has spent some time with me learning about POTA and is now taking advantage of everything POTA has to offer...

Mark Miller, KA5TXN

Mark has already Activated a number of parks and is enjoying getting out and making some contacts while operating portable in the parks.

POTA is all about having Fun while "playing" on the radio. That is what this hobby is all about...having Fun.

I'm a fair-weather POTA Activator so the best I can do is give you short notice of when I am going to go to a park and operate my portable HF station. If you would like some help with the POTA program, look for an email from me and/or a message on our Facebook page regarding my POTA activities. I'll be glad to help in any way I can.

73

Lee N5SLY
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GCARC Special Interest Groups Now Active

By James – KW5CW

Presently, two of the special interest groups are active. Within the next month, there should be a few more active.

First, there GCARC POTA Voice Group, led by Lee Sly – N5SLY who just held a POTA session out at the Eisenhower Birthplace State Historical Site in Denison, TX (K-6553) on Saturday 4-30-2022. I don't know who attended on that session, but in Lee's QSL manager message this month, he mentioned about one of the members that has spent some time with him to 'learn the ropes', and that would be Mark Miller, KA5TXN. Look for a report from Lee at the next club meeting on May 17, 2022.

Second, the GCARC Antenna Group, led by Cliff Oglesby – K5DCO is having his first Antenna Group meeting at his home on **May 3, 2022 at 7PM**. On speakerphone will be Jim McGlynn – K5QOI and he will be taking questions on antennas and helping with an upcoming agenda and projects for future gatherings. All members of the GCARC are welcome to also attend this initial meeting of the group at Cliff's home. If you care to attend, his address is 680 Ridgeview Dr., Sherman, Texas 75090.

The GCARC POTA CW Group, led by James – KW5CW will hold a CW POTA session that will be held within the next few weeks.

It is also possible that the GCARC Satellite Communications Group may also have a group session before the next club meeting.

The PERRIN FIELD Special Event – 1st of 3 Special Events of 2022 (Update)

May 14th through May 22nd

As mentioned in the February and March newsletters, 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 airport possibly at the Civil Air Patrol Building or On-site Museum on Saturday, May 14th. The address is 436 McCullum Ave in Denison. It's never too soon to make notice of future special events because the days seem to just fly by. In the past the club has participated in the event on-site in the past and it's a really fun operating event. This year, the club will be using the call W5P. 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 only 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 if the club operates the special event station from the Civil Air Patrol hanger most likely the club could stay to operate the station to early evening. In question would be the land available to setup antennas. This will be one of the things discussed at the next upcoming officer meeting. During the event, up to May 22nd, participants 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 newsletter editor did not receive any feedback to a statement presented in the last newsletter, and that was to re-kindle the 'Ham Station of the Month' articles. This idea can be brought up at the next board meeting to try and decide if the membership may be willing to continue with presenting their home stations for viewing in the newsletter and website.

Name Tags may Soon Be Used at Meetings

At the last club meeting, Les Key - K15TOK brought up the idea of members wearing a name tag so other members would know who other members are. The idea of name badges for club members really didn't fly last year, mainly because of the possible cost and the idea that they can easily be lost. So maybe a stick-on name tag can be made at the meeting for each person that attends, so that the members present will know all the names of people that are present at the meeting.

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 Update

The new license structure for Amateur radio licenses have now taken effect as of April 19, 2022. 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.

"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."

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.



Club New Membership and Renewals

Five people are noted to have paid dues for new or renewal memberships prior to the meeting. They are as follows:

Gerald Hamon – KC5YRC – New Membership

Cliff Oglesby – K5DCO- New Membership

Mike Whitten – K15IPH - Renewal

Doug Hotalen – KG5QPI - Renewal

Jim McGlynn – K5QOI - Renewal

Anyone who pays in person at a meeting will be noted in the newsletter the following month.

NEXT Amateur Radio Testing in Sherman is June 2, 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. If there are any changes or cancellations, the membership will receive an email stating the status.

For more information contact:

Ron Witherington, WX5A,

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



May Club Presentation on the Perrin Field Special Event

The topic of the May presentation at the GCARC club meeting on May 17, 2022 will be about the Perrin Field Special Event presented by Lee – N5SLY that would already be in process until Sunday evening until 23:59Z. Please read Lee's QSL managers message for details. All members are encouraged to operate online if they wish. The exchange can be anything you wish as this is not a contest, but the necessary items for the log would be the call sign of the station worked, the date and time and the band ex. 80, 40, 20 meters and the mode, whether it would be USB, LSB, SSB, CW, FT8, PSK31 etc. After you are done operating, you can send your logs in ADIF format directly to Lee via his email address n5sly@arrl.net. If you just plan to operate online for a few hours on one evening for example, then send your logs in before the weekend if possible or as soon as you are finished.

Upcoming Dayton Hamvention

70th Anniversary Reunion

May 20 thru May 22, 2022

The mother of all hamfests is back. After 2 years of closed doors because of the CoronaVirus, the Dayton Amateur Club will put on one of the largest, if not the largest hamfest ever experienced by amateurs in the United States, a three day show.

Every vendor you can think of most likely will be present, as there will also be lectures and special presentations on many facets of amateur radio. They come from all over the world.

Since this Hamvention takes place during the last weekend of the Perrin Field Special Event, naturally members that participate in it would not consider such an event, unless we happened to be in Ohio that weekend. But there will be members that will not take part in Perrin Field this year. You may want to check it out.

On the other hand, likely no members from our club will go to this event, but I think everyone would like to know that the Dayton Hamvention is back this year and possibly consider in the upcoming years to attend this event. It is like no other hamfest you will ever go to.



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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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



First Name _____ (as you want on clothing)

Last _____

Call _____

Payment _____

Make checks Payable to: GCARC

	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			

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