



GRAYSON COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB



GCARC
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Having Fun with Amateur Radio

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Events Coming Up

Next Operating Event 2022

Red River Bridge War

Call - W5R

July 16-24th, 2022

1st and 3rd & 5th Sunday Nets

Dates/Net Control:

7/3 Cancelled

7/17 – Roy – AF5VA

7/31 – Andrew – KG5SKM

Time: 8:00 PM Local

Repeater: 147.000+

Next Regular Club Monthly Meeting

Date: July 19, 2022

Time: 7:00-8:45 PM

Location

Mariachi's Mexican
Restaurant

Election of Club Treasurer

July Monthly Presentation

T.B.A. via
HAMCLUBONLINE



PRESIDENT'S QSO

by James – KW5CW Director-at-Large

The month of June was a very unusual month for the club. Field Day was upon us just after conducting a very unusual regular meeting with the club. Several members attended the monthly meeting, just to find out that our president could not reside over the meeting because he had recently contracted Covid. Another officer was on vacation, while another was yet to be named because one had stepped down due to work obligations preventing him from attending meetings. Still, the meeting was conducted with just the secretary of the club and myself. What did that mean? According to our constitution, there could be no official business conducted at the club, especially when there may be a needed vote to proceed. So, the Treasurer position could not be filled, even though we had a quorum of members present at the meeting to hold a vote. There were only 2 officers present, and 3 are needed to be able to vote according to the Constitution.

With Field Day weekend fast approaching, I had to rally the club members in attendance in a discussion about Field Day and the monthly presentation on Satellites, but as it stood, the presentation could not happen because the presenter also caught Covid.

We needed a new cook for Field Day since our President who also cooks at the event could not attend. During the meeting Michael Coffman – KI5NUI volunteered to cook, and I might add that he did a great job preparing excellent food. We ran Class 3A-NTX for Field Day and the people who attended had lots of fun.

During the meeting it was discovered that Mariachi's started charging a high gratuity that was attached to everyone's bill who purchased food, not including a tip. There was a heated discussion during the meeting regarding the unannounced charge to the club. This week, all of the officers, including Lee – N5SLY discussed in a special called meeting to check and see options available for a new meeting site. Stay tuned for more information.

Again, I must apologize for a late newsletter. Originally, I didn't plan to publish one because I was missing input from others for material to install in the publication. It is what it is, and I'm hoping that the club gets back on track here in the month of July. Again, thanks to all who attended the last meeting and also a special thanks to all who attended Field Day.

Contact a Club Officer

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

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

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

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

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Grayson County ARC May Monthly Meeting Minutes June 21, 2022

by David DArcy – KF5LKG

The meeting started at 19:20.

James Frank - KW5CW our Director in Charge started off the meeting by telling everyone that President James Shiplet - KI5BMN had come down with covid and would not be there to officiate the meeting.

We began with the Pledge of Allegiance and then **James Frank - KW5CW** went into what all was going on with the meeting and some details of what could not happen at the meeting with missing officers. Without the presence of **James Shiplet - KI5BMN** and Vice President **Ricky Jessen - KG5FDT** floating around in the Pacific somewhere (because of his retirement) and since Ron Witherington WX5A had resigned as treasurer due to work obligations going on, made it impossible to vote for a new replacement treasury officer. There wasn't a quorum of officers present even though there were a satisfactory number of members present to hold a vote. Also, no vote was taken to approve last month's minutes due to club bylaws.

Introductions went around the room those being there included: Roy Reed AF5VA, Angie Reed his wife, Michael Coffman KI5NUI, Dustin Logan KG5HQV, James McGlynn - K5QOI, Lee Sly - N5SLY, Marvin Schiavone - KG5GMA, Secretary-David Darcy KF5LKG, Mike Whitten - KI5IPH, Greg Stratton - KD0ZWV, James Johnson - KG5SJY, Ralph Jerome - KI5NUK, Glen Willie - WW5GRW, Les Key - KI5TQK, Doug Hotalen - KG5QPI, Levent Kahveci - KB5TMU, Cliff Oglesby - K5DCO, Mark Pilkilton - KF5UZW, Grant Miller - K5GHM, and Officer in Charge – James Frank KW5CW.

No Treasury report was given, and no members had any upgrades.

We had an interesting and enlightening interruption delay due to the location of where our meeting is held. **Roy – AF5VA** brought to everyone's attention the 30% gratuity that was added to each bill. A discussion pursued on the lines of trying to possibly find a new meeting place.

Once the meeting was back in normal procession, **James Frank - KW5CW** spoke about the Antenna group and doing his POTA CW. **Lee Sly - N5SLY** spoke about the POTA voice group.

Lee Sly - N5SLY spoke about the upcoming Field Day event and that we would run 3 radios. A signup list was passed around at what we would need regarding food for Field Day. Michael Coffman - KI5NUI stepped up and said he would be do the cooking since our president James Shiplet- KI5BMN could not be our cook because he contracted Covid.

James Frank - KW5CW asked **Lavent Kahveci - KB5TMU** to talk about a Satellite system project that he is working on (it's not a buy it and build it type of system, it's a design and create and build it system). He gave a very enlightening prospective on his satellite system being built at this time. We were supposed to have a scheduled speaker - **Mike Durbin - K5MJD** come in for the club presentation and talk about the satellite systems but at last minute he could not make it because he came down with Covid.

Director in Charge **James Frank - KW5CW** and Secretary **David DArcy - KF5LKG** also decided not to do the envelope bid process for the club's laptop computer since it seemed everyone was ready to go due to the interruptions at the meeting and long waits for food. An attempt will be made to get Mike to return at another meeting this year when he is fully recovered from Covid.

50/50 came to a total of \$85.00

David Darcy - KF5LKG won the 50/50 and gave his 50 percent back to the club.

Mark Pilkilton - KF5UZW won the door prize.



2022 GCARC Field Day

A special thanks go out to all who attended the GCARC Field Day this year at Pecan Grove Park - West. The members who attended had a lot of fun. The club ran class 3A in North Texas (NTX). There was a sideband, CW and digital station that were manned most of the time. All stations used either solar or battery. The antennas used were verticals and sloper end-fed wires. The club antenna was used for the digital station. Mike Coffman – KI5NUI stepped in at the last moment at the last club meeting to be the cook during the event since the designated cook was not available. More details to come in the next newsletter, but here are just a few of the pictures with more to come.



James -- KW5CW working with Powerwerx Line meter



Running some SSB on CW Station



David Darcy – KF5LKG & David Coffman - KI5NUI





David - KF5LKG ** Lee – N5SLY ** Mike– K15NUI and Mike – KD0ZWV Looking over the Digital Station



Glen - WW5GRW James - KW5CW Lee - N5SLY





Club Antenna



James - KW5CW Running Bike Mobile CW





Painters Pole End Fed Inverted Wire



Keeping Coax off the ground
using a ladder

QSL Managers Message

It's a busy time of year for Ham Radio operators. Many different events happen one right after the other. Coming up this weekend is ARRL Field Day. Looking forward to setting up some radios and making some contacts out at Pecan Grove West Park. For those that are interested I'll spend some time with you showing you some Logging options and helping you learn how to deal with a Pile Up. Learning how to copy Call Signs is the hardest thing you'll need to learn. With practice it does become easier. Right after that a very popular Special Event starts...the Original 13 Colonies Special Event. Contact stations in each of the original 13 colonies plus 2 bonus stations. They will be using the 1X1 call signs K2A – K2M and GB13COL for the station in England and WM3PEN for the station in Philly and the Liberty Bell. Go to www.13colonies.net for additional details.

If you enjoy the PSK modes the PODXS 070 Club is having their annual 4th of July contest, the Firecracker Sprint, on July 2 starting at 2000z on 40 meters. I like this contest as it only lasts for 6 hours and I can pick the time I want to start. Details can be found here...40M Firecracker Sprint (podxs070.com).

Later in July is the clubs 2nd Special Event of the year...the Red River Bridge War. We'll be using the call sign W5R and the event runs from July 16 at 0000z until July 24 at 2359z. To learn more about the Red River Bridge War please view this video...

<https://youtu.be/DfTWnxHs3tw?t=3>

And finally, there is always POTA, Parks on the Air. I'll be going out to some parks this month, setting up my mobile radio and making some contacts. Probably go in the late afternoon and evenings when the temperature goes down a little. I'll let you know what my plans are via Facebook, but it will always be short notice as I usually go at the drop of a hat.

Have fun everyone.

73

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Upcoming Information Net Control Operators in 2022

July 17 – Roy – AF5VA
July 31 – Andrew – KG5SKM
August 7 – Ricky - KG5FDT
August 21 – Ralph - KI5NUK
September 5 – CANCELLED
September 18 – Marvin - KG5GMA
October 2 – Roy – AF5VA
October 16 – Glen N5LDO
October 30 – CANCELLED
November 6 – James – KW5CW
November 20 – Ricky – KG5FDT
December 4 – Ron – WX5A
December 18 – Jim – KI5BMN



GCARC Special Interest Groups Report
to be found in the July Edition of the GCARC NewsLetter

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.

Amazon Smile

Thanks to Levent Kahveci – KB5TMU, I finally signed up to AmazonSmile. AmazonSmile is a way customers can support their favorite charitable organization every time they shop with Amazon, at no additional cost. [Prime Day is returning on July 12-13](#), so now is the time to sign up and get some really great product deals while donating to the charity of your choice. You can designate these funds directly to the GCARC.

How to sign up for AmazonSmile

How to use AmazonSmile on a web browser:

1. Visit smile.amazon.com
 2. Sign in with the same account you use for Amazon.com
 3. Select your charity or the Grayson County Amateur Radio Club.
 4. Start shopping! Remember to checkout at smile.amazon.com to generate donations for your chosen charity. DO NOT log into your normal page of [http://amazon.com](https://amazon.com).
- Tip: Add a bookmark to make it easier to shop at smile.amazon.com.

How to use AmazonSmile using the Amazon app on your mobile phone:

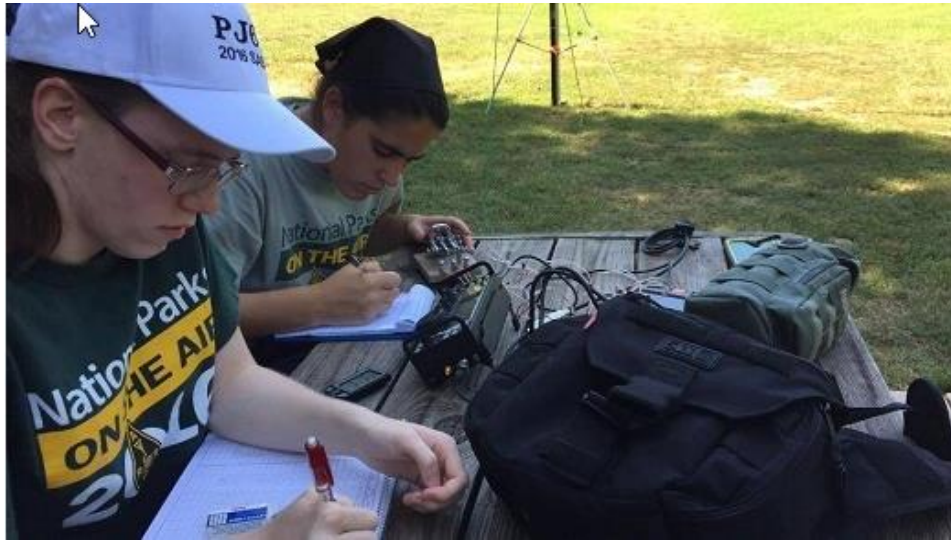
1. Open the Amazon Shopping app
 2. Navigate to the main menu (≡)
 3. Tap on Settings and then select “AmazonSmile”
 4. Select your charity and then follow the on-screen instructions to turn ON AmazonSmile in the mobile app
 5. Once AmazonSmile has been activated in your app, future eligible app purchases will generate a donation for the charity you have selected.
- Note: The tablet app is not yet supported. Please visit smile.amazon.com/onthego to learn more.



Scheduled Voting for a New Treasurer at the Upcoming July Meeting

Note: Please attend the next GCARC and help elect the new Treasurer

Getting a New License or Upgrade



Want to get an Amateur Radio license or upgrade? Want to help others get licensed or teach using ham radio? Looking for public service training or serving as part of ARRL's ARES field training team? You can even arrange an Amateur Radio contact for your students with the International Space Station! Click on the links below to learn more about ARRL's licensing and education resources:

[What is Ham Radio?](#)

[Getting Your Amateur Radio License](#)

[Online or In-person Testing](#)

[Emergency Communications Training](#)

[Learning Programs](#)

[Webinars](#)

[Amateur Radio in the Classroom](#)

NEXT Amateur Radio Testing in Sherman is August 4th, 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 Witherinton, WX5A, at rwitherinton@verizon.net or at:

(214) 394-7950 CALL FIRST !



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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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 same + \$5



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



First Name _____ (as you want on clothing)

Last _____

Call _____

Payment _____

Make checks Payable to: GCARC

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			
Camp Shirt* sm M L XL			
Caps			
Jacket* sm M L XL			
Tactical Shirt sm M L XL			
*Shirts/Jackets- (2x to 4x +\$5)			
Shipping \$2.00 per item			
Total			



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