



Events
Coming Up

Next Operating
Event 2022

Eisenhower Special
Event

1st and 3rd & 5th
Sunday Nets

Dates/Net Control:

8/7 – Ricky – KG5FDT

8/21 – Ralph – KI5NUK

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

August Monthly
Presentation

NCTC linked
repeater system
presenter

K5ND – Jim Wilson



PRESIDENT'S QSO

Howdy Fellow Hams!

First, since I failed to get the June President's QSO out for the last newsletter, I would like to personally thank everyone who was a part of our annual ARRL Field Day. Special thanks to the officers for the logistics in getting it setup and for the members who showed up to help. Also, thanks to Michael Coffman, KI5NUI and Ralph KI5NUK for covering me on the cooking. As always, we learned a lot and will use that info to get better next year.

As you know or may have heard, we have had some issues with our monthly meeting place, Mariachi's in Sherman. In May, they tacked on a 25% gratuity which we never had before. We complained and it was taken off. Then at the June meeting the waitress added a 30% gratuity to our tickets. I was not at that meeting, and I heard from several of you during that week. I met with the owner and voiced our displeasure the next week and I was told that the 25% and 30% were wrong and that they will now be charging us a 20% gratuity which is standard for large groups. He did give us some options that the officers are considering to not have the gratuity. Meanwhile at the July meeting we had our old waiter back and he did not add the 20% gratuity and he gave us the best service. At the officer's direction, James Frank was authorized to secure Grandy's in Sherman for our August meeting. More info to come at the August meeting.

We just finished the Red River Bridge War special event. Several of you participated and if you haven't done so, please get your call logs to Lee, N5SLY ASAP. Also, to note, we have decided to keep the old laptop to use for logging only. Glen Willie, donated a new drive for it and Jim McGlynn, K5QOI, installed it and its running great. Jim McGlynn also donated a laptop for logging purposes.

We had our first ever Hungry Hams Breakfast, Saturday July 23 at Grandy's. We had several of our members attend, plus a guest who is studying for tech. and we had two Hams from the Fannin Club join us. Our next breakfast will be Saturday August 27 at Sweetberries in Sherman. If you have something to sell or trade, bring it. Lastly, we are planning an outdoor family get together this fall. Burgers/Dogs etc. with corn hole games, horseshoes, and such. If you have a suggestion for a place to host this, please contact any officer.

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 August meeting.

Last but not least, Congratulations are in order for Ralph Jerome – KI5NUK who is now our club treasurer.

73

James "Ship" Shippet, KI5BMN
GCARC President – 2022

2022 GCARC CLUB OFFICERS

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Grayson County ARC May Monthly Meeting Minutes July 19, 2022

by David Darcy – KF5LKG

Our President James Shiplet – KI5BMN began the meeting at 19:05 by welcoming all 11 of us then went right into the Pledge of Allegiance with the club.

He thanked Michael Coffman-KI5NUI and Ralph Jerome-KI5NUK for the Summer Field Day cooking and preparations. Lee Sly-N5SLY commented that the club made 543 contacts.

Because of last month's eye-opening revelation of the gratuity bill the officers have decided to start trying out other eating locations each month. Our clubs' August meeting will be at Grandy's Restaurant on Texoma Parkway on the east side just north of Hwy. 82. There can be a charge for using their meeting room depending on how much food is ordered to offset meeting room charges. The September meeting will be at the Golden Corral east of 75 and south of 82, (I believe it's on Loy Lake Road on the back side of Lowes.)

Introductions went around the room which included: Vice President - Ricky Jessen - KG5FDT, Andrew Bentley - KG5SKM, President - James Shiplet - KI5BMN, Lee Sly - N5SLY, Jim McGlynn - K5QOI, Secretary - David Darcy - KF5LKG, Marvin Schiavone - KG5GMA, Charles Pool - KG5TPT, Glen Willie - WW5GRW, Ralph Jerome - KI5NUK, Officer in Charge - James Frank-KW5CW.

James Shiplet – KI5BMN asked for last month's minutes to be approved by the club and Andrew Bentley – KG5SKM made the motion to approve and Marvin Schiavone – KG5GMA seconded the motion, the club approved by vote. The treasurer's report for July is still not ready to be approved due to voting for a new Treasurer position which had been vacated. No July report has been submitted.



Secretary Report Continued...

Vice-President Ricky Jessen - KG5FDT made the nomination that Ralph Jerome - KI5NUK be voted in as the new Treasurer to fill the position left by Ron Witherington - WX5A. Jim McGlynn - K5QOI seconded it and the club voted for Ralph Jerome to be the new Treasurer. His tenure begins immediately. Congratulations are in order for Ralph, as he has stepped up to help our club!!

October 9th through the 16th will be the next radio special event by the club for Eisenhower. President James Shiplet - KI5BMN has brought up the idea to make it a family get together on the weekend either at the Eisenhower Birthplace or at the Eisenhower State Park, (more information to come as the dates gets closer).

Currently the Red River Bridge War Special event has been going on since July 16th and will end July 25 (Lee Sly - N5SLY is once again in charge of this event so look on Facebook for the details If you want to get involved).

Lee Sly - N5SLY made the comment for the club to buy a hard case for the projector to be stored in since the original box it was bought in is falling apart. Marvin Schiavone made the motion and James Frank seconded it and the club voted for buying the case up to \$100.00.

Lee Sly - N5SLY asked the club to approve the buying of some Cat 5 cable and connectors to be hooked up for the tuner so it can be located at the antenna instead of at the transmitter. Andrew made the motion and Marvin seconded it for purchase of \$50.00 towards them and the club approved by another vote.

Andrew - KG5SKM cannot do the July 24 net control due to work obligations, so someone will be needed to fill in for it.

The ARES Face to Face meeting will be Tuesday July 26, - is still looking for a place for it to be held at according to President James Shiplet.

The August meeting presentation is supposed to be about the NCTC linked repeater system which goes from Abilene to Sulphur Springs with Bonham included as one of the many repeaters. The September presentation is going to be about 6 meters and put on by K5ND - Jim Wilson. The October meeting presentation (Maybe) will be put on by Andrew - KG5SKM about his repeater system.

The officers have decided to keep the old laptop to use it for logging instead of the proposed bidding for it by the club members due to the Summer Field Day since paper logging was used for phone operations. It was determined the programs being used were just over working it when we got the new laptop that we used. That way double work will not have to be done for log submitting. Jim McGlynn - K5QOI also donated another laptop to the club.

James Shiplet - KI5BMN says there will be a Breakfast Get together this Saturday 23rd at Grandy's. Come if you're hungry or just want to talk.

According to James Frank - KW5CW, the Antenna Group will meet at the Sherman Airport (which is south of Downtown, not out at the other airport. The 1st Thursday of the month at 19:00. He says he is having fun with POTA CW as well.

James Shiplet - KI5BMN and his Solar Group is trying for a meeting location in Whitewright look on this club's Facebook Page for more information.



Secretary Report Continued...

Lee Sly – N5SLY is still doing Voice POTA look for him on Facebook as well, even though he said it was getting hot outside now.

James Frank – KW5CW also says Levent Kahveci -KB5TMU will be doing the Satellite Group out has his QTH in Whitewright when he gets over an injury he has sustained.

Charles Pool – KG5TPT won the Door Prize which was T-Shirt from MTC and a flashlight.

Andrew Bentley – KG5SKM won the 50/50 which was \$46.00 and donated his winning half back to the club.

The presentation tonight was put on by James Shippet on a YouTube video he has come across by Will Prowse about Introduction to Solar Systems. (Excellent Video for those wondering where Pluto is) No, just kidding! It's about what you need and how to hook up a power system for your radio or whatever.

Jim McGlynn – K5QOI also has a solar power system so you can ask him questions too.

The meeting ended at 20:35.

David DArcy – Secretary – GCARC

No Treasurers Report for June – The new Treasurer position was filled at the July meeting. An up-to-date report will appear in the August edition of the newsletter.

QSL Managers Message

The Red River Bridge War Special Event is QRT for another year and, in my opinion, it was just another success for the club...at least it was for me.

I got to thinking about what I really like about Amateur Radio and to me it is the personal challenge of making all those contacts. It still amazes me that I can sit at home with my radio and talk to people around the world like they are sitting right next to me. All the radio events of the last month have provided many hours of enjoyment for me. I have been able to talk to folks in all 50 states, in 51 different countries, and in over 100 different parks in the POTA program. By far the most popular Mode for me, and for all the other club members that have participated in our events, is Digital. Followed by Phone and then CW.

I really enjoy using the seldom used Digital Modes. The most popular Mode, by far, is FT8, followed by FT4. These modes are super easy to use and you are guaranteed to make contacts even if the band conditions are "terrible". During the last month I have also been able to make contacts using these Digital Modes....PSK, Olivia, RTTY & Hell.



QSL Managers Message Continued...

Here are the club's results from recently concluded events...

Perrin Field Special Event – May

2021 – 2690 QSO's 2022 – 2180 QSO's

ARRL Field Day – June

2021 – 822 QSO's 2022 – 543 QSO's

Red River Bridge War Special Event – July

2021 – 4087 QSO's 2022 – 2378 QSO's

As you can see the club has made fewer contacts this year than last in all of these events. My hope is that more club members will get on their radios and make some contacts during future events and most importantly, find joy in the simple act of making contacts with folks far away.

Have fun everyone.

73

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Upcoming 'Information Net' Control Operators in 2022

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



Amazon Smile

Here's another reminder to take advantage of AmazonSmile. It is a way customers can support their favorite charitable organization every time they shop with Amazon, at no additional cost. Now is the time to sign up and get some really great product deals while donating to the charity of your choice. You can also designate these funds to go directly to the GCARC. Any funds received will be listed in the treasurer's report.

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>.
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/onthe-go to learn more.

Paying GCARC Club 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.



GCARC Special Interest Groups Report

There is not much to report concerning the GCARC special interest groups. A number of the groups are still trying to find a place to hold meetings. It may also be venturous if in some cases that the meetings can be held on Zoom or Google meetings.

The Solar Group is still trying to find a location to hold meetings. An update will come from Jim Shiplet – K15BMN when a meeting place is found.

The Antenna Group tentatively has a meeting planned for this week, located at the Sherman Muni Airport at the following location. James – KW5CW will send out notes by end of day on Tuesday 8-2-2022 to confirm that members of the group can attend. Since this is a late notice, there is a chance that this meeting will be cancelled, and another day in July may be chosen.

The Satellite Group is still trying to get things off of the ground. Plans are to hold meetings at the property of Levent Kahveci – KB5TMU in Whitewright, Texas. Levent is battling back issues at this time and will inform the group when he can hold meetings at his property. Levent has all the knowledge and understanding for what it takes regarding the equipment. On another note, our speaker this month – Jim Wilson – K5ND, is an avid satellite operator and information regarding his experience can be found on his great website – <https://k5nd.net>. Checkout the 'About K5ND webpage and view a terrific picture of Him holding his satellite antenna pointed at the sky.

Operators from the POTA Voice and CW Groups are active.

As you should be aware, Jim Wilson will be giving a presentation to the club here at the meeting in July to include 6-meter operation. Hopefully Jim can visit us in person at our new meeting place this month, which will be at the following...

Grandy's Restaurant
3201 Texoma Pkwy
Sherman TX 75090

NEXT Amateur Radio Testing in Sherman is August 4th, 2022

Location: Grayson County College

CWL Seminar Room C

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, at rwitherington@verizon.net or at: (214) 394-7950 CALL FIRST !



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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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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 \$55 + \$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

First Name _____ (as you want on clothing)					
Last _____					
Call _____					
Payment _____					
<small>Make checks Payable to: GCARC</small>					

	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)			
<small>Shipping \$2.00 per item</small>			
Total			



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