



GRAYSON COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB



GCARC
GRAYSON CO. TEXAS USA

August 2022

Having Fun with Amateur Radio

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Operating Events Coming Up

**Sam Rayburn
House -
September 24th**

**Eisenhower
Special Event
October 8th**

1st and 3rd & 5th Sunday Nets

Dates/Net Control:

9/4 Cancelled – Labor Day

9/18 Marvin – KG5GMA

Time: 8:00 PM Local

Repeater: 147.000+

Next Regular Club Monthly Meeting

Date: Sept 20, 2022

Time: 7:00-8:45 PM

Location

GRANDY's Restaurant

Sherman Texas

September Monthly Presentation

**Magic of 6 Meters
presenter**

K5ND – Jim Wilson



PRESIDENT'S QSO

Howdy Hamsters!

I just returned from our 2nd "Hungry Hams Breakfast" held this month at Sweet Berries Cafe in Sherman; where again, we had a great turnout. We had seasoned members, new members, one new ham, guest hams and 2 people working on their Tech ticket. All total we had 10 people who gathered to discuss ham radio and "Rag Chew"; they were KI5NUK-Ralph, K5DCO-Cliff, KI5NLL-Bill, WW5GRW-Glenn, KG5FDT-Ricky, Myself-KI5BMN, KI5WTZ-Kenneth, KB5SSQ-Tim, Jeanne McCarthy, and Mac Mastroni. There was some swappin' taking place and next month I know of some radios that will be there for sale/trade etc.

As you know we met at Grandy's in Sherman for our August meeting. We had a great turnout with new and old hams alike, plus people studying for their Technician Class. We had a great meal, a great presentation from Charles Penry on the North Central Texas Connection (NCTC). They are a linked repeater system that is mostly RF Linked. It is routinely used during weather events by the NWSFWD weather desk. It spans from north of Paris to Abilene, Texas and has been connected to the East Texas System and the ARKLATEX Regional Communications Network. Check them out at www.nctc.info.

Mark your Calendars for September 24th at 0900 hours. We are partnering with the Fannin County Amateur Radio Club at the Sam Rayburn House in Bonham. We will set up a POTA station and offer information on Ham radio to the public at their "Farming Heritage Day". This will be a fun event and will allow us to network with the K5FRC Members.

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.

73

James "Ship" Shiplet, KI5BMN
GCARC President - 2022

2022 GCARC CLUB OFFICERS

President: James Shiplet – KI5BMN – (president@graysoncountyarc.org)
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Club Member DUSTIN LOGAN – KG5HQP – SK

It is with great sadness that I must report
the passing of one of our members
DUSTIN LOGAN – KG5HQP

Reported by Roy – KF5VA – Submitted by James – KW5CW

From the reports, Dustin suffered a heart attack caused by almost a 100% blockage in his heart. Dustin received surgery after being on CPR for approximately 20 minutes when he stopped breathing. Our hearts go out to Dustin's family who reported this tragedy to Roy – KF5VA. Roy will update the club with funeral service times via Facebook as he becomes aware of them and the GCARC will also report this information via HamClubOnline when known.



Grayson County ARC May Monthly Meeting Minutes August 16, 2022

by David DArCy KF5LKG

President James Shiplet - KI5BMN greeted everyone at 19:10 then went into the Pledge of Allegiance. He then told everyone that this Grandy's location is where the club first had its meetings, and we are back at it again after all this time.

James introduced Charles-WA5VHU and Cindy Penry-KD5CCB to the club members and that Charles was present to give his presentation about the North Central Texas Connection – a linked cross-state repeater. Information about their system can be found on the website – www.NCTC.info, and on their NCTC Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/626476187452023>. Charles has been involved in the system for a very long time and gave a great in-depth presentation of the system and how it works.

Member introductions went around the room which were:

Glen Willie-WW5GRW, Michael Coffman-KI5NUI, David Anderson-KD5KPR, Marvin Schinvone-KG5GMA, Mike Whitten-KI5IPH, Cliff Oglesby-K5DCO, Lee Sly-N5SLY, Club Secretary-David DArCy-KF5LKG, Charles Pool-KG5TPT, Les Key-KI5TQK, Club Director in Charge-James Frank-KW5CW, RoyReed-AF5VA, Andrew Bentley-KG5SKM, Mac Mastroni – no call sign, Club President -James Shiplet-KI5BMN, Club Treasurer- Ralph Jerome-KI5NUK, Club Vice President- Ricky Jessen-KG5FDT

No Treasury report was given due to not finding it when it was sent.

President James Shiplet - KI5BMN reported that we may have our next meeting at the Golden Corral or here again at Grandy's. Watch for emails to come out in the future for which location.

On Sunday night, the 14th of August, the Grayson County repeaters were tested again. Thanks to all that helped from around the area. Check your radios for proper programming.

Our Eisenhower Special Station event is coming up on Saturday - October 8th. It will be at Ike's birthplace in Dennison again. If interested in attending, contact Lee Sly N5SLY for the details as he is the manager for the event. This is also a recognized POTA location with the designator K-6553.

The next presentation in September will be 'The Magic of 6 Meters' by K5ND – Jim Wilson. Presently, the club does not have presentations scheduled for October or November. If you have ideas, let President James Shiplet - KI5BMN know.



Meeting Minutes Continued...

There was no old business to discuss. New Business James Shiplet -KI5BMN, managed to find a case for the projector we voted to purchase and have it now. James Frank -KW5CW reported they had their 2nd Antenna Group meeting at the Sherman Municipal airport on August 4th it seemed to have gone well. They are well on their way. The next meeting will be Sept 1st at 19:00 and will go to 21:00.

James Shiplet-KI5BMN- said the Solar Group has not met and is still looking to set up a date to have them.

Lee Sly- N5SLY reported it's too hot for him to be outside to be doing POTA and he will be waiting for it to be cooling down to be doing any outside events.

James Frank KW5CW reported to be very careful outside in this heat when doing events by yourself. He had a very bad medical experience recently while performing one of his POTA activations and was woken up in his car by a State Park Ranger after the park had closed. Drink your liquids and stay Hydrated!

The club will be doing a field set up in Fannin County at the Sam Rayburn State Historic site on September 24th with details to come. There is also a Bike Rally happening in Fannin County on the same day their club has said we could help if wanted to, see President James Shiplet - KI5BMN for the details about it.

Ralph Gerome- KI5NUK reports we will purchase a FOX Hunt Transmitter so we should be having some fun when it cools down. Look for more details in the future regarding Fox Hunt antennas. There are clubs around us that do Fox Hunts nearly each weekend.

David DArcy-KF5LKG won a club hat and club patch. Roy Reed AF5VA won the 50/50 and gave his winning back to the club.

The meeting ended at 20:50 with Ricky Jessen- KG5FDT making the motion to close and Roy Reed -AF5VA seconded.



Grayson County Amateur Radio Club Treasurer's Report – August 2022
by Ralph Jerome – K15NUK

Grayson County ARC - Treasurers Report	Amount
August 2022	
	2,321.74
Income - Note PayPal payments don't include fees	
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50-50 Raffle from August	84.00
Membership Renewal - James Shiplet	18.81
Money received with RRBW QSL Cards	19.50
Total Income	122.31
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Expenses	
Spool for antenna tuner control wire	15.50
Dinner for meeting presenter & guest	21.07
Wire and connectors for remote antenna tuner	33.89
Case for projector	62.77
Fox Hunt Radio	155.00
Total Expenses	288.23
Ending Bank Balance	2155.82
Cash on hand	20.00
Total cash on hand	20.00
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Checks & other funds to be deposited	70.00
Total Checks & other funds to be deposited	70.00
-	
Final Total at time of report	2,245.82
Submitted by Ralph Jerome 8/30/2022	



**Grayson County Amateur Radio Club Treasurer's Report – August 2022
by Ralph Jerome – KI5NUK (Continued)**

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	0.00	41.00	41.00
April	0.00	34.00	34.00
May	0.00	68.00	68.00
June	0.00	95.00	95.00
July	0.00	33.00	33.00
August		84.00	84.00
September			
October			
November			
December			
Balance		431.00	443.70
Gift Purchases			
Ending Balance	0.00		443.70

Grayson County ARC Budget Items Calendar Year 2022	Budget Amount	Actual Expenses
Operating Events		
Winter Field Day	50.00	00.00
Food, Drinks & Supplies		
Perrin Field Museum Special Event	50.00	00.00
Food, Drinks & Supplies		
ARRL Field Day	50.00	00.00



QSL Managers Message

The club has been invited to attend 2 events in the next couple of months. First, on Saturday, September 24, 2022, from 10 AM until 3 PM, we'll be attending Farming Heritage Day at the Sam Rayburn House State Historic Site in Bonham, TX.



This is also a POTA (Parks On The Air) site...K-6601. We'll set up the club's radio and make some POTA contacts and give live demonstrations to the public. We'll need folks to attend to talk to the public about Amateur Radio and we'll need folks to operate the radio as well.

Second, on Saturday, October 8, 2022, from 10 AM until 3 PM, we'll be attending the Eisenhower Birthday Celebration at the Eisenhower Birthplace State Historic Site in Denison, TX.



This is another POTA site...K-6553. So, we'll set up the club's radio here as well. This works out perfectly because our Eisenhower Birthday Special Event starts on this date, so we'll be able to use the 1X1 call signs I have reserved for our use during this event.

That's not all...also during September is the very popular Special Event...the Route 66 On-The-Air Special Event. 21 stations will be on the air from Chicago, IL to Santa Monica, CA all along the old Route 66 highway. This is mostly an HF event, but they do also use the VHF bands. This event is very fun and very challenging at the same time. It is not easy to contact all the different stations as some are very close to us...Oklahoma City and Tulsa come to mind. Please visit <https://w6jbt.org/> for more information.

Hope you'll be able to participate in all these events. Please plan on joining us if you can.

Have fun everyone.

73.. Lee .. N5SLY – (903) 818-7463 lee.n5sly@gmail.com



EISENHOWER BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION!

EISENHOWER BIRTHPLACE INVITES
YOU TO HAVE A TABLE AT THE
BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION ON
OCTOBER 8, 2022!

BRING A CRAFT FOR KIDS, INFORMATIONAL BROCHURES, ETC.
TO REGISTER, SEE ATTACHED FORM.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT AMANDA LANUM AT
AMANDA.LANUM@THC.TEXAS.GOV OR 903-465-8908

2022 Eisenhower Birthday Celebration Partner Registration Form

Please complete the following form and return it to Amanda Lanum at Amanda.Lanum@thc.texas.gov or 609 South Lamar Ave. Denison, TX 75021 by Friday, September 16 2022.

Name of organization: _____

Name of primary contact: _____

Best contact information: _____

Type of activity or information offered: _____

Will you need a table and/or chairs provided?: ☐ Yes ☐ No

We are able to provide 1 6ft. Table and 2 chairs per organization. Tables will be located outside on the Birthplace grounds in a shaded area

The event runs from 10:00am to 3:00pm.
Please check the box for the times you will be
available to have a table at the Birthday.

☐ All day

☐ Half day (10:00 am—12:30pm)

☐ Half day (12:30 pm—3:00 pm)

If you have any questions about the form
please email Amanda.Lanum@thc.texas.gov
or call 903-465-8908

Hourly options:

☐ 10:00 am—11:00 am

☐ 11:00 am—12:00 pm

☐ 12:00 pm—1:00 pm

☐ 1:00 pm—2:00 pm

☐ 2:00 pm—3:00 pm

Upcoming 'Information Net' Control Operators in 2022

September 5 – CANCELLED (Labor Day Weekend)

Next Net on 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 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/onthego 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 originally sign up.



GCARC Special Interest Groups Report

To date, there are only a few Special Interest Groups in Operation. With the summer months being so hot and almost unbearable this summer, most outdoor activities, including POTA have been curtailed until the weather gets better.

The Solar Group is still trying to find a location to hold meetings. An update will come from Jim Shiplet – KI5BMN when a meeting place is found.

On September 1st, the Antenna Group held their 2nd meeting at the Sherman Municipal Airport. In attendance were Ricky Jessen – KG5FDT, Ralph Jerome – KI5NUK, Glen Willie – WW5GRW and Instructor James Frank – KW5CW.

The Satellite Group is still a promising future special interest group. Plans are to hold meetings at the property of Levent Kahveci – KB5TMU in Whitewright, Texas. Levent is an obvious choice to instruct and with his knowledge, he can help others put together their own satellite tracking systems. He 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.

Also, Checkout the Jim Wilson – K5ND webpage at <https://k5nd.net/2018/04/satellite-qso-l-band-ao-92/> and view a terrific picture of Him holding two satellite antennas pointed at the sky. Jim apparently is also a very avid Satellite Communications Operator.

Operators from the POTA Voice and CW Groups are active but not much activity due to the extreme heat.

As you should be aware, Jim Wilson - K5ND will be giving a presentation to the club via Zoom at meeting in September to include the topic of 6-meter operation. Hopefully Jim can also share some of his satellite experience with us.

NEXT Amateur Radio Testing in Sherman is October 6, 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 !



Local and Regional Repeater Systems in and near Sherman Texas

List of repeaters located in Sherman

<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Offset</u>	<u>Tone Up / Down</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Call</u>	<u>Use</u>	<u>Modes</u>
147.0000	+0.6 MHz	100.0 / 100.0	Sherman	Grayson	W5RVT	OPEN	FM EchoLink
147.2800	+0.6 MHz	107.2 / 107.2	Sherman	Grayson	W5COP	OPEN	FM EchoLink
441.3250	+5 MHz	82.5 / 82.5	Sherman	Grayson	KG5SKM	OPEN	FM EchoLink
444.7500	+5 MHz	100.0 / 100.0	Sherman	Grayson	W5RVT	OPEN	FM

Make note of the **KG5SKM Open repeater**, owned, and operated in Sherman by one of our club members – Andrew Bentley – KG5SKM. The repeater has been recently activated. It is located at Sherman Radio Station KQDR, 900 E Pecan Grove Rd, Sherman, Texas 75092. It contains an Allstar Node – 53477 and an Echolink Node 831760. The antenna is located just 20 feet off the ground and has a 35 mile range

Other repeaters accessible from Sherman are as follows:

W5DWH Denison
145.330 -600 offset
PL 100 Transmit and receive

WD5U Rosston
145.490 -600 offset
PL 85.4

K5FRC VHF Bonham
145.470 -600 offset
PL 100

NCTC UHF Bonham
443.750 +5 offset
PL 100

KF5SOX UHF Bells
444.950 +5
No PL at this time



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>

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 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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