

GRAYSON COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

GCARC GRAYSON CO. TEXAS USA

November 2023

Having Fun with Amateur Radio

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Events
Coming Up

President's QSO

Next Operating Club Event

Winter Field Day 2024 January 27-28 Eisenhower State Park – Cabin 35

> 1st and 3rd & 5th Sunday Nets Dates/Net Control:

11-5 Michael Higgins
11-19 Tamara Higgins
12-3 Open
Time: 8:00 PM Local

Repeater: 147.000+

Ladies Net

November 27th, 7PM 441.325 + 5MHZ Net Control Tamara - KI5ZIP

NEXT CLUB
MEETING at TCOG
& License Testing
November 21, 2023
starting at 6 PM

Fellow Hams!

Please join us at our **new meeting location on Tuesday November 21st in Sherman**. We are now meeting at the Texoma Councial of Governments (TCOG) building, 1117 Gallagher Dr, Sherman, TX 75090. It is the multi-story building east of Sam's Club and before you get to the water tower. We will host VE Testing for Technician, General and Extra Class Licenses at 6:00 p.m. Lee Sly, N5SLY is our new VE coordinator, and he and his team will be set up and ready to go. Out meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. and you are welcome to bring your favorite food to eat. This month we will begin to separate the testing from the meeting room, so show up early to visit.

We will have our annual officer elections at this meeting and nomination for officers will be closed just before the election. Already nominated for officers are **President**, **Michael Higgins -KI5ZIQ**, **Vice President**, **James Shiplet – KI5BMN**, **Secretary Cynthia VanSlogteren-K5EKA** and **Treasurer**, **James Frank – KW5CW**. There is still time to nominate a member, so please contact any current officer and we will record your nomination.

We had our **monthly Hungry Hams Breakfast** early this month on November 18th at 8:00 a.m.at Grandy's in Sherman. Michael Coffman AB5MC oversaw the Fox Hunt after breakfast and Cynthia, K5EKA was the first one to locate it. It was hidden near the ball field at Rosedale Park in South Sherman. Thanks to all that participated!

Our Christmas Party will be held December 19th at Marichi's on Texoma Parkway in Sherman at 6:00 p.m. We will have a Beef and Chicken Fajita Buffet with the works and drink for \$20 per person. We have many nice ham related Christmas gifts including two handheld radios that will be given away so you will want to be there.

Winter Field Day (WFD) is fast approaching. We will meet for WFD at Eisenhower State Park on Lake Texoma on Friday January 26th to set up and fellowship. Beginning Saturday at 9:00 a.m. we will set up antennas/equipment and will begin operating at 1:00 p.m. Saturday afternoon/evening we will again host our annual Chili Cook Off. Bring your best pot of Chili and vie for bragging rights. Last year we had several people stop by and visit with us about ham radio and we had a couple of guest operators. If you would like to camp with us there are several shelters near "Ike's Cabin" that are available in the Deer Run area.

As your club president for 2023, 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 November meeting.

Regards and 73,

Ship - KI5BMN

2023 GCARC CLUB OFFICERS

President: James Shiplet – KI5BMN – (<u>president@graysoncountyarc.org</u>)

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

Secretary: David Darcy – KF5LKG - (secretary@graysoncountyarc.org)
Treasurer: Ralph Jerome – KI5NUK – (treasurer@graysoncountyarc.org)

Director at Large: Marvin Schiavone KG5GMA - (directoratlarge@graysoncountyarc.org)

License Trustee: Rick Simmons - K5ECX - (<u>rr52s@yahoo.com</u>)

Email to All Officers: (officers@graysoncountyarc.org)
Club Email address: (gcarcclub@gmail.com)

Webmaster - Newsletter Editor - James Frank - KW5CW - (editor@graysoncountyarc.org)

Club Address

Grayson County Amateur Radio Club, P.O. Box 642, Sherman TX 75091

Next Grayson County Amateur Radio Club Meeting

Where: Texas Council of Governments

Again, at the NEW LOCATION*

1117 Gallagher Dr, Sherman, TX 75090

MULTI-STORY BUILDING EAST of Sam's Club

Tuesday - November 21, 2023

Time: 7:00PM - 8:30PM (Approximate)

BIG NIGHT!

Officer Elections for 2024

and

Preparations for Christmas Party Held at Mariachis Mexican Restaurant December 19, 2023

License Testing held on meeting night at 6PM



Grayson County Amateur Radio Club Meeting Minutes

10/17/2023

Secretary David DArcy KF5LKG

At 19:05 Club President James Shiplet -KI5BMN began the meeting by welcoming everyone to our new meeting place here at the Texas Council of Governments Building in Sherman. He then proceeded into the Pledge of Allegiance. Prior to the start of the formal meeting, the club administered its first VE Exam session with one person successfully passing the Technician license exam.

Our scheduled speaker was Steve Lott Smith - KG5VK, our North Texas Section Manager. He talked about what is going on with the Spectrum Defense Fund and how it helps to protect the allocated frequencies that we use. He elaborated about contesting going on and awards for members, scholarships, and member discounts. He discussed the ARRL insurance program available for its members, with coverage at \$1.25 per \$100.00. The ARRL managers have two board meetings a year, one in January and one in July. The ARRL July meeting minutes can be found online at the arrl.org website at this following link:

ARRL Meeting Minutes

You must be logged into ARRL to access the page. Page 11 informs of future availability of QST magazine.

Steve also brought up that ARRL Membership dues are going up and there are changes to QST magazine rates, and to be aware of the facts before renewing your membership. Also, in, dues will be increasing every two years. He said that all Lifetime members need to select the OPT IN button to continue to receive QST for free and if they do not opt in, they will only be able to receive the content digitally. At 20:12, Steve ended his presentation and gave out two books ARRL books to ticket holder winners. He also reported that we can email John Robert Stratton - N5AUS, who is our Division Director - N5AUS@N5AUS.com for questions regarding upcoming changes.

21 in Attendance

At 20:15 President James Shiplet- KI5BMN then began with the rest of the meeting and went around for introductions. Those that were present are: Club Secretary - David Darcy - KF5LKG, Andrew Bentley - KG5SKM, James Hunt - KI5DQ, Mike Whitten - KI5IPH, Club Newsletter Editor and Webmaster - James Frank - KW5CW, Club Vice President - Ricky Jessen-KG5FDT, James Johnson - KG5SJY, Mark Poweski - K1MRK, Max Phipps - AA5KK, Club President - James Shiplett - KI5BMN, David Turner - W5DRT, Club Treasurer - Ralph Jerome - KI5NUK, Jimmy Patterson - KC5OLH, Carla Patterson, Leland Sly - N5SLY, Cynthia Van Slogteren - K5EKA, Glen Willie -WW5GRW, Doug Hotalen - KG5QPI, Ray Stuckey - AE5PS, Shelia Sammon - KF5TDR.

Last month's minutes were approved: Cynthia Van Slogteren – K5EKA made 1st motion, Lee Sly - N5SLY made 2nd motion, Club voted and approved.

At 20:16, Club Treasurer - Ralph Jerome - KI5NUK, gave the treasurer's report.

Michael Coffman – AB5MC, David Anderson - KD5KPR, and Wade Graves - KF5AUD participated in the SET Exercise.

It was brought up we need to use the Backup Repeater more just to make sure it's working when we need it.

November 1st will be the first Wednesday of the month Siren Test at 09:00, it lasts about 30 minutes see Brad McMillon-KE5UMJ @ARRL.NET for the details and sign up it's easy to do. Just watch the siren spin and count it rotating and listen to the Wail of it happening.

Winlink Wednesday is coming up as well as an Ares Net.

Old Business:

The Christmas Party possible locations: Laundry's or Mariachi's Mexican Restaurant

New Business:

Congratulations it was voted on tonight we are having the Christmas Party at Mariachi's.

Nominations for 2024 club officers are still being accepted but at this time; after lots of names being thrown out for Yes and No's, too I will do it or No thanks, it has finally come out.

Michael Higgins - KI5ZIQ was nominated as the new president but not at the meeting to accept the nomination.

James Shiplet – KI5BMN has offered to continue to serve as an officer, but this time as the Vice President.

Cynthia VanSlogteren - K5EKA has said yes to being voted on to be the Secretary.

Currently, no one has agreed to be the Treasurer.

Voting will be at the November meeting along with other nominations if anyone else wants to put their name in the radio drawing hat to be an officer.

The Eisenhower Birthplace Special Event has presently commenced, running from Oct.14th through Oct. 22^{nd.} See the website and our Facebook page for details.

There will be no Fox Hunt for October as the next one planned at this time will be on November 18th.

Lee Sly - N5SLY presented Club Webmaster and Newsletter Editor- James Frank - KW5CW a certificate for being a Mentor in our club.

The 50/50 was won by Club Secretary David DArcy-KF5LKG who gave his 50 percent back to the club. The Door prize was won by James Johnson -KG5SJY who won a hard plastic Apache box case. The meeting ended at 21:00.



WINTER FIELD DAY & SUMMER FIELD DAY LOCATIONS ALREADY RESERVED FOR 2024

Winter Field Day – January 27th @ 1700 UTC until January 28th @ 1700 UTC LOCATION: EISENHOWER STATE PARK – CABIN 35

Summer Field Day – June 22nd @ 18:00 UTC until June 23rd @ 21:00 UTC LOCATION: EISENHOWER BIRTHPLACE – DENISON, TX.

QSL Managers Message

I'm very pleased to share with you our results from the recently concluded special event celebrating the birthday of President Eisenhower. We had a great event this year with 10 stations using 1x1 call signs across the country. Here are some of the details...

Call Sign	CW	Phone	Dig	QSO's
W5E	15	726	280	1021
W5I	0	318	0	318
W5S	0	534	614	1148
K5E	0	718	0	718
W5N	3	598	965	1566
W5H	0	0	268	268
W5O	688	585	283	1556
W5W	0	184	392	576
N5E	0	139	0	139
W5R	218	360	964	1542
Total	924	4162	3766	8852



Although we didn't make as many QSO's as in years past, I had more fun this year than ever. The highlight for me was the contact I made with KT2O, who was at POTA park, K-0963, the Statue of Liberty National Monument. The only way to operate there is to carry all of your radio gear and take a boat out to the island.

Another highlight was that our operators were able to set up and operate at many Eisenhower sites around the country. W5R set up the Eisenhower Birthplace in Denison, TX. W5E set up and operated at the Eisenhower Presidential Library, Museum and home in Abilene, KS and W5N set up at the Eisenhower home in Gettysburg, PA.

This year I'm giving out awards to participants who excelled during the event. The winners are...

Most CW contacts... W5O, James, KW5CW, in Texas

Most Phone contacts... K5E, Greg, KJ6ER, in California & W5E, Brian, K9KSU, in Kansas Most Digital contacts... W5R, Members of the GCARC in Texas & W5N, Greg, N3ARS in MD

Most POTA activations... W5N, Kerri, KB3WAV, in Maryland

Best station location... N5E, Dave, NG5E, operating /MM in the Gulf of Mexico





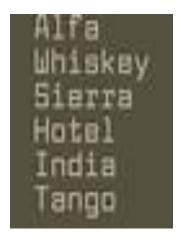
All the winners this year get, either an



Or an



But please remember that you'll need 10 of those awards to make up for the



award you recently received.

Have fun everyone. Lee N5SLY lee.n5sly@gmail.com 903-818-7463



October 2023 Financial Report – Ralph Jerome - Treasurer

October 23 Financial Report			
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Bank Balance at time of last months report 10/6/2023		\$	5,726.61
Bank Balance at time of report 10/30/23		\$	5,763.82
Income - Note PayPal payments don't include fees			
PayPal Dues			18.81
50/50			66.00
Cash Dues			60.00
Testing Fee			15.00
Total Income		\$	159.81
Annual Dues Income TO DATE	total		825.32
Expenses			
Winter Field Day Campsite			122.60
Testing Payment			8.00
Meeting Hall Rental			50.00
(not all checks have been cashed at time of report)			
Total Expenses			180.60
Cash on hand		\$	20.00
Petty Cash		*	20.00
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Total Checks & other funds deposited			
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50/50			66.00
Dues			60.00
Testing Payment			15.00
Final Total at time of report		\$	141.00
Checks Written			
Lee Sly - Testing Payment			8.00
Ralph Jerome- Winter Field Day Campsite			122.60
Meeting Hall Rental			50.00
Total Checks Written			180.60
50 - 50 Raffle Christmas Gift Fund	Deposit to checking		Total
Beginning Balance	0.00		0.00
January	97.00		97.00
February	79.00		79.00
March	59.00		59.00
April	58.00		58.00
May	46.00		46.00
June (1/2 donated to ARES)	78.00		39.00
July (1/2 donated to club) August (1/2 donated to club)	66.00 64.00		33.00 32.00
September (1/2 donated to club)	82.00	_	41.00
October	66.00		33.00
November	35.50		
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Ending Balance	\$ 695.00	\$	517.00

Grayson County ARC Budget Items Calendar Year 2023	Budget	Actual Expenses	
Grayson County ARC Budget items Calendar Year 2023	Amount	Actual Expenses	
Operating Events			
Winter Field Day 2023	200.00	0.00	
Food, Drinks & Supplies			
Camping Spot		-138.60	
Perrin Field Museum Special Event	50.00	0.00	
Food, Drinks & Supplies	+		
ARRL Field Day	138.60	-85.24	
Food, Drinks & Supplies	50.00		
Red River Bridge War Special Event	50.00	0.00	
Food, Drinks & Supplies			
Eisenhower Birthday Special Event	F0.00	0.00	
Food, Drinks & Supplies	50.00	0.00	
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Operating Events Total	400.00	-223.84	
QSL Management /Administrativ	e/Finance		
PO Box Rental	165.00		
Web Domain Fmail Domain	25.00		
	9.63		
QSL Management /Administrative/Finance Total Christmas Party	190.00	-175.63	
Christmas Party Expenses	150.00		
Office of the Control	150,00		
Christmas Party Total	150.00	0.00	
Equipment Hard/Soft			
Accessories (Cable Antenna Tuner)	50.00		
GCARC Signs for Events	133.67		
IC 7300 Radio	850.00	-850.00	
Equipment Hard/Soft Total	1,033.67	-1,033.62	
Total Budget Approved	923.67		
Total Budget Approved Total Budget Spent	523.07	-1.433.09	
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Estimated 2023 Dues Income		940.00	
Budget approved 01/17/23			



Continued Results of the Eisenhower Birthday Special Event The Certificate Program

James - KW5CW

As Lee – N5SLY has stated in his QSL Managers Message this month concerning the Eisenhower Special Event results, the club participants in the event had lots of fun, as the event was more diversified this year than ever before. The event seems to be growing and that is a good thing. More people are interested in participating each year in the Eisenhower Event. Personally, I can say that I had lots of fun participating, but this year I did attempt to expand our goals a little in this event by providing a certificate to people who wanted one. They could donate \$5.00 to cover the costs of the certificate that could also cover shipping expenses and provide a 50% profit to the club. I spent a lot of time and effort on this project, but apparently, I did not spend enough time thinking it through. My vision was that it could bring money to the club in a special way. I believe the idea was a good one, but unfortunately it did not pan out the way that I had intended it to do. There were issues for people having the ability to know how to and have the means to submit their application forms for the certificate and many of these stations were left in the dark when it came time to submitting their forms and where to send the opt-in donation.

I may have overstepped my bounds anticipating that all was in place for everything to happen as needed for it to be a successful project, but in the end, it just did not work out as anticipated. The club has been very successful in getting people to participate in the event and receive a special event QSL card when they supply an S.A.S.E. for the card. As a non-profit organization, people were not required to send \$5 for the certificate, because since this club is a 501c3 Non-Profit organization and if this project was successful, then the club would have had ample funds from the event to cover the costs of mailing certificates to those who couldn't afford to supply a donation. Each mailing would cost \$2.50 (including the color certificate) and that would have given us a \$2.50 profit on every \$5.00 donation we received. Just a dozen or so certificates were requested.

There seems to be a constant learning curve when it comes to our hobby. Trying to implement a project such as this to be successful requires lots of preparation, and if just one of the important steps is broken, then the project might fail, and that is what seemed to happen here. I also have a personal problem to think I can just assume that everything will get done. 'ASSUMING' is a direct definition that 'FAILURE' is about to happen. I learned that years ago when I worked the Eisenhower event from Kansas. Presently, I do not have any plans to provide certificates in the future unless I can resolve some issues.

New Officer Positions for 2024 – Chosen at the November Meeting

As stated last month, all officer positions will be up for grabs for the upcoming 2024 calendar. Elections will be at the upcoming meeting on November 21st to be held again at the TCOG center. Now is the time to step up and possibly become an officer. Support your club in a special way. The club also needs 'new blood' regarding leaders. Again, if you are interested, come to the November meeting, and state your desire to become an officer. The new positions actually become active on January 1, 2024. Please sign up to become an officer for 2024 at the next general club meeting.

THE UR RADIO

How to Pay Dues Using HamClubonline.com

Follow these 7 easy steps

- 1) Go to the Hamclubonline.com Homepage
- 2) On the homepage, click on 'Pay My Club Dues'
- 3) On this page, type in your callsign and click 'Submit.'
- 4) Select Club for Payment
- 5) Click Blue Line Button 'Click here to renew your existing membership.'
- 6) Type in the Amount to Pay i.e., 20.00 for 1 Year renewal with the GCARC
- 7) Click 'Submit'

Note: If you are going to change your membership type, i.e., to family membership, it can also be done there.

The GCARC Website and Newsletter

As stated in the last newsletter, more changes to the newsletter will take place in 2024. Also, the website will continue to evolve in its better self. The website and newsletter exist for you. The website was rebuilt from scratch last January, and I believe that it serves the club well. It is there for all the members, your friends, and anyone who wants to be kept apprised of the goings on with the GCARC. Any comments or suggestions to make it even better can be sent to me directly as your webmaster and newsletter editor at

<u>editor@graysoncountyarc.org</u> <u>or webmaster@graysoncountyarc.org</u>

THE GCARC LADIES NET

Another GCARC Ladies Net was held last month. It is the place for the ladies to chat about things of their interest within or outside of amateur radio. The GCARC Ladies Net welcomes men to also participate.

If interested in participating, the next ladies net will be on the 27th of November at 7PM. Presently, it is held on the KG5SKM repeater on 441.325 + 5 MHZ pl tone of 82.5 on the 4th Monday of each month. The net control hostess this month is Tamara Higgins – KI5ZIP. Access is also via Winlink node 831760 or AllStar node 53477. Download an app called *RepeaterPhone* to access both *AllStar* and *Echolink* nodes with the same APP on your phone. Again, men are encouraged to support the ladies by participating on the net.



GCARC INFORMATION

REPEATER: W5RVT 147.000 / +0.6MHz / 100.0

WEBSITE: graysoncountyarc.org

CONTACT:

List of repeaters located in Sherman

147.000 +0.6 MHz 100.0 / 100.0 Sherman
Grayson W5RVT OPEN FM
147.280 +0.6 MHz 107.2 PL Sherman
Grayson W5COP OPEN FM EchoLink
444.750 +5 MHz / 100.0 Sherman Grayson
W5RVT OPEN FM
441.325 +5 MHz / 82.5PL Sherman Grayson
KG5SKM OPEN FM
ECHOLINK node – 831760 / ALLSTAR node –
53477

Meeting Information

Club nets are held 8:00 PM on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month on the W5RVT 147.000 repeater.

Club meetings are held at 7:00 P.M. on the 3rd
Tuesday of the Month at
TCOG

1117 Gallagher Rd. Sherman, TX 75090.

ARES net meetings are held at 8 PM on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of each month on the W5RVT 147.000 repeater.

GRAYSON COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CONNECTION

ARES...Amateur Radio Emergency Service...https://www.tecoares.org/
POTA...Parks On The Air...https://parksontheair.com/
SKYWARN...storm spotting...see ARES
WINTER AND SUMMER FIELD DAY...Activity weekends in January and June
PERRIN FIELD MUSEUM SPECIAL EVENT...held in May each year
RED RIVER BRIDGE WAR SPECIAL EVENT...held in July of each year
EISENHOWER BIRTHDAY SPECIAL EVENT...held in October of each year
LADIES NET...held 4th Monday of the month on 441.325 Repeater
LICENSURE AND TESTING..testing available before every club meeting except Dec
ANTENNA GROUP...meets intermittently
CW Training Available
FOX HUNT...usually held monthly

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

GCARC is a non-profit organization. Member dues are \$20 for individuals or \$30 for family per year. These dues contribute to the organization for costs associated with events, activities, equipment upkeep, and to further the growth of amature radio in North Texas.

To become a member please contact_____ or visit the website at graysoncountyarc.org. You do not have to be a member to participate in meetings, events and nets.

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/
- 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

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 Skywam 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.



