

## FOCUS of the Month – Marvin Schiavone – KG5GMA



Marvin Schiavone is a wonderful asset to our club. He is very knowledgeable about all things “ham radio”. He started out getting his Ham Radio License after becoming trained in CERT (Community Emergency Response Team), responding to a call for help with communications during activations. He is Skywarn trained and is an ARES (Amateur Radio Emergency Service) Spotter. He gives the TECO (Texas Emergency Communication Organization) and ARES updates at our club meetings.



Before he retired Marvin was a Products Engineering Technician working for Texas Instruments. He also is a Veteran of the U.S. Navy from the Vietnam era.

He recently achieved his Extra Class as an Amateur Radio Operator!! Congratulations, Marvin! He is our “Director at large” serving for two years on the Board of Directors. He creates a stability and source of wisdom and history for our club board.

Marvin received the World Radio Friendship Award working multiple bands and the Grid Squared Award. He enjoys talking with fellow Hams around the country and the world about what is happening and exchanging cultural issues with them. His logbook includes recent contacts with Canada, Guadeloupe, St Kitts and Nevis, French Guiana, Suriname and Brazil. Whoo-hoo! Well done!

Marvin’s set up consists of an ICOM 4100 and 7300 in his shack and a TMV-71 in his truck along with a signa link for APRS (Automatic Packet Reporting System). He also has two Wouxun dual band Handy Talkies which he uses on Skywarn activations, taking one with him and leaving one behind at home so his wife can know what is happening in real time. How cool is that?

Marvin likes the fellowship and friendship that our Club provides along with the different topics discussed at meetings. He would like to see the club become more active in more and different events and functions such as Artsfest in Sherman and Fall Festival in Denison. He’d like to see us get out to the smaller towns in the county to demonstrate what we are about and generate interest in ham radio. I encourage everyone to engage Marvin in conversation and get to know him and learn from his experience and expertise!