



Events  
Coming Up

**Operating Event**  
Perrin Field  
Special Event  
May 18  
thru May 24

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Sunday Nets

Dates/Net Control:  
5/19 David – W5DRT  
6/2 Marvin – KG5GMA  
6/16 Tamara – KI5ZIP  
Time: 8:00 PM Local  
Repeater: 147.000+

**Next Regular Club**  
**Monthly Meeting**  
**Date: May 23rd**  
**Time: 7:00-8:45PM**

Location  
Texoma Council of  
Governments  
1117 Gallagher Rd.  
Sherman, Texas  
**2<sup>nd</sup> floor Suite 270**

**LADIES NET**  
**Monday May 27 7PM**  
**441.325 pl 82.5**

**CW CLASSES**  
**May 23 & 30 th**  
**June 6 & 13**

Meeting Presentation  
**Summer Field Day**  
By  
**Michael Coffman**

## PRESIDENT'S QSO

Howdy All!

I am completely amazed at how quickly time has gone by as we get closer to the year's halfway point! This time of year is always fun as we see our younger family members and friends prepare for the excitement of summer break! Many of them are graduating and preparing for their future as they head into adulthood. It makes you wonder what that future will look like.

It is interesting to reflect on the world that awaits us. With technology advancing so quickly and the introduction of AI it is hard to imagine where it may lead. Some would say it is the end while others would call it the beginning. Either way, we will trudge through the bad, embrace the good, and carry on!

As I have had the opportunity to get to know so many people in the club it amazes me how such a diverse group of people can come together with such comradery and enthusiasm. The consistent kindness and empathy combined with the jovial razzing of one another resembles more a family than a radio club! The best examples of this can be found at our field day events and our next one is June 22-23 at the Eisenhower Birthplace State Historical Park.

As we grow, let's keep that same cool culture and evolve to meet the future ahead!

**\*Important...** The location of the next club meeting on May 21<sup>st</sup> will not be held in the same location. Instead, it will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor in Suite #270 and not in its usual place. Use the elevator to go to the second floor and then walk to your left as you exit. The room is down on the left side of the hallway. See everyone there.

Michael Higgins – KI5ZIQ  
GCARC President

## Perrin Field Special Event

The 2<sup>nd</sup> GCARC Event of the Year is upon us. The Perrin Field Special Event is a week-long event. It began on Friday evening – May 17 at 7PM and runs through May 24 at 7PM. All Grayson County Club members get to participate at their leisure from the comfort of their home. The callsign to use is W5P, and there is no specific contact exchange except the usual things, such as the signal report, your name and location and maybe explain to anyone you work what the event is about. Details about the event can be found [right here](#). The object is to work as many stations as possible to promote this event which is to celebrate the history of Perrin Field in Sherman, Texas. Anyone who operates this event is to keep a log of contacts that were made along with the usual logging information of each contact. The .adi logging file is to be sent to our QSL manager - Lee Sly – N5SLY who manages the logs. The GCARC appreciates anyone and all who participate in this event, and a report after the event will be displayed in the June Newsletter. Just as a reminder, when using a special event call, you must only use the frequencies allowed by your personal ham license.

## FOCUS of the Month – Andrew Bentley – KG5SKM



Andrew Bentley KG5SKM became a ham in March 2017 at the encouragement of a good friend and mentor of many years, Darrell Reed KF5DA, who is now a silent key. Andrew was dealing with some health issues and had to quit work at the radio station and needed a distraction and something to do. It turned out to be a lot of fun. He passed the test to get his license with flying colors and he has been learning and growing and helping others ever since. He likes getting to talk to people from all different walks of life and enjoys the camaraderie and socializing that being involved in that ham radio gives him.

Andrew has been very active in our club, including being the President in 2019. He is excited about the direction we are going and is glad we are continuing some of the things he wanted to do as President. He is always eager to help new people who join the club who come to him quite often to ask questions and get advice on how they should go about getting their equipment set up, what to get, and what not to get. It is a privilege he enjoys that people trust him to help them out and we benefit from the help he gives our new members.

[CLICK HERE](#) for the complete article on the GCARC Website...

## Elmer's Corner – May 2024

By – James – KW5CW



The GCARC Basic CW course was completed, and it was an eye-opener, especially for the beginners who didn't know a lick of code. The moral of the story may be that the only way to succeed in the course is to apply yourself at home in your studies. The motto was 'memorize and instant recall'. It was difficult for some and less difficult for others. Still, the 2<sup>nd</sup> CW class of the year, the Intermediate CW Class course is now upon us. **The first Intermediate Class session will take place on Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>,**

**just 2 days after the next club meeting, and the course will run for 6-8 weeks, depending on the students' abilities.** It will be held in Sherman at Michael Higgins home – KI5ZIQ, at 1600 Norwood Street, Sherman, Texas. The object of the class is to be able to send and receive Morse code at 20 WPM. It is not a beginner's class, as it would be very helpful to already know 13 WPM which is the starting speed of the course. Rules for attending have changed a little, as anyone that attended the Basic class can attend the Intermediate Class course. Head copy begins at 17WPM, which will give you the ability to copy code without writing the words down on paper. The information that was put out on Google drive for the last basic class is still available for the students of the last class, and it will be continuously updated with more practice exercises. Those files will still be available for an extended period with no expiration date, so all members of the Basic class can still access the files until a decision is made to take them down. A new directory of files will exist for the Intermediate Class students and will only be available to the students of the class. So, if you are interested in being able to access the files, please sign up for the class. The last day to sign up is Tuesday May 21<sup>st</sup>, at the club meeting.

This is an in-person course, but most of the studying will be done from home, with practice files on Google drive, so it is important to have the ability to access Google drive files. If anyone attending the class has issues with receiving files, those issues can be resolved at the first class on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. I am hoping that more people sign up by the next meeting.

### Accepting Major Credit Cards for Payment at Club Meetings

This month, the GCARC plans to accept the credit cards MasterCard, Visa, American Express, and Discover at the meeting so that members can renew their memberships using the card of their choice. Hopefully the credit card equipment can be received in time for the meeting. Instead of renewing your membership online using HamClubOnline, you will be able to renew directly at a club meeting. Debit cards with one of the major card logos can also be used. There is a slight charge to the club by the bank to allow us to take in payments directly, but one benefit is that the funds go directly to the bank at the time they are made and not through PayPal. A donation of any value would be appreciated to help cover the cost of this service. Of course, donations are not mandatory, but any amount of funds would help cover the cost.

## The Fun Continues at the GCARC

After the Perrin Field Special Event that is taking place during the publication of this newsletter, the **GCARC Summer ARRL Field Day event** is just around the corner. Preparations are being made again this year by Michael Coffman – AB5MC, who is planning all the fun at the event. A sign-up sheet will be provided at the meeting on May 21st. Please reserve some of your time to come up and join the club at our field day next month on Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> to get in on the action. Our field day is OPEN to ANYONE that wants to participate. You will be able to operate one of the stations if you like, as there will be digital, phone and CW stations set up for you to use. More details concerning the Summer Field Day event will also be in the June GCARC newsletter.

### Current Links to Information found on the GCARC Website

[April 2024 – Treasury Report](#)  
[April 2024 – Secretary Report](#)  
[Perrin Field Special Event](#)  
[License Testing at TCOG in Sherman, Texas](#)

[Next CW Classes commence on Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30th, 2024](#)

The last day to register for the CW Intermediate class will be on meeting night, May 21<sup>st</sup>. A sign in sheet for the CW class will be available for anyone who wants to take the course. Contact the Class Administrator/Instructor at [gcarccourses@gmail.com](mailto:gcarccourses@gmail.com)

The classes are FREE.

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