

Grayson County Amateur Radio Club
May 21, 2024 Meeting Minutes
Secretary Cynthia VanSlogteren K5EKA

President Michael Higgins K15ZIQ started the meeting at 7:00 and welcomed everyone to our temporary room in the TCOG building — Room 260 — with apologies. After the Pledge of Allegiance Michael we went around the room and introduced ourselves.

We are looking to buy a trailer for equipment. The one we went to look at that we talked about at the last meeting being sold by the Lyon's Club needed too much work for our budget right now.

We had the Secretary Report and the Treasurer's Report and referenced those documents online with a QR code and url.

Testing is on-going and one participant is taking all three level tests tonight! Wow! The ARES report gave basic info and nets. Membership information and types were explained. We now have a device to accept credit card payments.

Club nets are: the General Informational and the Ladies' Net, which is also live on Facebook. It was suggested that we use NetLogger — a software program to help with Nets.

Hungry Hams will be at Grandy's on Saturday, May 25th at 8:00. It is held the 4th Saturday of the month.

CW Intermediate Course starts this Thursday at the Higgins' house at 7 p.m.

The June meeting will be on June 18th, to be followed by a Car Show Fund Raiser — show off your radio setup. The vehicle entry fee is \$15. Please notify an officer of the club that you want to enter your car.

Summer Field Day — June 22 1 pm thru June 23, 12 pm. Michael Coffman is the organizer. It will be held at Eisenhower Birthplace. Educational projects — EFHW Antenna Build, ICOM 7300 How to & Maintenance, and Basic Radio Programming Help. We will make our traditional solar ice cream.

Some of the initiatives we're talking about are: having radio groups by type to help with programming, usage, etc., training for testing, finding a trailer, Common Radio Programming and Shared Programming for the club.

We want to encourage participation in our club outreach program by letting organizations, clubs, church groups, etc. know about us and what we do.

We may offer a CPR First Aid Class, incorporating radio in case of phone outages. James Shiplet KI5BMN is a certified instructor. To be announced later.

Jimmy KC5OLH showed us some golf-ball sized hailstones he collected from the last storm on Hwy 11 going south toward Tom Bean. Also put up 2 Baofeng's for sale, which were bought on the spot.

Our presentation for the meeting tonight was by Michael Coffman AB5MC presented Digital Modes for Amateur Radio. There's a lot to this aspect of radio and Michael did a great job going through it all. His slides are posted on the website.

Refreshments were provided by Andrew's (KG5SKM) mom, Jennie, with a charcuterie board, sandwiches and fruit and there were other snacks and drinks provided by our secretary. Thanks to both.

The ticket drawing resulted in Mark Miller KA5TXN winning the doorprize, a wrench set and rope and Marvin KG5GMA won the 50/50 drawing. He donated his winnings to the club.

Congratulations to our test takers. Mike Gaffney passed the General level and Don Williams passed all 3 levels!!

Meeting was adjourned at 8:48.

There were 38 members and guests in attendance:

Callsign	Member Name
K5EKA	Cynthia J Vanslogteren
KW5CW	James J Frank
KI5ZIP	Tamara L Higgins
KI5ZIQ	Michael A Higgins
KG5SKM	Andrew Bentley
KG5FDT	Ricky Jessen
N5SLY	Lee Sly
KI5IPH	Michael D Whitten
KA5TXN	Mark J Miller
KI5NUK	Ralph F Jerome

AA5KK	Donnie M Phipps
KG5GMA	Marvin D Schiavone
KC5OLH	Jimmy D Patterson
KB5TMU	Levent M Kahveci
KI5DQ	James D Hunt
W5DRT	David R Turner
KJ5BFD	Joe F Hayes
KC5NK	Steven C Ollmann
KG5SJY	James A Johnson
	David Paige
K1MRK	Mark T Poweski
KG5BFI	Trevor Reed
KI5BMN	James R Shiplet
KF5OEB	Benjamin C Sly
N5SWG	Timothy E Branam
AB5MC	Michael A Coffman

and one other.

Guest Name
Howard Malone K2AQ
Kathleen Malone K1KLM
Nick Sirianni K3NSA
Virginia Frank
Dan Barns AG5AZ
Alice Hawk KI5BWO
Michael Hawk - K5PKF

Dennis Wade No Call
Trevor Mangus W5JFT
Mike Gaffney Passed Test General
Don Williams Passed All Tests