



GRAYSON COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB



GCARC

GRAYSON CO. TEXAS USA

Having Fun With Amateur Radio

Events Coming Up

ARRL Field Day
At
The Eisenhower
Birthplace
June 22 and 23
Denison, Texas

1st and 3rd Sunday Nets

Dates/Net Control:

6/16 Tamara – KI5ZIP

6/30 open 7/7 open

Time: 8:00 PM Local

Repeater: 147.000+

Next Regular Club **Monthly Meeting** **& Car Show**

Date: June 18th

Time: 7:00-9:00PM

Location

Texoma Council of

Governments

1117 Gallagher Rd.

Sherman, Texas

LADIES NET

Monday June 24th

7PM

147.28 Repeater

CW CLASSES

June 6 & 13th

20 & 27th

Meeting Presentation

ARRL Summer Field

Day By

Michael Coffman

PRESIDENT'S QSO

Howdy Everyone!

Let's start off the month with a special thank you to the ARES team for putting in the long hours and late nights to keep the community aware of emergency situations! It appears we have been on severe weather alert almost weekly for the past few months. Hopefully, we can begin to put the storm season behind us as we move into June.

Another big thank you goes out to Michael Coffman for his presentation on digital radio during the May meeting. I know many of you have reached out to him for more information. Please keep in mind that he will also be set up and activating during Summer Field Day on June 22 and 23 at the Eisenhower Birthplace in Denison.

June is always an active month for the GCARC and this year will be no different. I want to encourage everyone to attend the next meeting on June 18. We will have a brief business meeting and talk about Summer Field Day. Then we will have a Car, Truck, and Bike show in the TCOG parking lot! If you do POTA, storm spot, or just like to rag chew while driving around, we want to see your set-up! There is a small entry fee for participation and a prize for the best in the show.

More information on the Car Show and Summer Field Day can be found in this newsletter! I look forward to seeing everyone!

CAR SHOW

If you are a storm spotter, POTA junkie, or just love to chat with new people on the radio as you drive around, we want to see your rig! So, we are hosting a GCARC Car Show immediately after our GCARC June meeting.

The participants in the car show will be encouraged to arrive at 6:30pm on June 18 at the TCOG parking lot to set-up. After the club meeting adjourns, members, guests, and participants will walk the show at their own leisure to learn how show participants set up their vehicles! We want to know about your radio, antenna, antenna mounts, how everything is installed and the equipment you use (weather stations, computer hardware, programs, radar, POTA tools, etc.). You may enter more than one vehicle (or bike) if you would like.

Everyone is invited to participate no matter how simple or complex your set-up may be! We just want to know how you do what you do! So, whether you use a handheld with an external antenna or a networked, all-band command center for the zombie apocalypse, this show is for everyone!

There is a minimum \$10 registration fee to show your vehicle and all proceeds will be used for the Summer and Winter Field Day events. You may pay the entry fee on the night of the event. ***The winner of best in show will be announced during Summer Field Day on June 22 and a prize will be awarded!***

FOCUS of the Month – David Turner W5DRT

David Turner W5DRT got his technician's license in 2007 after they had dropped the CW requirements. He'd been a storm spotter for a while and saw this as a good opportunity. He upgraded to General in 2023 and to Amateur Extra 7 months

later. David enjoys doing POTA, both hunting and activating, and he likes the challenge of making DX contacts and working satellites on VHF/UHF. Another challenge he enjoys is adjusting the radio to filter out unwanted noise and playing with the RF gain and volume to be able to pull out a weak signal. He likes reading about

different antennas that can be used for different circumstances.

David likes the camaraderie of GCARC members and friends, sharing interests and knowledge and just spending time together with the great people who make up our club. He'd like to see the club grow and feels it will happen as we become more visible to the public. It is good to have people see us as a positive in the community especially when emergencies arise.

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SUMMER FIELD DAY 2024 HAS FINALLY ARRIVED by Michael Coffman – AB5MC

Hello GCARC members. It is hard to believe that we have already reached the month of June, but here it is. It is now approaching time for our favorite time of the year, **FIELD DAY!** For those new to the hobby who may be wondering what field day is, it is a time when everything we love in our hobby comes together in one setting. ARRL's definition of field day is *"Field Day is amateur radios open house -- an opportunity to showcase what amateur radio is all about to the public."* It is essentially one weekend where we have the opportunity to put all the skills we have learned throughout the year to use and provides us the opportunity to learn more about this hobby in one weekend than you may have learned in the entire year.

The field day events held by the Grayson County Amateur Radio Club are truly diverse events where there is something that appeals to all members. There is a good mixture of voice modes on all bands, CW skills that would rival any club, plenty of various digital modes in operation, educational events, wonderful camaraderie, and great food. We are fortunate to have many operators with decades of experience who are willing to share their knowledge. One of the most impressive things I have seen in my time with the club is these same experienced operators will stop and take time to learn something new to them. It was at a field day event that sold me on GCARC a few years ago. I learned more in one evening talking with several members than I learned in a year of research and YouTube videos while deciding if this hobby was for me.

This year's Field Day event will be on June 22 and 23 and will be held at Eisenhower Birthplace State Historic Site in Denison, TX. The site is a convenient location, is rich with history, provides ample space for various antennas, and has a wonderful pavilion with accommodations for operating during a Texas Summer event. A detailed schedule will be made available at the next club meeting as we get closer to the event, but here are a few of the things planned for this year. The club will be operating 3-4 radios with designated time slots, bands, and modes to give anyone wanting to operate the chance to do so. [Continued Reading <click here>](#)

[Summer Field Day Planning <click here>](#)

[Satellite & Bulletin Schedule <Click here>](#)



Elmer's Corner – June 2024 by James Frank – KW5CW



The GCARC Intermediate CW Course is finally getting under way. It's had a slow start as people that want to attend the course had a few weeks of priority projects to get done before the class, so it was delayed by a few weeks. Instead of the originally planned class location at Michael Higgin's home in Sherman, the class is now being held at my home in Anna. Week 1 of the course has already blown by. The goal of the class is to advance and 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. As a refresher, I will begin the class at approximately 11 WPM with several practice sessions at the start to get everyone up to speed for 13 and 14 WPM lessons in class 2 of the Intermediate course.

Head copy begins at 17WPM, which will give you the ability to copy code without writing the words down on paper. The files and other information that was put out on Google drive for the last basic class is still available for the students of the basic class, and it will be continuously updated with more practice exercises. A new directory of files is now present on Google drive for the Intermediate Class students.

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QSL Managers Message

W5P Perrin Field Museum Special Event Results

We had a great time again this year participating in the Perrin Field Museum Special Event. Our results were down this year primarily because we had fewer folks participating, but those that did participate had a great time. Now for some statistics...

Total Contacts by Band and Mode:

Band	CW	Phone	Dig	Total	%
80	0	0	11	11	1
40	40	0	72	112	14
30	8	0	22	30	4
20	129	164	228	521	63
17	0	2	31	33	4
15	5	1	87	93	11
12	0	0	17	17	2
10	0	0	3	3	0
6	0	0	9	9	1
Total	182	167	480	829	100

We were able to make contacts in 48 states (we missed Vermont and Hawaii) and 31 other countries. Four of us, Ricky KG5FDT, Mark KA5TXN, David W5DRT and Lee N5SLY met at the Eisenhower Birthplace on Saturday, May 18 to kick things off for the event and we had a great time that day playing on the radio.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at our next operating event...Field Day.

73 Lee Sly lee.n5sly@gmail.com 903-818-7463

The Fun Continues at the GCARC

Things are getting a little hectic at the GCARC for 2024. The June Club meeting at the Texoma Council of Governments is on June 18th. Immediately after the meeting, the club will sport the Car Show in the parking lot. To enter your car, rsvp to the GCARC Event email sent out recently. The event is scheduled to start at approximately 7:45PM. The 3rd session of the Intermediate CW Class Course will commence just 2 days after the meeting, on Thursday, June 20th. Then the real fun begins at the annual ARRL Field Day that always takes place on the 4th weekend of June. The GCARC will be active in the event to be held at the Eisenhower Birthplace two days after the class, on Saturday, June 22nd and Sunday, June 23rd. If you are having problems keeping up, just move over to the club website and see all these activities listed on the newly functional [GOOGLE CALENDAR](#). There is a link in the menu items at the top of the page. You came to the right place when you joined the GCARC!

Current Links to Information found on the GCARC Website

[May 2024 – Treasury Report](#)

[May 2024 – Secretary Report](#)

[May 2024 – Ladies Net](#)

[The Elmers Corner June 2024](#)

[ARRL SUMMER FIELD DAY](#)

[License Testing at TCOG in Sherman, Texas](#)

[An Intermediate CW Class commenced on Thursday, June 6th](#)

CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER FOR THE 3 PEOPLE WHO SUCCESSFULLY PASSED THEIR HAM TEST LAST MONTH ON MAY 21ST at a GCARC Test session.

AI5QX – Donald Williams – Sanger, TX - passed all three tests in one sitting

KJ5EHC – Michael Gaffney – Durant, OK - passed his General Class test

KJ5JMJ – Dan Lynch – Kingston, OK - passed his General Class test

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