



# GRAYSON COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB



GCARC  
GRAYSON CO. TEXAS USA

Having Fun With Amateur Radio

OCTOBER 2024

Events  
Coming Up

## PRESIDENT'S QSO

### EISENHOWER SPECIAL EVENT Oct 12-18, 2024

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

Dates/Net Control:

Oct 6 – David – W5DRT

Oct 20 – Marvin – KG5GMA

Nov 3 – Roy – AF5VA

Time: 8:00 PM Local

Repeater: 147.000

#### **Next Regular Club Monthly Meeting** **Date: Oct. 15th, 2024**

**Time: 7:00-9:00PM**

#### Location

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Governments

1117 Gallagher Rd.

Sherman, Texas

#### LADIES NET

Monday Oct. 21, 7PM

147.280 +600KC

PL 107.2

#### **Meeting Presentation** **On CPR** **To Include**

**CPR TRAINING**  
**By**  
**James Shplet**  
**KI5BMN**

Howdy Everyone:

Recently, Hurricane Helene and Milton wreaked havoc across the southeastern United States, especially in North Carolina, Georgia and Florida. The storms caused massive flooding, tornados and widespread power outages, and disrupted modern communication systems like cellular and internet networks. In the face of these challenges, amateur (ham) radio operators played a crucial role in maintaining communication, particularly in areas cut off from regular services.

Ham operators coordinated welfare checks, relayed emergency messages, and provided updates on road conditions for families trying to reach loved ones. They also assisted with logistics for relief efforts, working with volunteer pilots and military units to coordinate the delivery of supplies to isolated communities. Their ability to operate independently of modern infrastructure proved invaluable when conventional methods failed.

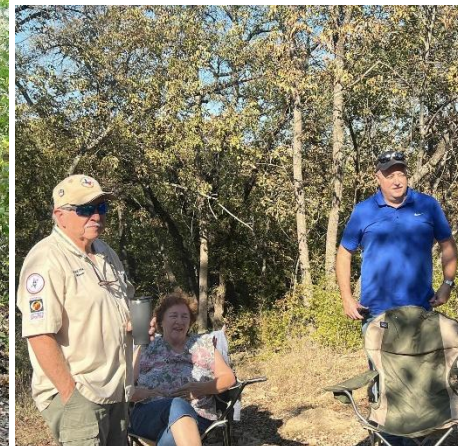
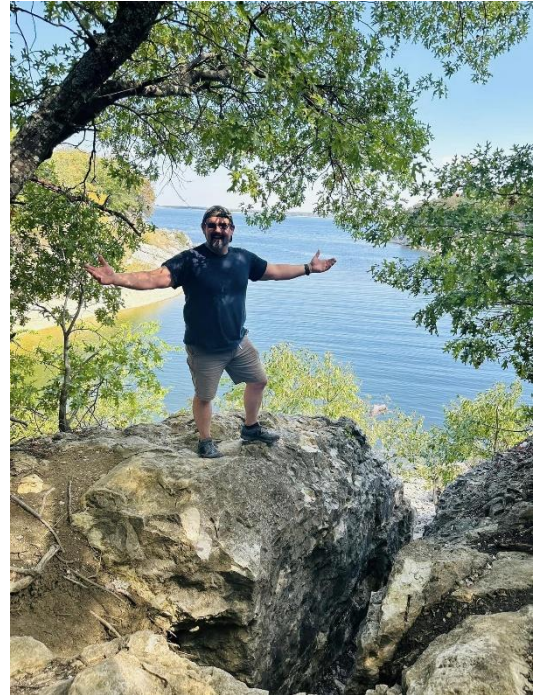
In short, ham radio demonstrated its enduring value as a reliable communication tool during disasters like Hurricane Helene and Milton. Thank you to all of the operators out there who helped those in need!

Michael Higgins – KI5ZIQ  
GCARC President

## GCARC FAMILY FUN DAYS PICNIC Eisenhower State Park October 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024

This was a fun club experience as we witnessed the beauty of the fall season. It occurred on the same weekend as the Denison Fall Festival, and most likely next year we will add visibility of the club at the Denison Fall

Festival while continuing the picnic tradition. It has been a very hot summer with little rain, so outdoor cooking was limited due to a "burn ban". That meant no outdoor campfire cooking, although that didn't stop people from overnight camping and propane cooking. We enjoyed the camaraderie in a "get-a-way" from the chores we normally do every day. Some participated in a Fox Hunt while onsite in the park, and some performed POTA activations.



## The Fun Continues at the GCARC

This year is flyin' by. The fall picnic is over. All the planned activities have been held except for the Eisenhower Special Event, that begins this weekend at the Eisenhower Birthplace. The club celebrates President Eisenhower's birth that was on October 14<sup>th</sup>, 1890. President Eisenhower was born in a small quaint home on the birthplace property at the celebration event. Some hams visit the birthplace grounds frequently, but many will participate in the yearly events put on by the birthplace management on Saturday – October 12<sup>th</sup>. The club will set up a station and demonstrate ham radio to visitors and perform POTA activations on that day and then continue to operate the following week. Calls being used are W5E, W5I, W5S, K5E, W5N, W5H, W5O, W5W, N5E, W5R. Again, the celebration is tomorrow, October 12<sup>th</sup>, from 10AM-3PM. Our club members should use W5R.

Also don't forget the Christmas party which will be in place of the December club meeting. It is the last event of the year.

**NOTHING LESS THAN FULL VICTORY**



**OCTOBER 12, 2024**  
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**Eisenhower  
134<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
CELEBRATION**

**EISENHOWER BIRTHPLACE ★ DENISON, TEXAS**

Join us Saturday, Oct. 12 for a day of History and Festivities at the Eisenhower Birthplace, 609 S. Lamar Ave, for WWII-themed Entertainment, a 1940s Fashion Show, Crafts & Activities, and Birthday Cake.

## Current Links to Information found on the GCARC Website

[Treasury Report – September 2024](#) **Latest**

[Secretary Report – September 2024](#) **Latest**

[Ladies Net on FaceBook](#)

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


**As a Reminder:** The Grayson County Amateur Radio Club administers all Amateur Radio Tests starting at 6:00PM preceding the club monthly meeting that begins at 7:00PM on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month.

CPR Training — at the next GCARC meeting


Tuesday, October 15, 2024  
TCOG Building 1117 Gallagher St.  
Sherman, TX 7:00 p.m.

2 STEPS  
TO SAVE A LIFE


1. CALL 911



2. PUSH HARD & FAST



There is no charge.  
However, you will not receive certification.  
Great for personal needs or a review.



James Shiplet

Lead instructor at  
RC Health Services AHA Training Center  
and EMS Academy

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