

Grayson County Amateur Radio Club  
September 17, 2024 Meeting Minutes  
Secretary Cynthia VanSlogteren K5EKA

President Michael Higgins KI5ZIQ started the meeting at 7:00 and welcomed everyone. After the Pledge of Allegiance Michael we went around the room and introduced ourselves.

Michael talked about the Club Trailer. Vice President, James Shipler KI5BMN. The trailer had leaks— fixed by Joe Hayes. Anyone interested in helping build up the inside — design it. License plate has arrived.

Family Fun Day — October 5, 6 — lunch on the 5th by the Texoma Dutch Oven Cooking Club, if you want to participate by donation. In the pavilion which Joe volunteered to rent for us.. He'll be there Friday night and Saturday night. Bring games: horseshoes, washer toss, corn hole... Michael Coffman will run a Fox Hunt. Campfire Saturday evening — some'mores, etc. If we are still under a burn ban — we won't cook but we'll figure out something else.

We had the Secretary Report by Cynthia VanSlogteren K5EKA which is posted on the website. It was announced that the officers had applied for a grant offered by ARRL. It was done just under the deadline, which was July 26. After pursuing professional grant writers, we decided it was too expensive and, after reading the help given by ARRL, we wrote it ourselves. Without having any money in the game, we figure we'd give it a go. Questions were answered. We haven't heard anything back.

Michael Higgins gave the Treasurer's Report which is also posted on our website. Roy Wade KF5AUD asked about discrepancy in Christmas deposits in May when \$50 was the "Total in Raffle" whereas \$100 was deposited. The column titles are reversed.

Marvin Schiavone KG5GMA gave the ARES Training report. We did a simplex test across the county.

Winlink Wednesday — last month we were 2nd place in North Texas after Dallas, then we were 6th, then zero. If you participate in the Net, you will get an email to all responders.  
ARES HF Net - October 9 — 3.860 LSB — hard to get connected

Michael Higgins KI5ZIQ introduced the CERT graduates — and old CERT certified people. HERE There was an incident in the county this week for which CERT was not activated and it should have been. Changes occurring in the county may result in more CERT activations. Anyone interested in more training, talk to Roy about Cooke County weekly training.

GCARC Net — Net controls are set except for 1 in December  
Ladies Net September 23 —145.250 plus Echolink 831760.

Announcement: Hungry Hams Breakfast - Sep 28  
Board Of Directors meeting Oct 1  
Fall Family Campout Oct 5-6

Eisenhower Birthday Special Event — Oct 12 - 18th at the Eisenhower Birthplace. His birthday is the 14th. Ten call signs — 1x1 spells Eisenhower. Club members use W5R during the event. Any band. Any mode.

Next club meeting October 15. Election of Officers Nov 19. Christmas Party Dec. 17 7 pm

Club meeting training topics:

Radio Trade Days Oct 15 after the meeting. For the training: repair, set up, tables with Elmers. An Elmer is a ham radio operator who is a semi-expert and is willing to help anyone with anything — a mentor.

We will nominate officers for next year at the October meeting.

November 19 — year wrap-up, elections for next year's officers.

Summits on the Air, Parks on the Air

Activate a park or a summit or stay at home and “hunt”.

Michael Higgins KI5ZIQ wants to get a group together to work towards a SOTA.

If you don't want your photo taken, let Tamara know.

David Piekarski K5EEN announced the Texas QSO Party, a contest QSO. [txqp.net](http://txqp.net) to activate counties where there are no hams. McKinney club will have a 1 day event at Erwin Park at the Hilltop Pavilion for it if anyone wants to come out.

Also the City of McKinney is having an Octoberfest the last weekend of October. The McKinney ham club will have a booth.

Discord Server is a tool for better and freer communication that we might want to use for our club. We are looking into it. David Piekarski K5EEN volunteered to build a server, with

Survival Saturday this Saturday — Topic “EMP” 9:00 a.m to 1:00 p.m.. Church of Latter Day Saints, 1900 West Lamberth, Sherman

Friendly announcement: Cynthia's group, Oh Shoot, will be having a campout on Nov 8 -10 for purposes of seeing how prepared you might be for whatever. “Choose your level of hardship”

The Presentation was given by James Hunt KI5DQ on HF contacting the Satellite Station.

The ticket winners tonight were: the 50/50 drawing was won by James Johnson and donated it to ARES. The door prize was a flashlight won by Vickie Rivera, a new member from Oklahoma.

The meeting was adjourned —

Attendance: 41 (was the count but we had 34 sign ins on HCOL and the sign in sheet.)

K5EKA Cynthia J. VanSlogteren  
KG5GMA Marvin D Schiavone  
KD0ZWV Gregory G Stratton  
N5SLY Lee Sly

K5PKF Michael D Hawk  
KI5BWO Alice A Hawk  
K1MRK Mark T Poweski  
KG5FDT Ricky Jesse  
KI5DQ James D Hunt  
KI6LES Leslie C Key Sr  
K5EEN David T Piekarski  
AF5VA Roy D Reed  
KI5BMN James R Shiplet  
KI5IPH Michael D Whitten  
K2AQ Howard F Malone  
K1KLM Kathleen L Malone  
KJ5BFD Joe F Hayes  
KI5ZIP Tamara L Higgins  
KI5ZIQ Michael A Higgins  
KG5SKM Andrew Bentley  
AK4TX Christin Umsted  
KG5SJY James A Johnson  
KJ5EZP Tammy L Breon  
KJ5FBI Jeanne M McCarthy  
AA5KK Donnie M Phipps  
Dennis Wade  
W5DTG James M Stafford III  
KJ5EHC Michael G Gaffney  
KD5KPR David W Anderson  
KW5CW James J Frank  
WW5GRW Glen R Willie  
Vickie Rivera  
Dennis Rowe

Guests:

Todd Brown