



# GRAYSON COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB



GCARC

GRAYSON CO. TEXAS USA

Having Fun With Amateur Radio

December 2024 Issue

Events  
Coming Up

**GCARC  
CHRISTMAS PARTY  
At MELLE'S GRILL  
Dec 17, 2024**

**Winter Field Day  
Eisenhower State  
Park Jan 25 & 26  
2025**

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

Dates/Net Control:

Dec 15 – David – W5DRT

Dec 29 – Michael – AB5MC

Jan 5 – James – KW5CW

Time: 8:00 PM Local

Repeater: 147.000

**Next Regular Club  
Monthly Meeting  
Date: Jan 21, 2025  
Time: 7:00-9:00PM**

Location

Texoma Council of  
Governments

1117 Gallagher Rd.  
Sherman, Texas

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**Meeting  
Discussion**

**Strategic Planning  
Meeting for 2025**

## PRESIDENT'S QSO



Howdy Everyone!

On behalf of the entire GCARC leadership team, I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas. I truly look forward to seeing everyone at our Christmas party on Tuesday, December 17 at Mells Grill in Denison!

As we wrap-up the 30<sup>th</sup> year of the GCARC, I want to thank each of you for bringing so much to the organization. I also want to personally acknowledge your patience and commitment as we have navigated through new waters, tested new initiatives and welcomed our new members with open arms! I anticipate that 2025 will be just as exciting!

Our commitment is to continue to listen to your feedback, be wise with the budget and promote unity and comradery within the organization and the community at large. Again, thank you for keeping us accountable to facilitating this commitment.

Lastly, as we celebrate this season of Christmas, I ask for those of you who may be compelled to pray. Pray for our community, those enduring hardships, our leaders, our families and our neighbors. Pray for peace, direction and vision. And please pray for our club that we may find ways to put these prayers into action.

Sincerely,

Michael Higgins KI5ZIQ

GCARC President

## GCARC Christmas Party Just Around the Corner

The GCARC Christmas Party is in just a few days. I hope you have it on your calendar. It is on **Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>** at **Mells Grill** in Denison from 7-9 PM. The address is 531 W. Crawford Street, Denison, Texas. The festivities begin at 7PM, so make sure you show up by then. Food should be served by 7:15PM. There are lots of prizes and gifts to be raffled out, so it will be a fun night. If you feel lucky, you need to be there. The

stripe link found

[<right here >](#) can be used to pay in advance for your meal, because the meal served will be catered.

Let's all have some fun at the party next Tuesday night!

**Merry Christmas**  
**from the**  
**Grayson County Amateur Radio Club**

### **MELLS GRILL**

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*It is easy to find. As you travel along Spur Rt. 503 – S. Eisenhower Parkway to Denison from I-75 which becomes S. Austin Avenue as you enter Denison, you will come to the downtown area. At the Whataburger at the corner at West Crawford Street in Denison, make a left turn on W. Crawford Street and just drive 4 blocks to Mells Grill which is on the right corner of S. Mirick Ave and Crawford. Immediately to the left at Mirick Ave on Crawford is the parking lot. Walk in the door across the street from your parking space to Mells Grill facing Crawford and join in on the fun.*

### **Officer Elections were held**

Another year is on the horizon, and the club had officer elections at the November meeting. All of the current officers in 2024 have decided to stay on and serve the club again in 2025.

**Michael Higgins – KI5ZIQ** will again serve as President in 2025, and his wife Tamara will have finished her second year as Club Photographer. Mounds of gratitude go to Tamara and Michael for their continued great service to the club.

**James Shiplet – KI5BMN** has agreed to be our Vice-President again for the second year in a row, and that's after he served 2 years in a row as our President.

**Cynthia VanSlogteren – K5EKA** - who has only been with the club a few years has agreed to stay on as the Secretary of the club for a second year in a row.

**James Frank – KW5CW** – has agreed to be our Treasurer for the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row, while he continues to publish the newsletter and maintains the club website.

## Current Links to Information found on the GCARC Website

[Treasury Report – November 2024 Latest](#)

[Secretary Report – November 2024 Latest](#)

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

[Ladies Net on FaceBook](#)

### **NOTICE**

It has been decided that there presently is no further need for a Ladies Net on one of the local repeaters each month. The consensus is that the ladies that constantly attend the nets keep in touch with each other socially outside of the monthly net, so there is no need to continue the net. The net may start up again if there is an influx of ladies joining the club. A warm thank you goes out to Tamara who created and ran the ladies net and others, such as Cynthia VanSlogteren and one of the gents in the club, Andrew Bentley who have assisted Tamara with running the net when she could not attend because of work obligations. The link above to the nets that ran live on Facebook is still active for viewing previous ladies' nets.

**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.

**NOTE \*\*\*There will not be any testing in December, because there will not be a club meeting. The Christmas Party is held instead. There still are plans to publish another newsletter before the next club meeting in January and amateur radio testing will continue.**

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### **Future Meeting and Testing Location**

**Texoma Council of Governments – 1/21/2025 @ 6 PM  
1117 Gallagher Dr, Sherman, TX. 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor – Room 260.**

**The regular club meeting is held on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor @ 7 PM**

## QSL Manager Position Still 'OPEN'

With Lee Sly – N5SLY leaving his position as QSL manager, it is very important for the future outlook of the club that someone assumes the role beginning immediately in 2025. Besides just managing QSL cards the club receives from our special events, most of what Lee has previously done in his role were things that he wanted to do to help the club be an active and fun organization. Members just assume the benefits of what Lee has done as they have become commonplace activities of the club. That included organizing special events to include acquiring of the 1x1 callsigns used for the special events. The 3 special events held each year are Perrin Field Special Event, Red River Bridge War Special Event and The Eisenhower Birthday Special Event. Lee also applies for each call (QTY 10) from the FCC for the Eisenhower Birthday special event each year. Since operators want to receive credit for working State Parks, a log is submitted to POTA so that operators can claim credit for POTA contacts. So whoever assumes his position should know how to submit activations to POTA. Lee also maintains our club earned certificates. Lee does a whole lot more. If you are interested in taking over Lee's position or have an interest in belonging to a committee where certain things could be delegated to you and not everything that Lee used to do, then contact one of the officers to discuss. The club would especially like someone's help to keep everything going as it has for years. Lee took up these responsibilities on his own for the betterment of the club. His duties help the club continue to be the fun organization that it presently is. If you think you can help in any small way, then contact one of the officers and do what you feel you can do. Send a note to [officers@graysoncountyar.org](mailto:officers@graysoncountyar.org) for a response.

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