



GRAYSON COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB



GCARC

GRAYSON CO. TEXAS USA

Having Fun With Amateur Radio

February 2025 Issue

Events

Coming Up

1st and 3rd Sunday Nets

Dates/Net Control:

Feb 2 - Tamara - KI5ZIP

Feb 16 - Cynthia - K5EKA

March 2 - Roy - AF5VA

March 16 - Marvin - KG5GMA

March 30 - Ricky - KG5FDT

NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS
TO DO THE SUNDAY NIGHT
NETS

Time: 8:00 PM Local

Repeater: 147.000

Next Regular Club Monthly Meeting

Date: Feb. 18, 2025

Time: 7:00-9:00PM

Location

Texoma Council of

Governments

1117 Gallagher Rd.

Sherman, Texas

Hungry HAMS &
Trailer Work Day

February 22nd

8AM-1PM

VanAlstyne

February Meeting Discussion

ROY - AF5VA

STORM CHASING

DAVE - K5EEN - DISCORD

PRESIDENT'S QSO

Howdy All!

Well, can you believe how quickly 2025 is speeding through time?

Of course, here we are with March right around the corner and with that comes crazy weather for Texoma! That is why we are happy to have Roy Reed as our speaker for the February meeting. In addition, we are encouraging everyone to participate in the SKYWARN training this month on February 24! More details are in this newsletter!

Also in this edition you will find an outstanding article by Michael Coffman about the 2025 Winter Field Day! Wow, what an amazing event! And once again, thank you Michael for pulling it all together!

The club is truly on an amazing path for the year! Thanks to all of you who attended the January meeting! The participation was outstanding and the membership feedback has given the BOD some amazing initiatives that will help us make 2025 a groundbreaking year!

I can't wait to see you at the meeting to discuss it in more detail!

Michael Higgins KI5ZIQ

President of the GCARC

NOTICE:

It may be necessary to cancel the upcoming February meeting at TCOG on Tuesday, the 18th. The forecast is predicting inclement weather to include below freezing temperatures with accumulations of snow or ice for Tuesday night. There will be a HAMCLUBONLINE notice sent to all members prior to Tuesday night if we cancel the meeting.

**AGAIN. BEFORE YOU LEAVE TO COME TO THE MEETING,
PLEASE CHECK YOUR EMAIL.**

Winter Field Day 2025 - by Michael Coffman - AB5MC

The Grayson County Amateur Radio Club operated 2025 Winter Field Day at the Eisenhower State Park in Denison TX on January 25 and 26. The event was held in the Deer Haven screened shelter area of the park. The club call sign K5GCC was used with the designation 3 O NTX (3 radio Outdoors North Texas section). Several members arrived early Friday evening to start camping and set up prior to operation starting at 10am Saturday morning. The weather was mild for a winter field day event and club member participation was great!

Operation

Operations started at 10am and continued for (24) hours. Many contacts were made across (74) event sections. All US States except Kansas, Mississippi, Hawaii, and West Virginia were reached. (1) contact was made in Puerto Rico. (18) contacts were made in Canada across (5) provinces. (1) contact was made in Columbia South America which qualified us as covering (2) continents. (399) total contacts were made with the majority coming from the CW team which held a multiplier of (2). Most of the objectives were reached, which qualified us for a multiplier of (20) to raise our score higher. Objectives met were alternate power, operating away from home, deploying multiple antennas, SSB & CW contacts, Winlink, WFD bulletin, operation on at least six different bands, using multiple modes, and operating six continuous hours during the event. Total score submitted to the WFD team was (13,320). More results and maps are available at the end of the report.

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At the Meeting this Tuesday

Roy Reed AF5VA will talk about weather preparations and considerations. We will also hear from Dave Piekarski K5EEN who will explain all about Discord, the social media client we hope everyone will begin to use for our communications. It is more flexible than texting and email. Hope you'll make it.

Current Links to Information found on the GCARC Website

[Treasury Report – December 2024](#)

[Treasury Report - Latest for January 2025](#)

[Winter Field Day - Complete 2025 Final Report - by Michael Coffman - AB5MC](#)

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

[Ladies Net on FaceBook - Archives](#)

[GCARC Sunday Night Net on 147.000 - Tamara Higgins - KI5ZIP](#)

Club Communication and Storage Trailer

The work continues on the GCARC Club Trailer. The trailer started from just a shell on the inside. Sealant was added to the roof areas to stop ceiling leaks that were discovered right after the trailer was purchased. Insulation was added to the walls and ceiling to keep the inside shielded from the weather elements. The trailer will soon be wired with 110V AC and 12 V DC to power a heater and air conditioner when needed, along with Ham Radios and other equipment. Eventually, the trailer will be used for two things. It will primarily be used for storage and as a radio operating position at emergency activations and remote club events, such as Winter and Summer Field Day along with other activities throughout the year. A test run taking the trailer to the 2025 Winter Field Day took place this past month.

HUNGRY HAMS BREAKFAST AND TRAILER WORK DAY

FEBRUARY 22nd at 8AM - 1 PM

The next Trailer Work Day scheduled is Saturday February 22, from 8AM - 1PM starting with the Hungry Hams Breakfast at Bill Smith's Cafe at 233 Jefferson St, Van Alstyne, TX. All are invited to participate.

Join us at the breakfast and tag along to the workday. Share your design ideas and participate in the work.

Volunteers Needed for the GCARC Sunday Night Nets

The Sunday night Good News and Information Nets occur on the 1st and 3rd Sundays on the 147.000 repeater and also on the 5th Sunday if there happens to be one in the month. At the last meeting, there were several people who signed up to be net control operators and thank you to all who did so. There are a few dates still open where control operators are needed. If you would like to participate as a net control operator for one of the future nets, please check the schedule on the main page of the GCARC website located on the right sidebar of the main web page to determine which dates are still open. The list gets updated as people sign up to run the nets.

There has been talk that the net format needs to be changed. But the fact is that if you are running the net, you get to control the shots. If you feel that you would like to change it up a bit, feel free to do so. The only condition would be that it be a formal net. The standard practice is that the control operator running the net gets to choose a topic of his/her choice that will be the discussion point on the net. There is a standard script of the net that is located on the website located in a drop down menu on the main page of the website. It is there for reference only, as it can be changed around at the net control operator's will.

The nets usually run for approximately thirty to forty-five minutes, depending on the number of people participating in the net. If you would like to just check into the net but would not like to comment on any discussion for that evening, you can check in saying you are 'SHORT-TIME'. When you sign in using that designation, you are recognized for check in, but you will not be called to participate in the discussion. So even if you don't have time to stick around and wait your turn, at least you get credit for attending the net on Sunday night.

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 3rd Tuesday of each month.

Future Meeting and Testing Location

Texoma Council of Governments (TCOG) – 1/21/2025 @ 6 PM

1117 Gallagher Dr, Sherman, TX. 2nd Floor – Room 260

The regular club meeting is held on the 1st floor @ 7 PM

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