

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.

Activities

Most of the activities and socializing could be found at Ike's Cabin or one of the other nearby screened shelters. To start things off breakfast was at Ike's Cabin provided by KG5GMA Marvin Schiavone and K5EKA Cynthia VanSlogteren.

The first activity of the morning was a directional antenna build that was attended by approximately a dozen people. Thanks to W5DRT David Turner for presenting his log periodic directional antenna he uses for satellite work as an alternative to the tape measure antennas being built at the activity. Immediately following the antenna build, the antennas were put in use to locate the "Fox" (radio transmitter) hidden somewhere in the park on one of the hiking trails.

Lunch was hamburgers and hotdogs prepared by KI5NUK Ralph Jerome and KI5BMN James Shiplet.

Special thanks to NZ5K Mike Mitchell for an extraordinary job arranging a visit by KTEN local news during the event. A link to the video can be found at [Grayson County Amateur Radio Club preps for emergencies in Winter Field Day | News | kten.com](#). The video was shared in the ARRL newsletter after the WFD event.

A Winlink educational class was held after lunch with live demonstrations of packet, Vara-FM, and Vara-HF modes. A Winlink gateway node for 2M was on site at the event as well as an APRS i-gate.

Dinner was immediately after the 3rd annual Chili Cookoff. This year's winner was KG5FDT Ricky Jessen. After the chili dinner there were a lot of great conversations and continued operation into the evening with several members camping on site and operation through the night by the CW crew.

Breakfast the next morning was breakfast tacos, good coffee and conversations before camp breakdown and exit from the park by noon.

Many thanks to all members who helped make this year's Winter Field Day a memorable and successful event. There were so many members and visitors who contributed supplies, time and experience that helped make the event a success.

Contacts by band and mode

Band	CW	Phone	Dig	Total	%
80	17	0	0	17	4%
40	100	4	0	104	26%
20	40	55	4	99	25%
15	85	0	0	85	21%
10	16	71	0	87	22%
2	5	2	0	7	2%
Total	263	132	4	399	100%

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Objective Multipliers Reached

Objectives	Multiplier
Alternate Power	1
Operate from Home	3
Deploy Multiple Antennas	1
Make SSB or CW Contact	3
Send and Receive at least one Winlink email	1
Copy the WFD Bulletin	1
Operate on at least six different bands	6
Use multiple modes	2
Operate 6 continuous hours	2
Total	20

ARRL Section & State Contact Map

