



GRAYSON COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB



GCARC

GRAYSON CO. TEXAS USA

Having Fun With Amateur Radio

April 2025 Issue

Events

Coming Up

1st and 3rd
Sunday Nets

Dates/Net Control:

April 6 - Matt - KJ5HTD

April 20 - Greg - KD0ZWV

May 4 - Mike - KJ5EHC

NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS

TO DO THE SUNDAY NIGHT NETS

Look for available dates
on the Website

Time: 8:00 PM Local

Repeater: 147.000

Spring Family Campout
April 25 thru April 27
Bonham State Park

Next Regular Club
Monthly Meeting

Date: April 15, 2025

TAX DAY

Time: 7:00-9:00PM

Location

Texoma Council of
Governments

1117 Gallagher Dr.
Sherman, Texas

Hungry HAMS &
Trailer Work Day

Sat, April 12 8:00 a.m.

Bill Smith's Cafe, Van Alstyne
and Joe's house:

928 Spring Town Rd.

Van Alstyne

April Meeting
Discussion

Wade Graves - KF5AUD

TALK about ARES

PRESIDENT'S QSO

Howdy Everyone!

Summer is knocking at our door, but we do have a little more time to enjoy the pleasant weather in North Texas! Of course, there is always the threat of spring storms so we are excited to receive our annual ARES update this month from Wade Graves during the GCARC monthly club meeting! We look forward to seeing everyone there.

In addition, we will also have our Spring Family Campout at Bonham State Park on April 25-27. Come and stay the weekend, or just pop in to visit with a daily pass. This is a purely recreational event, but several people will be playing POTA!

Also, just around the corner in June we will be hosting our second annual car show, followed by the big event, Summer Field Day! We will certainly be calling for volunteers to help with the planning and preparation of our biggest day of the year!

I am also very excited that so many of you have volunteered for net control and training programs. The club is healthy and growing strong! I look forward to where the next few months are heading!

Michael Higgins - KI5ZIQ
President of the GCARC

March Meeting is Just Around the Corner - April 15th - Tax Day! Celebrate Getting your taxes done by coming to the next club Meeting

Can you believe it? Summer is just around the corner. ***Our next meeting is in just a few days***, this coming Tuesday April 15. **In June - Summer Field Day will be here**, and we will gather once again at the Eisenhower State Park for the Event that takes place on June 28th and 29th. But wait, we have a special event coming up **in May, the Perrin Field Special Event**. It will begin on the weekend of May 17th, and will continue for the next week through May 23rd. You can operate right from home, using the special 1x1 callsign, but remember to only use frequencies that are designated for your own personal class of license. Our meeting next month is on May 20th. It was announced at the last meeting that the call we will be using will be using for Perrin will be K5P. Since the meeting, I was able to acquire the call W5P for the event since the last meeting but it is only available for use starting on Saturday at 7PM, instead of Friday at 7PM when the event normally started in the past. It will be determined in short order which call we will use. A write-up on QRZ will be published on the event when the special call sign is finally determined.

These are busy times. Our speaker at the next meeting is Wade Graves who will be talking about ARES. That's this Tuesday - April 15th!

Lastly, Let's not forget about **The Spring Family Campout at Bonham State Park**. The dates for that event are from April 25th through the 27th, Friday through Sunday. The next day is Memorial Day so we could stay an extra day. All are invited to attend, and since it's a three day event, why not reserve a camping spot and enjoy some relaxing and fun time at the park.

PROGRESS ON THE CLUB TRAILER

There has been slow but steady progress on the club trailer, which will be used for storage and a work space to operate the club radio station at club events. The latest woodworking has been done by Jimmy Patterson - KC5OLH. It is finally starting to take shape inside. Published on the website are pictures taken by Jimmy and a few are displayed here. If you would like to see the progress up and personal, stop by at the April meeting as Jimmy will bring the trailer to the next club meeting and also check out the following link...

[<HERE> Trailer Build Pictures <HERE>](#)

Other Current Links to Information found on the GCARC Website

[Secretary Report - March 2025](#)

[Treasury Report – March 2025](#)

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

Next Testing Date April 15, 2025

[Ladies Net on FaceBook - Archives](#)

Sunday Night Nets - First, Third and Fifth Sundays of the Month

The GCARC Sunday Night nets are a continuous evolving activity, with the idea in mind to pick subjects that are of interest to the net attendees. In the past, the net control operator would pick a topic to talk about and would encourage others that checked in to make comments, while calling on each check-in unless they indicated they were 'short-time'. But when it was their turn, some would decline to make comments, either because they were not interested in that topic that was chosen or they knew nothing about it. That's fine. Anyone with suggestions about topics you'd like to see covered, please let one of the officers of the club know, either at the meeting, on Discord or by email or phone.

HOW CAN YOU RUN A NET? WHAT OPTIONS DO YOU HAVE?

As a net control operator, you have the opportunity to run the net in the way that you want too, but keep it in mind that it is a formal net. As a matter of interest of those who specifically check into the Sunday night net, they now have the option to open the topic to anyone who would like to share information or who like answers to a question that they have regarding amateur radio, or who would like to share information with others. This idea was introduced by Cynthia - K5EKA who wanted to try a new format for the net. If you check into the net and no topic of interest is discussed that you care to make a comment about, then you may not be called even if you checked in. But you have the ability to re-check into the net and bring up a topic of your interest for discussion. This is not a general rule, but it was adopted in past nets. This way, you have the ability to check in and not make comments on topics that you hear on the net that you have no interest in, but you still have the ability to introduce a topic of your interest and build conversation around it. Again, the format can change from week to week, depending on how the control operator wants to run the net.

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.

General Meeting Location - First Floor

Texoma Council of Governments (TCOG) – 4/15/2025 @ 7 PM

1117 Gallagher Dr, Sherman, TX.

TESTING OCCURS on the 2nd Floor – Room 260 AT 6 PM

GAMES Next Weekend at the Parks - An EXTRA Event

Mark Miller - KA5TXN has masterminded a fun weekend for all who would like to participate in the 'Support your Parks' weekend POTA event that is taking place at ALL parks, **on the weekend of April 18, through the 20th this month, which is Easter weekend.** Mark is inviting all club members to participate, especially if you are interested in POTA or would like to learn the how to activate. While you are at it, bring another ham or a friend you would like to introduce Amateur Radio to along with learning how POTA works. After the event this coming weekend, besides submitting your own scores to POTA, send your logs to Mark Miller, who will gather all information in one file so that the club can see overall results of the people who participated in the parks event. Mark may be operating from Bonham State Park, but you have the option to operate from whatever POTA park you want to.

Grayson County ARES/RACES Frequencies as of 7/25/2023

Grayson County Repeaters

W5RVT (VHF Primary) : 147.000(+) MHz, 100.0 PL

W5COP (VHF Secondary) : 147.280(+) MHz, 107.2 PL on both TX and RX

W5RVT (UHF): 444.750(+) MHz, 100.0 PL

WC5GC (UHF): 442.875(+) MHz, 100.0 PL (Link to W5RVT 147.00 during Skywarn)

Note: There is no courtesy tone on this repeater. For testing your radio, arrange for someone to meet you on this repeater when it's not linked.

If all repeaters fail, we will move to 146.52 simply and then move as necessary to other simplex frequencies depending upon the situation.

Grayson County Simplex Frequencies

146.52 (National Calling Frequency)

146.42 (ARES Primary)

146.46 (ARES Secondary)

146.700 (RACES Primary)

441.925 (ARES and RACES UHF Primary)

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