

Grayson County Amateur Radio Club  
April 15, 2025 Meeting Minutes  
Secretary Cynthia VanSlogteren K5EKA

The meeting was started at 7:00 by someone who introduced themselves as Michael Higgins, "your president" but the voice was all wrong. "Oh, wait." Michael (KI5ZIQ) was home coughing his lungs out. [No one was fooled.] Secretary Cynthia VanSlogteren K5EKA started the meeting and welcomed everyone. After the Pledge of Allegiance, we went around the room and introduced ourselves.

Trailer report: Jimmy Patterson KC5OLH and his son put a lot of work into the trailer this week. He even brought and we should all be sure to take a look inside after the meeting. The shelves for the bins are in, the netting is up, the table is installed, there's a plug panel strip and thingymajiggies on the wall to facilitate hooks, baskets, etc. There are pictures on the website.

Secretary Report by Cynthia VanSlogteren K5EKA -- Last month we voted new members in but failed to include Fred Maier, even though he was present. And tonight we have John Paul Gorman KB5HPN, a returning member of GCARC from years ago. These were accepted into the club.

Treasurer's Report is posted on our website. James Frank KW5CW went over the income and expenses.

Wade Graves KF5AUD gave the ARES Training report.

QSL -- We still don't have a QSL team but James Frank KW5CW has lined up the dates and callsign -- W5P for the Perrin Field Special Event May 17 - 23.

Announcements —

Spring Family Camp out at Bonham State Park -- April 25 - 27

Perrin Field Event May 17-23 -- our Club celebrates those who served.

2nd Annual Car Show -- right after the meeting on June 17

Upcoming Training Topics for our Meeting: May 20 Show and Tell -- Bring anything related to our hobby: Go-kit / Go-bag, radios, antennas, POTA, SOTA, CW, Battery Back-up, Digital, etc. After announcements we'll take 10 minutes to set up our "show items" and meeting attendees will work their way around the room listening to everyone "tell".

Summer Field Day -- June 28 and 29 -- we have all the planning and notes from previous years (Thanks to Michael Coffman AB5MC.) We just need someone (or more than one someone) to step up and organize it -- scheduling, outreach [notifying community groups, dignitaries, etc.], food donation lists or shared meals, training programs [trainers needed], radio programming, etc.

Presentation: All about ARES -- and related groups -- by Wade Graves KF5AUD. Good coverage and discussion and questions.

The ticket winners tonight were: the 50/50 drawing was won by Wade Graves and he donated it to ARES. The door prize was a choice of a \$10 gift card to Chic-Fil-A or Little Caesars Pizza won by James Shiplet KI5BMN.

The meeting was adjourned — 9:05.

Attendance: 32 -- (including 4 guests)

K5EKA Cynthia J. VanSlogteren  
KG5GMA Marvin D Schiavone  
KG5FDT Ricky Jessen  
KG5SKM Andrew Bentley  
KI5BMN James R Shiplet  
KW5CW James J Frank  
AA5KK Donnie M Phipps  
N3HT Butch Todd  
KD0ZWV Gregory G Stratton  
N5SLY Lee Sly  
KJ5HTD Matt McClellan  
AF5VA Roy Reed  
KC5OLH Jimmy Patterson  
KI6LES Leslie Key  
K2AQ Howard Malone  
K1KLM Kathleen Malone  
KI5IPH Michael Whitten  
WW5GRW Glen Willie  
KJ5DLE Christopher Toon  
KG5GFI Cody Williams  
KG5ECG John Flanders  
KF5AUD Wade Graves  
WF5DRT David Turner  
AB5MC Michael Coffman  
KF5LKG David Darcy  
KI6LES Leslie Key  
KA5TXN Mark Miller

New Members:

KB5HPN John Paul Gorman

Guests: Diane Yakel KI5VFX

Bob Yakel KG5KKE

Klint Catalane KI5ZIF

Pat Willie