



GRAYSON COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB



GCARC
GRAYSON CO. TEXAS USA

Having Fun With Amateur Radio

June 2025 Issue

Events

Coming Up

1st and 3rd Sunday Nets

Dates/Net Control:

June 15 - Michael - AB5MC
June 29th - James - KI5BMN
July 6 - James - KW5CW
July 20 - Michael - KI5ZIQ

NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS
TO DO THE SUNDAY NIGHT NETS

Time: 8:00 PM Local Repeater
147.000

ARRL SUMMER Field Day
June 28th and June 29th
Eisenhower Birthplace
Denison, Texas

D-Day Event - cancelled 'till
late summer

GCARC CAR SHOW
June 17th, 2025

Next Regular Club
Monthly Meeting
Tuesday - June 17th, 2025
Time: 7:00-9:00PM
Location

Texoma Council of Governments
1117 Gallagher Dr.
Sherman, Texas

HUNGRY HAMS at
Summer Field Day
Sat, June 28th - 8:00 a.m.
Eisenhower Birthplace

Club Meeting
Discussion

Summer Field Day

PRESIDENT'S QSO

Howdy Everyone!!

I hope you're ready for this month's exciting events as we roll through June!

This week we will have our Second Annual Car Show immediately after the June club meeting. This is a great way to see firsthand how others setup their vehicles for radio fun! Let's see who will take away the prize this year.

In addition, we will be discussing the final steps as we prepare for Summer Field Day! This event is always our highlight for the year as we have visitors and members alike join in the fun!

Thank you to all of you who work so hard to make this radio club the best in North Texas! I look forward to seeing everyone during the upcoming events!

Michael Higgins - KI5ZIQ
President of the GCARC

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Summer Field Day - June 28th and 29th

The Grayson County Amateur Radio Club ARRL Field Day is again upon us! It always occurs on the 4th weekend in June. In just a few weeks after the next club meeting, the club will again gather at the Eisenhower Birthplace to camp out and perform on the air in the largest operating activity within our hobby.

It's not a contest, but the contest atmosphere is always there. We will use the club call - K5GCC. Camping will be available on Friday night at 6:30 pm on June 27th going into the actual Field Day that begins at 1800 UTC Saturday (12am). The event runs through 2059 UTC on Sunday (2:59pm). Several dignitaries have been invited to attend along with local news organizations. POTA activities will take place on Friday night going into Saturday. The club plans to run in class 3A - NTX, unless we start out with more or fewer stations at the beginning of the event. Modes of operation will be SSB, CW, and digital modes. A GOTA station will be operational for new hams to participate in Field Day. There will be license testing at 10AM - first session, and 2PM - second session in the Red Cabin. There will be food along with beverages and snacks provided by the club. On Saturday at noon, there will be sandwiches for lunch along with a dinner to be provided at 6 PM consisting of Hamburgers, Hot Dogs and Brats. On Sunday, there will be an Egg Burritos breakfast served at 9 AM on Sunday. There is no cost to enter at the Eisenhower birthplace. Bring your friends and family to experience the fun of the GCARC Field Day.

Upcoming GCARC Special Events

After the car show and Summer Field Day, two of the three operating special events we hold each year will be just about here.

The Red River Bridge War Special Event - callsign W5R runs from July 19th through the 25th.

The Eisenhower Special Event with 3 callsigns W5I, W5K and W5E from October 11 through October 17th.

The club will get together on Eisenhower's birthday on October 14th to operate the club radio and enjoy the event at the birthplace.

At your choosing you can also use the 1x1 calls at home or in a park at any time during the week, but you must remember to use the privileges associated to your call. Working outside of your licensed privileges is allowed with the 1x1 special event callsign when you have another licensed Extra Class operator present. After each event, send your logs to James - KW5CW at GCARCCLUB@gmail.com.

The re-scheduled D-Day re-enactment event will take place sometime between August and October. It's hopeful we'll have an updated date for the event posted in the next newsletter. Finally the Christmas party is on December 16th. Now is not too early to plan for any of these events. And if you cannot make Field Day or the special events, plan on attending the Christmas party in December.

It's all about fun, and we should all be part of it.

Car Show after the June Meeting at TCOG - June 17th

The 2nd annual GCARC CAR SHOW will commence right after the General Club Meeting on June 17 out in the parking lot of TCOG. Some of us have been really preparing our vehicles for the event. There is a \$10 entrance fee to show your vehicle to be able to win one of the 3 prizes to be awarded at the July meeting. The judges of the event will be looking for the most unique, cleanest and most functional installation to qualify for a prize. Pictures of the winning vehicle will appear in the July issue of the GCARC newsletter and also on the club website. YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE A MEMBER OF THE GCARC TO ENTER YOUR VEHICLE. EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE.

Other Current Links to Information found on the GCARC Website

[Secretary Report - May 2025](#)

[Treasury Report – May 2025](#)

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

License Testing at GCARC Summer Field Day June 28th

Next Testing Date June 17, 2025

What to bring along when you take a license test

Goto the following URL to register with the FCC and apply for an FRN before arriving to take your test:

[COmmission REgistration System for the FCC | Federal Communications Commission](#)

Access CORES: Go to the link - FCC's Registration System (CORES).. Register for an account. If you don't have one: Follow the prompts to create a username and password. Register for a new FRN. Choose Individual or Entity, then provide the required information. Complete the registration form, including contact information and, if applicable, your taxpayer identification number (TIN). Your FRN will go to your email.

YOU NEED TO ACQUIRE THIS FRN BEFORE YOU WILL BE ABLE TO TAKE A TEST. If you already have an FRN, bring it with you to your exam session.

If you do not have your FRN when you arrive, you can go online to the website address above to acquire your FRN just before taking your test.

Other Activities At Our Doorsteps

Special Elections for Director-At-Large by SECRET BALLOT at the August meeting.

October meeting - Officer nominations for 2026

November meeting - New Officers Elections - All Positions are available.

December - NO Meeting, replaced with the Christmas Party

Grayson County ARES/RACES Frequencies

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 simplex 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)

Club Officers

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