

Grayson County Amateur Radio Club
June 17, 2025 Meeting Minutes
Secretary Cynthia VanSlogteren K5EKA

The meeting was started at 7:00 by Michael Higgins KI5ZIQ and welcomed everyone. After the Pledge of Allegiance, we went around the room and introduced ourselves.

James Shiplet KI5BMN, our Vice President gave his update: We will use the trailer at Summer Field Day, supplying electricity via extension cords. This trial run will tell us what else we need to do. Gregory Stratton KD0ZWV is donating the GCARC logo decals for the trailer.

Secretary Report by Cynthia VanSlogteren K5EKA -- New member: Rodger Smith KJ5LKU was accepted into the club.

Treasurer's Report is posted on our website. James Frank KW5CW went over the income and expenses. Joe Hayes KJ5BFD donated \$2,500. Treasurer's Report was accepted as submitted.

Marvin D Schiavone KG5GMA gave the ARES Training report. NOAA radio will be offline until Thursday (hopefully). "Tornado sirens" are now "weather sirens" and will include 1.5 inch hail or greater, high winds, etc. Get inside. Andrew's radio station 93.3 FM will be the place to go. It is recommended that we put Code Red on our phones which gives us weather warnings. Scanner Radio Pro is an app for listening to our repeater on our phones. It covers repeaters for all 50 states. Winlink Wed is this week. It is sent out in the morning. Answer any time during the day.

Looking for Club Participation! -- Officer at Large -- election in August -- nominations in July. BOD members -- Election in November. We need a new Newsletter Editor. -- James has been the editor for 10 years. Four pages / templates provided.

Discord -- thanks to Dave Piekarski K5EEN. Dave summarized: It took off well at first, but activity has died out a little. People aren't responding which is a deterrent to posting at all. It covers the gap for outlying folks who can't reach the repeater. McKinney club announcements -- weekly breakfast Saturday, IHOP, 75 and 380 -- Fox hunt through the weekend "Felicia". He told us about some of their club projects and Summer Field Day. Their July event -- a club POTA event will be held at Eisenhower State Park and they would like to partner with GCARC and make a joint event of it. Dave asked for a show of hands and there was a lot of interest.

Announcements —

GCARC Nets. We need net control sign-ups in August, November and December.

Hungry Hams June 21 at Sweetberries Cafe in Sherman.

Summer Field Day -- June 28 and 29 -- We discussed scheduling, outreach [about 40 in the community (mayors, council members, etc.)] were notified by email. We passed around the food donation list for our shared meals.

Radio programming, etc. --[We will put together a list of radios that we know will be represented.] James Shiplet KI5BMN will head this up.

Movie suggestion: (last year was Twister), Code breakers

Fox hunt

July Meeting July 15th

Red River Bridge War Special Event July 19 - 25

Fall Family Campout -- Oct 3 - 5

Eisenhower Birthday -- Oct 28-29 IKE

Upcoming educational sessions at meetings:

July 15th: Radio programming and Linked Repeater Systems

Aug 19th: POTA Performer Antenna: presentation by its inventor: Greg Mirhan KJ6ER from California via a Zoom call.

Sep 15: TBD

The ticket winners tonight were: the 50/50 drawing was won by Marvin Schiavone and he donated it to ARES. The door prize was a Yaesu hat won by Greg Hatch KE5WZQ.

The meeting was adjourned and the Second Annual Mobile Radio Car Show began in the parking lot. We had 9 entries and an extra truck that just happened to be there, though he didn't enter it -- too much of a cheapskate to pay the 10 bucks, I guess. [tongue in cheek]. Everyone voted for first, second and third place radio set-ups on index cards by license plate number. Results and rewards will be revealed at Summer Field Day.

Attendance: -- 30, 2 guests

K5EKA Cynthia J. VanSlogteren
KG5GMA Marvin D Schiavone
KG5FDT Ricky Jessen
KG5SKM Andrew Bentley
KI5BMN James R Shiplet
AA5KK Max Phipps
KD0ZWV Gregory G Stratton
N5SLY Lee Sly
KI6LES Leslie Key
K2AQ Howard Malone
K1KLM Kathleen Malone
WW5GRW Glen Willie
N3HT Butch Todd
K5EEN David Piekarski
Mark Armstrong

KW5CW James Frank
WF5DRT David Turner
KG5SJY James Johnson
KI5ZIQ Michael Higgins
KI5ZIP Tamara Higgins
KF5TDQ Dora Caywood
KJ5BFD Joe Hayes
KE5WZQ Greg Hatch
AK4TX Christin Umsted
KI5MRK Mark Poweski
KI5TWM David Older
KI5NUK Ralph Jerome
KI5WTZ Ken Troutz
KI5DQ James Hunt

New Members:

KJ5LKU Rodger Smith

Guest: Jeff Jones K5JSJ, Jesse Kelly