

Grayson County Amateur Radio Club  
July 15, 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: The board has ideas of things to buy to store for use at events.

Secretary Report by Cynthia VanSlogteren K5EKA -- New member: Michael Goforth.

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

Marvin D Schiavone KG5GMA gave the ARES Training report. Winlink Wed is now on hold. Wade might do a local one the same day as the siren test -- 1st Wed. of the month. Update on search and rescue for victims of floods in Kerr County.

Cynthia 'Jo' K5EKA gave a report on the numbers for Summer Field Day. We made a total of 207 contacts (although we may have more lists to evaluate). With a multiplier of 2 that gives us 414. Our bonus points came to 950 with a grand total of 1,364. Last year we had 2,126.

Looking for Club Participation! -- Director-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.

Director-at-Large nominations:

James Shiplet

James Hunt

Ricky Jessen

Announcements —

GCARC Nets. We need net control sign-ups in August, September 7, 21, November and December. James Shiplet will do it Sep 7th.

Aug Meeting Aug 15th

Red River Bridge War Special Event July 19 - 25

POTA Potluck July 26

Hungry Hams July 26 at Sweetberries Cafe in Sherman.

Fall Family Campout -- Oct 3 - 5

Eisenhower Birthday -- Oct 28-29 IKE

Mobile Radio Car Show -- winners:

3rd place -- KI5ZIQ Michael Higgins

2nd Place -- KI5MN James Shiplet

1st Place -- AK4TX Christin Umsted

Upcoming educational sessions at meetings:

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

Sep 16: Radio and Linked Repeaters

Training:

Safety Moment -- Roy Reed AF5VA -- reminders to be aware of power lines when putting up antennas. Other dangers: Falls, electrocutions, tower collapses, falling objects. Call 811 to find buried lines. Never work alone. Use non-conductive ladders. Watch the weather. Ground system properly.

Program: Programming your radio -- Michael Higgins KI5ZIQ

He discussed reasons behind having a set of channels programmed (such as for family members who aren't licensed), ease of use and privacy and coordinating for different radios. He provided a list of suggested channels as he has them programmed in his radios. This list and his slides are posted on the webpage. Excellently done, Mike!

The ticket winners tonight were: the 50/50 drawing was won by David Darcy. The door prize was a Yaesu hat won by Michael Goforth.

The meeting was adjourned.

Attendance: -- 29, 3 guests

K5EKA Cynthia J. VanSlogteren  
KG5GMA Marvin D Schiavone  
KG5FDT Ricky Jessen  
KG5SKM Andrew Bentley  
KI5BMN James R Shiplet  
AA5KK Max Phipps  
KD0VGO John Cash  
K2AQ Howard Malone  
K1KLM Kathleen Malone  
WW5GRW Glen Willie  
N3HT Butch Todd  
KJ5LKN Mark Armstrong  
KF5LKG David Darcy  
Michael Goforth  
KG5GFI Cody Williams

KW5CW James Frank  
KQ4ZO Gordon Wyatt  
KG5SJY James Johnson  
KI5ZIQ Michael Higgins  
KI5ZIP Tamara Higgins  
KJ5HTD Matt McClellan  
KJ5BFD Joe Hayes  
AF5VA Roy Reed  
AK4TX Christin Umsted  
KI5MRK Mark Poweski  
KI5WTZ Ken Troutz  
KI5DQ James Hunt  
KC5NK Steve Ollmann  
WD5JBC Don Levstik

New Members:

Guest: John Peoples WA5OMG, Tony Levstik, Darrell