



GRAYSON COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB



GCARC

GRAYSON CO. TEXAS USA

Having Fun With Amateur Radio

September 2025 Issue

Events Coming Up

1st and 3rd and 5th

Sunday Nets

Dates/Net Control:

Sept 7- James - KI5BMN

NEXT NET

Sept 21 - **Net Control Needed**

Oct 5 - Roy - AF5VA

Oct 19 - David - W5DRT

NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS

TO DO THE SUNDAY NIGHT NETS

Time: 8:00 PM Local Repeater

147.000

(Available Dates in Attached Article)

Next Regular Club

Monthly Meeting

Tuesday - Sept 16th, 2025

Time: 7:00-9:00PM

Location

Texoma Council of Governments

1117 Gallagher Dr.

Sherman, Texas

License Testing at 6 PM

Hungry Hams Breakfast

Sat, Sept 27th at 8:00AM

Bill Smith's Cafe

233 E. Jefferson, VanAlstyne TX

Winter Field Day 2026

Jan 24th and 25th

Eisenhower State Park

Family Campout at

Eisenhower Park - Oct 3-5th

Club Discussion Topic

National Preparedness

Michael - KI5ZIQ Tamara - KI5ZIP

James - KI5BMN

Sherman Siren Test

Oct 1 - 8:45am on 147.000

PRESIDENT'S QSO

The Grayson County Amateur Radio Club would like to extend a big congratulations to James Shiplet on being elected to the board as our new Director at Large! We also want to thank James Hunt for his outstanding effort and commitment, coming in as a very close second in the election.

As we head into the fall season, we have several exciting activities planned. Be sure to check the club calendar regularly so you don't miss out on opportunities to learn, participate, and connect with fellow operators.

Lastly, we'd like to recognize the outstanding attendance at our last meeting—what an incredible show of support from our members! Let's keep that momentum going. At our next meeting, we'll dive into an engaging topic in recognition of National Preparedness Month. We'll cover linked systems, radio for anyone, self-protection, first aid kits, and other great topics. Feel free to invite a guest to participate!

We look forward to seeing everyone there and continuing to build on the energy and excitement within our club.

Michael Higgins KI5ZIQ

President, GCARC

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National Preparedness Month and SDR Presentation at September Meeting

As the year moves on, the GCARC stays in tune with the needs of its members and the community especially in National Preparedness Month in September. It is the time to revisit your ability to provide important things for yourself and family in case of an emergency to make sure you are not without in these modern times. We usually visit this topic every year, and the next meeting should be a special treat for everyone to witness. Details about basic use of radio for preparedness, repeater linked systems, first aid kits, and even a little about self defense for the ladies are on the agenda. It's all part of what should be in your know-how wheel-house of knowledge to stay safe in the crazy days of 2025 and in the future. That will be the serious side of the discussion.

On the fun side of the discussion, **Software Defined Radio**, otherwise known as **SDR**, will be a topic to be discussed if time permits. Software designed to work on your computer with your ham radio gives you the ability to travel a wide spectrum of frequencies and control your radio with a computer using very popular device known as SDRPlay. Amateurs use different programs to accomplish different things using SDR, and two of these programs are 'SDR Connect' and 'SDR Console'.

SDR Connect allows you to scan and monitor the entire radio frequency spectrum with a band scope on your PC monitor and all services that are not scrambled for privacy. SDR Console allows control of a radio from a computer, such as changing frequencies, modes, setting filters, while using a band scope of your radio on your PC. Your computer becomes your radio receiver. There is no need for your radio receiver when you have a PC running SDR Console or SDR Connect software.

It's important for you to attend the meeting if you want to hear all about these topics concerning **National Preparedness Month** and **Software Defined Radio**.

Amateur Radio License Exam Requirement at September 16th meeting

**September 16 at 6:00PM - Amateur Radio License Testing
Requirements before Attending the Test Session**

Goto the following URL to register with the FCC and apply for an FRN before arriving to take your test at 6PM prior to the general club meeting:

[CCommission 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 number 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.**

Other Current Links to Information found on the GCARC Website

[Secretary Report - August 2025](#)

[Treasury Report – August 2025](#)

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

**Next Testing Date September 16, 2025 6:00PM
at Texoma Council of Governments prior to Club Meeting**

Other Activities At Our Doorsteps

October 11th thru the 17th - **Eisenhower Special Event** - using W5I, W5K, W5E

October 11th - Club Members to meet and operate POTA at the Birthplace.

October 3rd thru the 5th - **Family Campout** - Eisenhower State Park

Sign up for a camping spot if interested or just show up.

NEXT MONTH...October 21st **General Meeting** - New Officer Nominations for 2026

November 18th General Meeting - New Officers Elections - **All Positions are available.**

December 16th - **Christmas Party** at **Calhoon's 2.0 - Denison**

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Sunday Night Net Control Operators Needed

Dates available for anyone wanting to be a Net Control Operator for one of the Sunday
2-meter nets on the Sherman - 147.00 repeater

Available dates:

September 21st

November 16th and 30th

December 7th and 21st

Sign up at the meeting or inform one of the officers.

Grayson County ARES/RACES Frequencies and Local Repeaters**[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)

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