



GRAYSON COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB



GCARC

GRAYSON CO. TEXAS USA

Having Fun With Amateur Radio

July 2025 Issue

Events

Coming Up

1st and 3rd

Sunday Nets

Dates/Net Control:

July 6 - James - KW5CW

July 20 - Michael - KI5ZIQ

August 3 - Marvin - KG5GMA

NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS
TO DO THE SUNDAY NIGHT NETS

Time: 8:00 PM Local Repeater
147.000

Red River Bridge War On-Air Special Event

July 19 through July 25
W5R

Next Regular Club

Monthly Meeting

Tuesday - July 15th, 2025

Time: 7:00-9:00PM

Location

Texoma Council of Governments

1117 Gallagher Dr.

Sherman, Texas

POTLUCK POTA BARBECUE

Sat, July 26th from 11AM till 8PM

Eisenhower Birthplace

Group Hall

with the McKinney ARC

Club Meeting Discussion

Radio programming and Linked
Repeater Systems

By James Shiplet KI5BMN

PRESIDENT'S QSO

Howdy Everyone,

I hope everyone in the club had a safe and memorable Fourth of July holiday! It's always a great time to reflect on the freedoms we enjoy and the community we share.

At the same time, our hearts go out to the families affected by the recent flooding in Texas. We offer our deepest sympathies to those who lost loved ones and were impacted by the devastation.

On a brighter note, we want to thank everyone who participated in this year's Amateur Radio Field Day at Eisenhower Birthplace State Park. It was a fantastic event—great weather, great turnout, and even better fellowship. From setup to tear down, everyone's effort helped make the day a success, and it was a proud moment for GCARC.

As we move into the second half of the year, we're excited about all the opportunities ahead in 2025. From upcoming club events to continued growth in our radio community, there's a lot to look forward to.

Stay safe, stay active, and stay tuned!

Michael Higgins - KI5ZIQ
President of the GCARC

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Summer Field Day 2025 - Here and Gone!

The Grayson County Amateur Radio Club ARRL Field Day is behind us! The people who attended had fun. Some came to operate the radios, and others came for the camaraderie and good food. Not as many participated as in years past, but there were some circumstances beyond our control. For one, Mike Coffman, who in past years was our Field Day Coordinator could not step up to the role this year, and to be honest as everyone knows, he's a hard act to follow. Cynthia - K5EKA and others did step up to get things done. Instead of just one leader this year, various people stepped in to do what they could. The weather was hot in the daytime and comfortable at night, but at least it stayed dry. The club radio was not available, because of circumstances beyond our control. But others stepped up and allowed the club to use their own radios. Namely, Cynthia, K5EKA with her FT-991A and Ralph Jerome - KI5NUK had his Xiegu G90 there for others to use. James - KW5CW set up his CW station in a tent located away from the Sideband stations, so as to not to create local interference. James used a coaxial filter while the phone stations used dedicated band pass filters. The club used batteries and solar for power, and it was a good exercise in using emergency power. The club ran as in the 3A Class NTX. It was obvious from the start that we were not there to win the class, but we did have 3 transmitters running and all were running 100 watts or less. The ones who operated the radios had fun! After dinner on Saturday when the sun set, most everyone retired and went home. At sun-up, people arrived for breakfast burritos. Then, as fast as it started, the event was over. Pictures of the event are on the website and also found here....

[Summer Field Day 2025 Pictures](#)

Special Events Still to Come in 2025

[Link to the Red River Bridge War Special Event - callsign W5R runs from July 19th through the 25th.](#)

[Link to Red River Bridge War Special Event CHALLENGE](#)

[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 Special Event 1x1 calls at home or in the park of your choosing at any time during the week, but you must remember to use the privileges associated to your call to use the 1x1 when you do not have another licensed Extra Class operator present.. After each event, send your logs to James - KW5CW at GCARCCLUB@gmail.com.

After these events, there will be the re-scheduled D-Day event happening sometime between August and October. It's hopeful to have an updated date for the event posted in the next newsletter and then the Christmas part on December 16th. So now is not too early to plan on any of these events. And if you cannot participate in the special events, plan on attending the Christmas party in December.

June was a very busy month. Besides Field Day, just a week before that event was the GCARC MOBILE RADIO CAR SHOW. There were 9 entries, as the car show took place right after the June meeting in the parking lot of TCOG. Because the show ended in the dark of night, the winning entry was not made known the night of the event, but the lucky entry will be revealed at the July club meeting. The winner will receive a VHF/UHF TidRadio handheld. In the hopes of getting more participation in future car show events, the officers would like members to take part in a short survey at the next meeting to see what it may take to make it better and with more participation.

Other Current Links to Information found on the GCARC Website

[Secretary Report - June 2025](#)

[Treasury Report – June 2025](#)

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

License Testing at GCARC Summer Field Day June 28th

Next Testing Date July 15, 2025

at Texoma Council of Governments prior to club meeting

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 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.**

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.

Nominations for Directory-At-Large at the July meeting.

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 - DECEMBER 16th.**

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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