



GRAYSON COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB



GCARC

GRAYSON CO. TEXAS USA

Having Fun With Amateur Radio

November 2025 Issue

Events Coming Up

1st and 3rd and 5th

Sunday Nets

Dates/Net Control:

NEXT NET

November 16 - Matt - KJ5HTD

November 30 - Open

December 7 and 21 - Open

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 - November 18, 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, Nov. 29th at 8:00AM

Sweetberries Cafe

1835 Texoma Pkwy, Sherman TX

Winter Field Day 2026

Jan 24th and 25th

Eisenhower State Park

Club Discussion Topic

Panel Discussion 'Hams and Habits'

NEXT Sherman Siren Test

Dec 3rd - 8:40 am on 147.000

PRESIDENT'S QSO

Howdy All!

As we move into November, I want to take a moment to wish each of you a **Happy Thanksgiving!** This is a season for gratitude, and I'm truly thankful for our club community—your enthusiasm, participation, and continued commitment to keeping the spirit of amateur radio alive and thriving in Grayson County.

Board of Directors Elections Coming Up

A quick reminder that **Board of Directors elections** will be held at our next meeting! This is your opportunity to help guide the direction of our club for the coming year. If you're interested in serving or nominating someone, please reach out to any current board member. Active involvement is what keeps our club strong, so I encourage everyone to participate and make your voice heard.

This Month's Education Program

Our November meeting will feature an **interactive, fun-filled panel discussion!** We'll have a mix of experienced operators and new members sharing stories, troubleshooting tips, and insights about life on the airwaves. It's a great chance to learn, laugh, and connect with one another in a relaxed, engaging setting.

As always, thank you for your continued support and participation. Whether you're checking into nets, volunteering at events, or just sharing your passion for the hobby, you make the Grayson County Amateur Radio Club what it is, a welcoming community of lifelong learners and communicators.

73,

Michael Higgins KI5ZIQ

President, GCARC

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Eisenhower Birthday Special Event - Held Oct 11-17th - Results
Upcoming - GCARC Monthly Meeting - November 18th - Officer Elections
GCARC Christmas Party - Around the Corner

The numbers from the Eisenhower Birthday Special Event 2025 are as follows:

Total Number of Contacts made for the Event :

Participants = Lee - N5SLY, Marvin - KG5GMA, David - W5DRT, Ricky - KG5FDT, James - KW5CW

Special Event Call Signs Used - W5I, W5K, and W5E

The Eisenhower Birthday Special Event ran for 1 week, and club members had fun at the Eisenhower birthplace making contacts on SSB and CW at the Birthday Celebration on October 11, 2025. Ike's birthday was a few days later on October 14th, when these participants continued to make contacts from their homes and the parks. There were 109 contacts made from the birthplace on October 11th.

Contact totals by club member from the birthplace:

Ricky - KG5FDT - 21, James - KW5CW - 47 Marvin - KG5GMA - 16, David - W5DRT - 21, Lee - N5SLY - 4

From home stations and parks, Ricky - 257, Marvin - 16, James - 378. Mobile station - James - 22

Officer Elections for 2026 take place at the **NEXT MEETING on November 18th**. All NEW officers will be elected for 2026. At this meeting, nominations will be taken up to the actual election process during the meeting. Any member wishing to become an officer can throw their name in the hat and by the end of the night, the new officers for 2026 will be known.

The December Christmas Party will be held on **December 16th, the third Tuesday of December**. It will be held at **Calhoun's 2.0** located on Texoma Highway 91, and all members and family are invited to attend. The address is **4801 S. State Hwy 91, Denison, Texas 75020**. The party begins at **7 PM**. The tickets are **\$20 per meal**. Drinks can be purchased at the bar.

Pay Online at the following link...

[CHRISTMAS PARTY TICKETS](#)

GCARC TRAILER UPDATE

The club trailer debut is scheduled for our Winter Field Day event on January 24th and 25th. The outside wrap with club logos along with Joe Hayes' NIGHTHAWK Investigation logos should be installed by the December issue of the newsletter. When the logos finally arrive for installation on the trailer, they will be installed and a picture of the trailer will be displayed in the newsletter.

ARMY MARS (Military Auxiliary Radio Service)



The Military Auxiliary Radio System (MARS) is a Department of Defense (DoD) sponsored program that provides emergency communications support on a local, national, and international level using volunteer amateur radio operators. Attached is an article sent to me for publication in our newsletter and website. The article was sent to me by Bill - KJ5ZV. The link is:

<https://graysoncountyarcs.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/Army-Mars-Article.pdf>

Other Current Links to Information found on the GCARC Website

[Secretary Report - October 2025](#)

[Treasury Report – October 2025](#)

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

Next Testing Date November 18th, 2025 6:00PM
at Texoma Council of Governments prior to Club Meeting

\$15 Exam Fee - Cash Only

Other Activities At Our Doorstep

IN JUST A FEW DAYS... November 18th **General Meeting** - New Officer ELECTIONS

December 16th - **Christmas Party - 7 PM** at **Calhoon's 2.0 - Denison**

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 for November and December.

AVAILABLE DATES

November 30th

December 7th and 21st

Sign up at the meeting or inform one of the officers

We also need to be thinking about signing up for the Nets for 2026.

[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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