



GRAYSON COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB



GCARC

GRAYSON CO. TEXAS USA

Having Fun With Amateur Radio

December 2025 Issue

Events Coming Up

1st and 3rd and 5th

Sunday Nets

Dates/Net Control:

NEXT NET

December 21 - Open

NEED MORE VOLUNTEERS

TO DO THE SUNDAY NIGHT NETS

Time: 8:00 PM Local Repeater

147.000

**Control Ops Sign-up sheet at the
January Meeting for 2026**

Next Regular Club

Monthly Meeting

Tuesday - January 20, 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, Dec. 27th at 8:00AM

Sweetberries Cafe

1835 Texoma Pkwy, Sherman TX

Winter Field Day 2026

Jan 24th and 25th

Eisenhower State Park

Club Discussion Topic

Group Discussions

'Brainstorming for 2026'

NEXT Sherman Siren Test

Jan. 7th - 8:40 am on 147.000

PRESIDENT'S QSO



Howdy Everyone! On behalf of the entire GCARC leadership team, I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas. I truly look forward to seeing everyone at our Christmas party on Tuesday, December 16 at Calhoun's 2.0 in Denison!

As we wrap-up the 31st year of the GCARC, I want to thank each of you for bringing so much to the organization. I also want to personally acknowledge your patience and commitment as we have navigated through new waters, continued to test new initiatives and welcomed our new members with open arms! I anticipate that 2026 will be just as exciting! It was truly a pleasure serving as your President for the past two years, and with the upcoming new officers led by our new president in 2026, Jo VanSlogteren K5EKA, it truly will be another great year to come.

As we have done for the last two years, we will welcome the new year with a brainstorming session at our first meeting in January. Our commitment is to continue to listen to your feedback, continue to be wise with the budget and promote unity and camaraderie within the organization and the community at large. Again, thank you for keeping us accountable to facilitating this commitment.

Lastly, as we celebrate this season of Christmas, I ask for those of you who may be compelled to, to pray. Pray for our community, for those enduring hardships, for our leaders, for our families and our neighbors. Pray for peace, direction and vision. And please pray for our club that we may find ways to put these prayers into action.

Sincerely,

Michael Higgins KI5ZIQ

President GCARC

GCARC Christmas Party Celebration - December 16, 2025

Along with New Things To Come

It's here! The final activity of the club for 2025 takes place at Calhoun's 2.0 at **4801 S. State Hwy 91, Denison, Texas**. There's a lot to celebrate now with anticipation for the new year. The night will be packed with fun and good food. ***The menu contains a full barbecue spread: brats, chicken, pulled pork, sides and salads. The cost of the meal will be \$20. The Club will pick up the gratuity and iced tea and coffee.*** Otherwise drinks are available at the bar -- pay as you go. ***There will be music, billiards (\$1.25 -- bring quarters or use the quarter change machine there.), Karaoke and line dancing*** mixed in with the fun. Yearly awards will be given with a newly created ***yearly Award for Excellence in Amateur Radio*** to be announced at the party. Most of the members are paying online with Stripe in advance. Here's your last chance to purchase your Christmas party meal in advance by clicking on the following link. Again, the cost is only \$20.

[CHRISTMAS PARTY TICKETS](#)

It may be the end of 2025, but the New Year promises to continue where things left off with our new president Jo VanSlogteren K5EKA who served in the club in 2024 and 2025 as the Club Secretary. Now she has become our leader with tons of new and exciting ideas and a plan to continue making our club a fun place to be.

Some things continue to go on, starting with Winter Field Day at Eisenhower State Park during the 4th weekend in January. Details of this upcoming event, which is just a month away, will be given at the first GCARC general meeting of the year at Texoma Council of Governments in Sherman on January 20th, 2025.

Also, look for a new and updated newsletter with a new look. James Shiplet KI5BMN is the club's NEW Newsletter Editor, while James KW5CW has stepped down after 10 years of producing it.

New GCARC Club Officers

Their terms begin on January 1, 2026. If you thought that the last few years with the GCARC were great, expect even better times ahead. As the saying goes, 'out with the old, in with the new.'

Outgoing

President: Michael Higgins KI5ZIQ

Vice President: James Shiplet KI5BMN

Secretary: Jo VanSlogteren K5EKA

Treasurer: James Frank KW5CW

Incoming

President: Jo VanSlogteren K5EKA

Vice President: Steve Ollmann KC5NK

Secretary: Mark Armstrong KJ5LKN

Treasurer: Matt McClellan KJ5HTD

New Newsletter Editor - James Shiplet - KI5BMN

By James KW5CW

It's been a total of 10 years that I have been honored to be your newsletter editor, but James Shiplet has graciously accepted the position for 2026. He is also the present Director-At-Large. But as I said in a previous article, 'out with the old and in with the new.' For me, it's just time for me to slow down a little. Not being an officer in 2026 and no longer the newsletter editor is what I need at this time, but I still have plans to stay active with the club. Originally, I wanted to just put everything behind me with the club, but after thinking it over a while, I've decided to continue with the planning of Special Events in 2026 because it's really not too difficult to do and no one else has volunteered. As a QSL manager, I'm hoping in the future that someone else would step up and volunteer to keep our special events active in the coming years. If anyone would like to learn what's involved in planning on-the-air special events, please contact me and I'll share what I know. And of course, if you need some real mentoring in setting up special events, Lee N5SLY is the ultimate authority when it comes to Special Events.

Other Current Links to Information found on the GCARC Website[Secretary Report - November 2025](#)[Treasury Report – November 2025](#)[License Testing at TCOG in Sherman, Texas](#)**Next Testing Date January 20th 6:00PM****at Texoma Council of Governments prior to Club Meeting****\$15 Exam Fee - Cash Only****Activities At Our Doorstep****December 16th - Christmas Party - 7 PM at Calhoun's 2.0 - Denison****Winter Field Day - January 24th and 25th at Eisenhower State Park****Sunday Night Net Control Operators Needed**

One more date is available for anyone wanting to be a Net Control Operator for the last Sunday 2-meter net of 2025. The date is **December 21st**.

Also Sign up at the January meeting for next year or inform one of the officers.

Actually we'll need a Net Control Operator twice before the January meeting -- Sundays, January 4th and 18th. Please let us know if you want to volunteer.

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)

Club Officers

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