

Grayson County Amateur Radio Club  
February 17th, 2026 Meeting Minutes  
Secretary Mark Armstrong KJ5LKN

The meeting was opened at 7:00 pm by Jo VanSlogteren, President. After the Pledge of Allegiance, introduction of members and guests was made

Secretary Report by Mark Armstrong KJ5LKN

Treasurer's Report is posted on our website, James CW went over the income and expenses. Motion was made and seconded to accept the report as read, a unanimous vote was received by the membership

Officers present were:

President: Jo VanSlogteren K5EKA  
Vice President: Steve Ollmann KC5NK was not in attendance  
Secretary: Mark Armstrong KJ5LKN  
Treasurer: Matt McClellan KJ5HTD  
Director at Large: James Shiplet KI6BMN was not in attendance

The Secretary's and Treasurer's report can be found on [graysoncountyar.org](http://graysoncountyar.org)

The membership was encouraged to read the February newsletter

Our newest member was introduced, Jeremy Bensley KJ5NZV, a unanimous vote was made and Jeremy was voted into the club

Discussion was made on using different frequencies on our club nets, 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday we will use 147.000, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday we will use 147.280 and 444.750 on the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday, ARES nets will use 147.000

Max AA5KK made a discussion on Ham radio solutions, CW training and the possibility of creating our own CW channel on Vband – Ham Radio Solutions: [hamradio.solutions/vband/](http://hamradio.solutions/vband/)

A short break was taken before the night's training session

Roy AF5VA gave a presentation on basic radar interpretation

Glen WW5GRW gave a presentation about the many opportunities helping people who have been victims of natural disasters. He told about his trip to help the victims of the ice storm in Oxford, MS, with the organization called Eight Days of Hope.

The door prize drawing was Michael Higgins, he chose the Helping Hands tool  
The 50/50 drawing was won by Kathy Malone, her portion of \$38 was donated back to the club

The meeting was adjourned at 20:50 with 28 members present

Attendance: 28 members 0 guests

K5EKA Cynthia J. VanSlogteren  
KG5GMA Marvin D Schiavone  
KG5FDT Ricky Jessen  
KI5IPH Mike Whitten  
K2AQ Howard Malone  
KIKLM Kathy Malone  
KI5ZIQ Michael Higgins  
KJ5BFD Joe Hayes  
N5SLY Lee Sly  
WF5DRT David Turner  
KC5OLH Jimmy Patterson  
N3HT Butch Todd  
KJ5NZV Jeremy Bensley  
KG5GFI Cody Williams  
KF5TDQ Dora Caywood

FJ5HTD Matt McClellan  
KW5CW James Frank  
WW5GRW Glen Willie  
KI5NUK Ralph Jerome  
KK5MR Mark Rice  
KG5QPI Doug Hotalen  
KJ5LKN Mark Armstrong  
KI5MRK Mark Poweski  
KI6LES Les Key  
AF5VA Roy Reed  
KD0ZWV Greg Stratton  
KI5TWM Dave Older  
KF5JUO Lynda Tuma

Guests: