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Hello Everyone,

I trust everyone is planning on attending our Family Campout coming up soon: April 24th through 26th at the Deer Haven Shelters in Eisenhower State Park. Since the April Hungry Hams Breakfast falls on the 25th, we will have it at the campout. It'll be fun – with getting on the radio, meals, a Fox hunt and just sitting around visiting!

This next meeting (the 3rd Tuesday as usual – April 21st at 7 at the TCOG building: 1117 Gallagher Dr, Sherman) will present our own members explaining how they have installed radios in their vehicles. It should be very interesting. A lot of you have sent in your pictures for the big screen and I'm looking forward to hearing all the details and solutions you've come up with.

Also, I hope you will consider coming to our Board of Directors' meeting in May (1st Monday at 7 at First State Bank, 2315 North Hwy 75) – that's May 4th. We'd love your input and ideas as we branch into new activities, like sharing events with other clubs and setting up our Technician License Training course. *May the 4th be with you!*

As always we welcome your input, feedback, ideas and constructive criticism.

Jo VanSlogteren K5EKA
President, GCARC



<https://mtcradio.com>

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ALERT: Our Monthly Nets Have Changed

1st Sunday Information Net = 147.00 +.6 MHz 100 PL tone

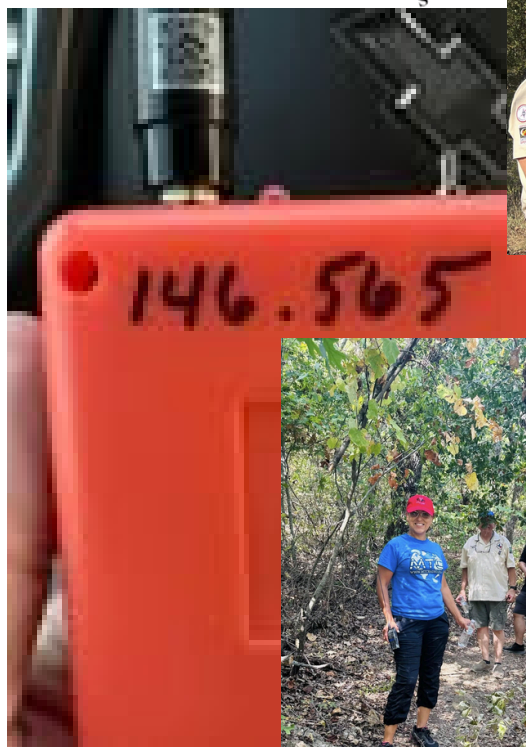
3rd Sunday Information Net = 147.280. +.6 MHz 107.2 PL tone

5th Sunday Information Net = 444.750. +5 MHz 100.0 PL tone

The ARES Info and Training Nets will still be on the second and fourth Sundays
All Nets begin at 2000hrs

GCARC SPRING 26 FAMILY CAMPOUT

Our Spring family campout will be held at Eisenhower State Park at Lake Texoma on April 24-26, 2006. There will be plenty of ham related things to do such as POTA and a couple of Fox Hunts along with some hiking, fishing, pot luck meals etc.



ARRL Annual Field Day



It's not too early to gear up and get ready for ARRL Field Day!

Field Day 2026 takes place June 27 – 28 and will bring together more than 30,000 amateur radio operators for one of the most popular on-the-air events in the US and Canada. This year's Field Day theme is "Amateur Radio: A National Resource." Combined with the ARRL Year of the Club, it provides the perfect opportunity for radio clubs to set up stations in public places to demonstrate ham radio's science, skill, and service to our communities and our nation. All of the information we need to get started can be found on the Field Day web page, including how to join the ARRL Field Day Facebook Group, where we can share your plans, tips, and tricks for a successful Field Day.

The overall objective for Field Day is to contact as many stations as possible on the 160-, 80-, 40-, 20-, 15- and 10-meter HF bands, as well as all bands above 50 MHz, and to learn to operate in less than optimal conditions. Many clubs choose to set up in camp-style fashion with portable equipment, temporary antennas, and off-grid power sources. We will conduct FD operations in Denison at the Eisenhower Birthplace State Historic Site at 609 S. Lamar Ave, Denison, TX.

Field Day is open to all amateurs in the areas covered by the ARRL/RAC Field Organizations and countries within IARU Region 2 (North and South America). DX stations residing in other regions may be contacted for credit, but are not eligible to submit entries. Each claimed contact must include contemporaneous direct initiation by the operator on both sides of the contact. Initiation of a contact may be either locally or by remote.

For more information about ARRL Field Day, visit www.arrl.org/field-day.

Club Information Page

1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday Nets

Dates/Net Control:

May-03, Mark A. KJ5LKN

May-17, Jo K5EKA

May-31, James KI5BMN

Time: 8:00 PM Local

Repeater: 147.000 - 147.280 - 444.750

Alternating.

Next Officers Meeting

Date: May 04, 2026

Time: 7:00-9:00 PM

First State Bank, Sherman

Next Regular Club Meeting

Date: April 21, 2026

Time: 7:00-9:00 PM

License Testing

Date: April 21, 2026

Time: 6:00-7:00 PM

Location

Texoma Council of Governments

1117 Gallagher Rd.

Sherman, Texas

Hungry Hams Breakfast

Saturday April 25th at 0800 hrs. at

Eisenhower State Park

Click the links below for the following reports.

Meeting Minutes

<https://graysoncountyarcc.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/Minutes-2026-March-GCARC-Meeting.pdf>

Treasurer's Report

<https://graysoncountyarcc.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/GCARC-Financial-Report-March-2026.pdf>

2026 Club Events

Spring Campout - April 24th- 26th

Perrin Field Special Event - May 16th - 22nd

Ham Radio Car Show - June 16th

ARRL Summer Field Day - June 27th & 28th

Red River Bridge War Special Event - July 17- 23

Fall Campout - November 6th-8th.

Eisenhower Birthday Special Event - Oct 10-16
(Formal Celebration at Birthplace on Oct 11)



Click here for more info.

Our Calendar:

<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/u/0/r/month>

GCARC 2026 OFFICERS

- President: Jo VanSlogteren K5EKA - president@k5gcc.org
- Vice-President: Steve Ollmann KC5NK - vp@k5gcc.org
- Secretary: Mark Armstrong KJ5LKN - secretary@k5gcc.org
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ADDITIONAL ROLES

- License Trustee for K5GCC: Rick Simmons, K5ECX
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Local Repeaters and Nets

Local Area and Regional Nets

North Central Texas Connection

Radio link system covering a large portion of North Central Texas
<http://www.nctc.info> Thursdays at 2000hrs. on 443.750+ PL 100

North Central Texas 2 Meter Simplex Net

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1239747529713248>
Fridays @ 8PM on 146.580 +/-

North Texas 1.25m Simplex Net

Every Friday night after the 2m Simplex Net, by 9:30pm, you can test your 220 MHz rig on FM simplex. We start the Net on the 220 Texas Link System repeaters, get a list of check ins, and then QSY to 223.500 to see who can make simplex contacts. *There's not a linked 220 MHz repeater in our area yet, however you can talk simplex when conditions are right.*

List of repeaters located in Sherman

147.000 +0.6 MHz PL100 W5RVT OPEN FM
147.280 +0.6 MHz PL 107.2 W5COP OPEN FM EchoLink
444.750 +5 MHz PL 100.0 W5RVT OPEN FM
441.325 +5 MHz PL 82.5 KG5SKM OPEN FM
ECHOLINK node - 831760 / ALLSTAR node - 53477

Other Area Repeaters

W5DWH Denison 145.330 -600kc offset PL 100 Transmit and receive
WD5U Rosston 145.490 -600kc offset PL 85.4
K5FRC VHF Bonham 145.470 -600kc offset PL 100
NCTC UHF Bonham 443.750 +5 Mhz offset PL 100
KF5SOX UHF Bells 444.950 +5 Mhz offset PL 88.5
N5MRG UHF Tom Bean 441.625 +5 Mhz offset PL 100
N5MRG 220 Tom Bean 223.840 -1.6 Mhz offset PL 100

Board Meeting Location Change



The GCARC Officers Board Meetings are now held at First State Bank in Sherman on the First Monday of each month at 1900hrs CST. Located at 2315 N. Hwy 75 Sherman, TX 75090. All members are welcome to attend, however please eat prior to attending the meeting.

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FCC Warns Licensee on Out-of-Band Transmissions

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has responded to a complaint involving a Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, amateur for operating outside the privileges of his Technician Class license and causing interference to local emergency service communications by transmitting on a public service frequency, 470.4375 MHz.

According to a letter released by the FCC's Enforcement Bureau, agents investigating an interference complaint from Allegheny County Emergency Services determined that the interfering signal originated from the residence of David Knudtson, KD3ASC, who also holds a General Mobile Radio Service (GMRS) license, WSDQ885. The letter states that Knudtson gave the agents a B-Tech UV-Pro handheld which had been programmed to monitor the county emergency services frequency. Agents determined that its "Audio Relay" feature had been activated, turning the HT "into a simplex repeater that was retransmitting the Allegheny County channel."

The letter continues that Knudtson, who is a relatively new amateur licensee, surrendered the radio to the agents, who then "verified that the interference to the Allegheny County system had ceased." The letter also notes that Knudtson's B-Tech radio was certified as a Part 90 (private land mobile radio) device and that he was not licensed to transmit on the emergency services frequency. Knudtson was warned that unauthorized operation and its associated harmful interference must not resume. He was given 10 days from the date of the March 25 letter to respond with a description of the steps he is taking to avoid a repeat violation. Amateurs are reminded to exercise care when programming non-amateur frequencies into their VHF/UHF radios, and to ensure that transmitting on those frequencies is disabled.

