



GCARC NEWS



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PRESIDENT'S QSO:



Jo VanSlogteren
K5EKA

Hams all,

This month we are once again going to hear from KJ6ER – Greg Mihran from California. He has new antennas for POTA. This will be a zoom call and since he is on the west coast, we will start his presentation right away after the Welcome and pledge. So get to the meeting early!!

The Perrin Field Museum Special Event is now on-going! We are doing a competition (so if you've heard "It's not a competition" – forget that! It IS!) We will give prizes for first place in 3 categories – Voice, CW and digital. The top 3 in each category will get a certificate! Be sure to use W5P as the callsign. Working POTA will get you dual credit. Send me your contact counts every evening and check Discord for the running totals. [I don't need your logs – just your totals.]

Summer Field Day is quickly approaching so we need to be thinking about our plans. Also we will be having our Car Show soon. Entry forms will be available soon.

We are in need of Net Control Operators. Please consider signing up for one of our Sunday Nets. We will be gentle as you get over mic-fright, if that is your case. The script is on the website but you don't have to follow it. Be as natural and as casual as you want!!

Hopefully many of you will visit or visited the SK Estate Sale. There may be items left so let me know.

Hope to see everyone at the meeting this month. Come with your ideas, constructive criticism and willingness to get involved!!

As always –
your devoted president.

Jo K5EKA

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ALERT: Our Monthly Nets Have Changed

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

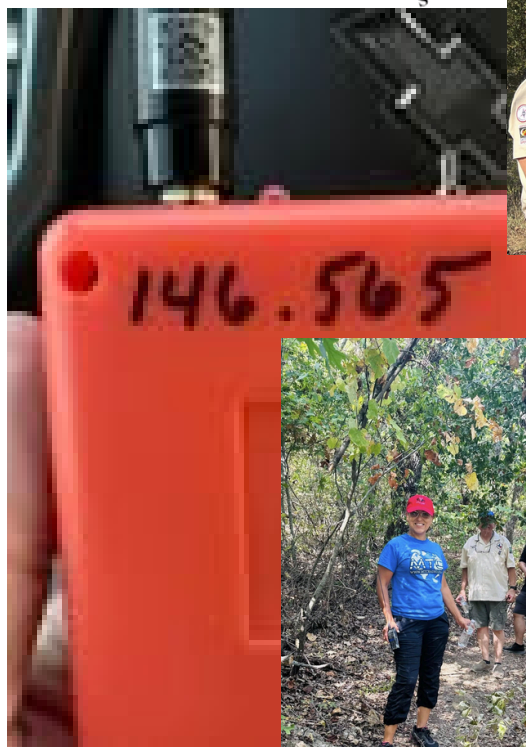
3rd Sunday Information Net = 147.280. +.6 MHz 107.2 PL tone

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 Fall 26 FAMILY CAMPOUT

Our Fall family campout will be held at Eisenhower State Park at Lake Texoma on November, 6-8, 2026. 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.



Perrin Field Special Event



Perrin Field Museum Special Event started last night (Friday the 15th) at 7:00 p.m. It will last through next Friday -- May 22nd! Get on the air! Make those contacts!! Win prizes!! Spread the word about our great club! Use callsign W5P. [even in parks -- you will get dual credit with POTA] Send your contact counts for Voice, CW and digital to Jo K5EKA every night (or any time, really -- as we go.)

Perrin Air Force Base' was a United States Air Force base, approximately 7 miles northwest of Sherman, Texas. It is currently known as North Texas Regional Airport and was active during World War II as pilot training airfield and during the Cold War as a combat crew and flying training base. It was closed on 30 June 1971.



Club Information Page

1st , 3rd and 5th Sunday Nets

Dates/Net Control:

May-31, James KI5BMN

June -07, Open

June -21, Open (Father's Day)

Time: 8:00 PM Local

Repeater: 147.000 - 147.280 - 444.750

Alternating

Echolink node: 436088 KG5SKM-L

Next Officers Meeting

Date: June 01, 2026

Time: 7:00-9:00 PM

First State Bank, Sherman

Next Regular Club Meeting

Date: May 19, 2026

Time: 7:00-9:00 PM

License Testing

Date: May 19, 2026

Time: 6:00-7:00 PM

Location

Texoma Council of Governments

1117 Gallagher Rd.

Sherman, Texas

Hungry Hams Breakfast

Saturday May 30th at 0800 hrs. at

Wanna Burger in Sherman

Click the links below for the following reports.

Meeting Minutes

<https://graysoncountyar.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/05/Minutes-2026-April-GCARC-Meeting.pdf>

Treasurer's Report

<https://graysoncountyar.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/05/GCARC-Financial-Report-April-2026.pdf>

2026 Club Events

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

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

Fall Campout - November 6th-8th.



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
- Treasurer: Matt McClellan KJ5HTD - treasurer@k5gcc.org
- Director-At-Large: James Shplet KI5BMN directoratlarge@k5gcc.org

ADDITIONAL ROLES

- License Trustee for K5GCC: Rick Simmons, K5ECX
- Public Information Officer: Steve Ollmann KC5NK - vp@k5gcc.org
- Activities Director: - Summer and Winter Field Days
- Field Day Coordinators: All Officers - officers@k5gcc.org
- Net Manager: Matt McClellan - KJ5HTD - treasurer@k5gcc.org
- Club Asset Manager: Steve Ollmann KC5NK - vp@k5gcc.org
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- ARRL VE Team Leader and Testing Coordinator: Ricky Jessen - testing@k5gcc.org
- Newsletter Editor: James Shplet - KI5BMN - editor@k5gcc.org
- Webmaster: Jo VanSlogteren - K5EKA - president@k5gcc.org

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
444.750 +5 MHz PL 100.0 W5RVT OPEN FM
441.325 +5 MHz PL 82.5 KG5SKM OPEN FM
ECHOLINK node - 436088 KG5SKM-L / ALLSTAR node - 534770

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

Join us for our Board Meetings



The GCARC Officers Board Meetings are 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, and we eat at Golden Corral prior to attending the meeting.

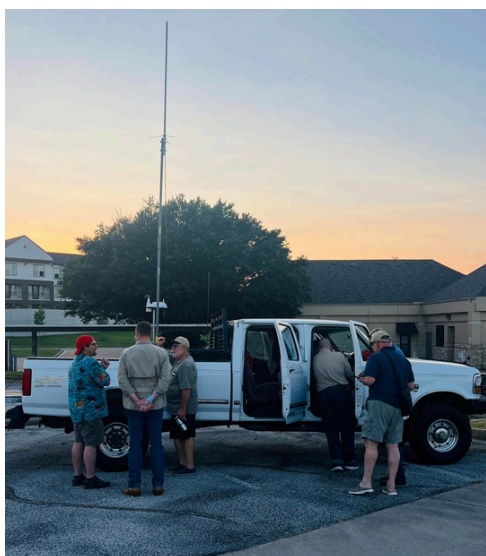
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Ham Radio Car/Truck Show and Ice Cream Social

Our annual Ham Radio Car/Truck Show is fast approaching. Our third annual Mobile Radio Car Show will be held at our June Meeting in the TCOG Parking Lot. A \$10 entry fee is all that is needed to show your Set-Up and you can register at the meeting. All Hams and GMRS Enthusiasts welcome. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. This year we have added a Homemade Ice Cream contest to see who has the best while we cool off a bit and look the cars and trucks over. There is no entry needed and judging will be by "Peoples Choice". The Ham with the most tickets will win... Maybe we can get Michael, AB5MC to make "Solar Ice Cream again!"



Ice Cream and Radios