



GCARC NEWS



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PRESIDENT'S QSO:

Happy Summer, Fellow Amateur Radio Operators and Friends,



**Jo VanSlogteren
K5EKA**

We seem to be in a turmoil of having to make changes – I like things to happen when they are supposed to – but sometimes it just doesn't work out that way. So we “go with the flow.”

We had to change our Board of Directors Meeting this month due to scheduling conflicts and our location was less than ideal. It was just too loud so it was hard to hear. But we “got 'er done,” as we say in the south.

And now we are moving our Car Show and Ice Cream Social since it “looks like rain” on Tuesday. Grrr. But Summer Field Day will be a great place to hold it and maybe we can drum up some excitement in the meantime. If you are planning to enter your car, truck, bicycle, motorcycle, boat, camper, or airplane please let us know in advance. Thanks!!

That leaves a big hole in our program for this next meeting. I like the idea that was suggested of people sharing their on-air successes and stories. What states and what countries have you made contact with? What repeat ham operators have you gotten to know a little bit? How often do you get on air and do you prefer the repeaters, HF, simplex or digital?

We will also be talking about our other plans for Summer Field Day. Nothing is set in stone so bring your ideas. Is there something you'd like to learn or something you can teach? We will have license testing “on demand” and we will most likely be doing a repeat of the soldering class – always a need, apparently. And we will have the club trailer parked at the site for people to see how comfortable it is for making contacts.

Lots of points to earn this year, again. So plan on coming out and having fun with us all!

Suggestions and constructive criticism always welcome! See you soon!

Your President,
Jo K5EKA

ALERT: Our Monthly Nets Alternate Repeaters

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

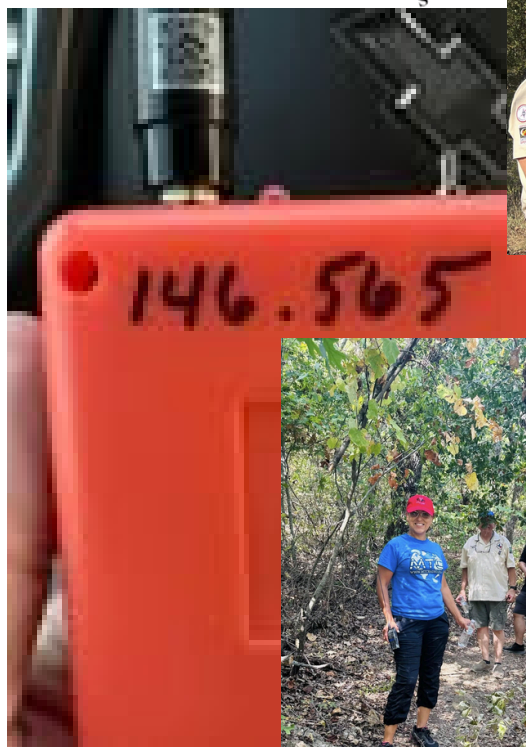
3rd Sunday Information Net = 147.280. +.6 MHz 107.2 PL tone

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. Ship, says that the Texoma Dutch Oven Cookers will be at the pavilion cooking on Saturday.



Perrin Field Special Event Winners



***Voice 1st place: David Turner W5DRT, 2nd place: Ricky Jessen KG5FDT,
3rd place Lee Sly N5SLY
CW 1st place: James Frank KW5CW, 2nd place Mark Miller KA5TXN
Digital 1st place: Lee Sly N5SLY, 2nd place Ricky Jessen KG5FDT
Mixed Modes Overall Winner: Ricky Jessen KG5FDT***

Repeater Etiquette

When wanting to talk to someone on the HF bands, the common practice is to call CQ on a frequency. That is not the preferred method of calling on a repeater. Here are some good manners for talking on a repeater.

Calling Out: When calling out to talk to anyone on a repeater, one usually says their call sign and says something like “listening” or “monitoring this frequency”. Example: “KG5WRY listening.” or “KG5WRY monitoring this frequency”.

Answering a call: To answer someone calling out on a repeater, you usually say “their call sign, this is (your callsign)”. Example: You hear KD4C calling out on the repeater. He says, “KD4C listening”. You respond, “KD4C this is KG5WRY good afternoon”.

Finishing a conversation: When you are finished with the conversation, you can say your call sign and “listening” if you want to talk to someone else, or if you are done talking for a while you can say “Call sign Clear.

Example “KG5WRY clear”. Remember that the FCC wants you to identify yourself every 10 minutes and at the finish of your conversation.

Joining another conversation: If you are listening to a conversation between other hams on a repeater and want to join the conversation, the polite method of joining the conversation is to wait for a break in the conversation. When you find a break in the conversation key your radio and say your call sign. The other party will either ask you to join in on the conversation or ask you to hold off for a minute, then ask you to join in. Example: I hear a conversation on the repeater and I want to join in. I wait for a break in the conversation. When I hear a break in the conversation, I key my transmitter and say KG5WRY. I wait for a response from the other party.

Don’t forget to pause once in a while during a conversation to give others a chance to join the party.

Emergency Communications:

If you have a true emergency you may break in a conversation at any time. Emergency traffic always takes precedence. If you have an emergency, don’t wait, break into the conversation by keying your transmitter and saying, “BREAK BREAK EMERGENCY.” Others should stop their conversation and ask how they can help you. If you hear an emergency call, you should do the same.

Thanks to the Richardson Wireless Klub for this valuable information.

Club Information Page

1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday Nets

Dates/Net Control:

June-21, James KI5BMN

June -28, Open

June -21, **NEEDED** (Father's Day)

July -5 **NEEDED**

July - 19 **NEEDED**

Time: 8:00 PM Local

Repeater: 147.000 - 147.280 - 444.750

Alternating

Echolink node: 436088 KG5SKM-L

Next Officers Meeting

Date: July 06, 2026

Time: 7:00-9:00 PM

First State Bank, Sherman

Next Regular Club Meeting

Date: June 16, 2026

Time: 7:00-9:00 PM

License Testing

Date: June 16, 2026

Time: 6:00-7:00 PM

Location

Texoma Council of Government:

1117 Gallagher Rd.

Sherman, Texas

Hungry Hams Breakfast

Saturday June 27th at 0800 hrs. at

Nicks in Denison

Click the links below for the following reports.

Meeting Minutes

<https://graysoncountyar.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/06/Minutes-2026-May-GCARC-Meeting.pdf>

Treasurer's Report

<https://graysoncountyar.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/06/GCARC-Financial-Report-May-2026.pdf>

2026 Club Events

Ham Radio Car Show – June 27 At Field Day

ARRL Summer Field Day – June 27 - 28

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
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ADDITIONAL ROLES

- License Trustee for K5GCC: Rick Simmons, K5ECX
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- Field Day Coordinators: All Officers – officers@k5gcc.org
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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
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.

Want GCARC Apparel?

GCARC logo ball caps are available at monthly meetings, other logoed items such as shirts, jackets etc. are available from

<https://www.hamthreads.com/clubs>

Ham Radio Car/Truck Show and Ice Cream Social moved to Field Day

Our annual Ham Radio Car/Truck Show is fast approaching. Our third annual Mobile Radio Car Show will now be held at our ARRL Summer Field Day at Eisenhower Birthplace State Historical Site 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