



GCARC NEWS



Grayson County Amateur Radio Club

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PRESIDENT'S QSO:

GREETINGS!!!



**Jo VanSlogteren
K5EKA**

We had a productive Business Meeting this month. We are moving forward with the trailer and have decided to hang banners on both sides rather than affix decals to the trailer itself. There will be a retractable stand-banner like the one we've used for Joe's Nighthawk logo that will also have room for other sponsors, should we decide to go that route.

We will set up the "for sale" inventory table again at the meeting on the 15th. If you see something you're interested in, do a little research and make us an offer.

This week Mark Miller KA5TXN will be telling us about POTA – Parks on the Air. And next month we'll be hearing about Contesting from Tim - K3LR of DX Engineering.

After our Hungry Hams breakfast on September 26th we'll have an Interference Team Training and the Fox will be hidden for anyone who wants to hunt him (or her).

October is also nominations for officers so please consider volunteering or nominating someone. Let us know of your interest in this. Our Secretary is staying on but we will need a President, Vice President, Treasurer and we may also need to replace our Director-at-Large.

Next month is our Eisenhower Birthday Special Event and we will be competing once again for the "mosts". We'll take the trailer out to the Eisenhower Birthplace Park for the celebration on Saturday, the 10th.

We are making plans for the Christmas party and are again thinking about having it at Mariachi's. We decided every member will go home with a gift of some sort or other.

Be sure to make good use of our club website, Discord group and Google Calendar.

All members, let me know your thoughts and desires concerning the club!
See you soon!

Your President,
Jo K5EKA

ALERT: Our Monthly Nets Have Changed

All GCARC nets have moved back to 147.00

They are still on the first and third Sundays

The ARES Info and Training Nets will still be on the second and fourth Sundays

All Nets begin at 2000hrs

We Need You To Be An Officer

Officer nominations are next month and the annual election will be held in November.

Please review the officers positions as outlined in our bylaws to see which position might be a good fit for you. We meet the first Monday of each month at First State Bank in Sherman and usually share a meal near the bank first.

Article III: Duties of Officers

Sec. 1] The President shall preside at all meetings, and conduct them according to Robert's Rules, as newly revised. He/she shall enforce due observance of this Constitution and Bylaws, decide all questions of order, sign all official documents adopted by the club, and perform all other duties pertaining to the office of President. The President will not have a vote in any matter unless a tie shall result. He/She shall then cast the tie-breaking vote.

Sec. 2] The Vice President shall assume all the duties of the President in his/her absence. In addition, he/she or his/her designee shall act as the Public Information Officer for public relations and media publicity concerning the club. He/she shall maintain close liaison with the ARES County Emergency Coordinator to further club participation in the ARES or the ARRL Section Emergency Coordinator if there is not an appointed ARES County Emergency Coordinator. The Vice President shall oversee the maintenance and inventory of GCARC assets to include but not limited to tents, antennas, towers and any other tangible property.

Sec. 3] The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings, keep a roll of members, submit membership applications, carry on all correspondence, read communications at each meeting, and mail notices to members as required. The Secretary shall also be responsible for required filings and reports in relation to the Club's 501[c]3 status. At the expiration of his/her term he/she shall immediately turn over all items belonging to the club to his/her successor.

Sec. 4] The Treasurer shall receive and receipt all monies paid to the club, keep an accurate account of all monies received and expended, pay no bills without proper authorization (by the club or its officers constituting a business committee). At each club meeting he/she shall submit an itemized statement of disbursements and receipts. At the end of his/her term, he/she shall immediately turn over everything in his/her possession belonging to the club to his/her successor.

Sec. 5] The Director at Large shall act as the liaison and coordinator to the other outgoing and incoming Directors. The Director at Large shall assume the duties of the activity director if there is not an activity director appointed by the board. Since this is a two (2) year term it affords continuity to the other offices.

Eisenhower Birthday Special Event



October 10th, 0000z, (7 pm of the 9th) through October 16th, 2359z, (6:59 pm) 2026

Modes of Operation - CW - Phone - Digital

Bands of Operation - 80 - 60 - 40 - 30 - 20 - 17- 15 - 12 - 10 - 6 - 2

The club will be operating this Special Event for the entire week. You are encouraged to operate using W5I, W5K or W5E on all the bands at no specific time. Check in with KW5CW to make sure we're not overlapping.

The Grayson County Amateur Radio Club honors President Dwight Eisenhower - the 34th President of the United States on his birthday each year. He was born on October 14, 1890 in a small house in Grayson County located in Denison, Texas within a Parks-On-the-Air park known as Eisenhower Birthplace - US-6553 that is open for everyone to see. A tour of his home will be free of charge. This year we are celebrating the 136th year since his birth. He died at age 78 on March 28th, 1969.

The special radio event in his honor will commence on Friday October 9th at 7:00PM Central Time . It ends the following Friday October 16th at 6:59PM Central Time at 2359z. There are festivities at the Eisenhower Birthplace property throughout the day on Saturday, October 10th, 2026.

Local Saturday activities at multiple locations are as follows...

- 9:00AM - Sunrise Ceremony & Brick Dedication held at the Eisenhower Monument (Hwy 75 at N. Loy Lake Rd), featuring a ceremony and honoring veterans, according to city of Denison officials.
- 10:00AM - 3:00PM - Birthplace Birthday Party at the Eisenhower Birthplace State Historic Site (609 S. Lamar Ave) will host free, limited hourly tours, birthday cake, local music performances (including student bands), and children's crafts. The Club will operate from here and meet many potential new Hams.
- Military Exhibits: The Perrin Air Force Base Museum (9AM-4PM) (436 McCullum Ave, Denison, TX) will feature a "Wall of Honor" exhibit to honor Eisenhower's military career.
- Railroad History: The Red River Railroad Museum (11AM-4PM) (110 E. Main St. Suite 106, Denison, TX) will be open for visitors, as noted by the city of Denison.
- Music and Entertainment: Past celebrations have included patriotic USO-style performances, which are expected to continue for the 2026 festivities, according to the [Texas Historical Commission](#).

During these festivities, the Grayson County Amateur Radio Club will have a station set up using the Call W5I. There will be contacts made using SSB, CW and Digital modes of communication. Amateur Radio Operators from anywhere are encouraged to stop by and make a few contacts using the special callsign. The birthday celebration runs throughout the following week as amateur radio operators will be using 1 of 3 callsigns W5I, W5K and W5E.

Check out the video link on the W5I page on QRZ.com

Club Information Page

1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday Nets

Dates/Net Control:

Sept 20 - Matt KJ5HTD

October 4 - Needed

October 18 - Needed

Time: 8:00 PM Local

Repeater: 147.000 - 147.280 = Backup

Echolink node: 436088 KG5SKM-L

Next Board of Directors Meeting

Date: October - 05, 2026

Time: 7:00-9:00 PM

First State Bank, Sherman

Next Regular Club Meeting

Date: October 20, 2026

Time: 7:00-9:00 PM

License Testing

Date October 20, 2026

Time: 6:00-7:00 PM

Location

Texoma Council of Governments

1117 Gallagher Rd.

Sherman, Texas

Hungry Hams Breakfast

Saturday September 26 at 0800 hrs. at

Grandy's in Sherman

Click the links below for the following reports.

Meeting Minutes

<https://graysoncountyarcc.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/09/Minutes-2026-August-GCARC-Meeting.pdf>

Treasurer's Report

<https://graysoncountyarcc.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/09/GCARC-Financial-Report-July-2026.pdf>

<https://graysoncountyarcc.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/09/GCARC-Financial-Report-August-2026.pdf>

EVENTS

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

Fall Campout - November 6th-8th.

Christmas Party - TBD

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 Shiple K15BMN 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
- QSL Manager: James Frank KW5CW- qsl@k5gcc.org
- ARRL VE Team Leader and Testing Coordinator: Ricky Jessen - testing@k5gcc.org
- Newsletter Editor: James Shiple - K15BMN - 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 Tracks Restaurant 109 N. Woods, Sherman at 1745 Hrs. prior to attending the meeting..

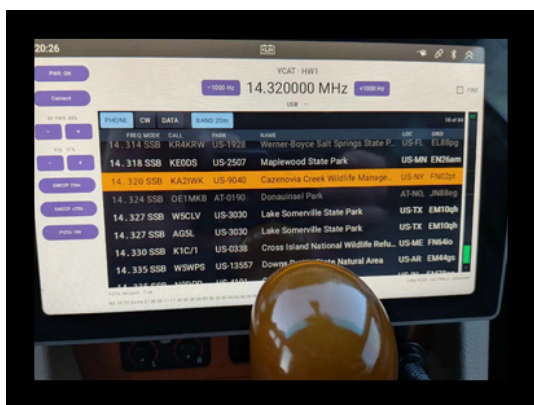
Want GCARC Apparel?

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>

Mobile HF Control Using Your Car's Infotainment Screen

Steve Ollman, KC5NK has been working on using his car's screen while operating POTA. Steve stated the following: These are screen shots from my entertainment system in the car. First is the POTA spots screen. Touching the line tunes the VFO and mode in the radio. The second shot is doing an SWR graph on the antenna in the car. This will work with the Xiegu g90, IC-7300 (and the MK2), the Yaesu FTX-1 and the FT-dx10.



The below picture is the spectrum screen where you can see the waterfall and touching the screen moves the VFO to where you touched the screen. This app will run on Android operating systems. I tested on a tablet and my cell phone but screen space is limited on the smaller screens and resolutions. The spectrum screen only works on the 7300 series. For other radios it is just a VFO tuning indicator where touching the screen still moves the VFO.

