GCARC NEWS

Grayson County Amateur Radio Club

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PRESIDENT'S QSO:



Jo VanSlogteren
K5EKA

Let it Rain, let it rain, let it rain!!!
Glorious rain! ... and not too much of it all at once.

Our year is closing down and our next meeting will be the last before the Christmas Party. We will elect our new officers – please come prepared to nominate yourself or someone else for President, Vice President, or Treasurer. ... we may need a new Director-at-large, too. Then we'll talk about alternative power sources and see some set-ups for solar, etc. We will also show off our Go-kits, so bring your and be prepared to tell us about it!

The Christmas Party is set for December the 15th at Mariachi's Fine Mexican Food Restaurant in Sherman. Get your tickets online via Stripe at the link provided in this newsletter and on our webpage. Each meal will cost you $20 and we will pick up the rest since a gratuity has been added. Members will go home with a prize of some sort, even if it's only a gift certificate at some food place. :-) [Hey – we aim to please!!]

The budget for next year has been finalized and is on the webpage for you to look over. It will be voted on at the January meeting. [Remember, it is a guideline because we can't know what our income and expenses will be.]
As always, be sure to make good use of our club website and Google Calendar.

See you at the meeting...!

Your President,
Jo K5EKA

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All GCARC nets are on 2 meters 147.00

On the first and third Sundays

The ARES Info and Training Nets are on the second and fourth Sundays

All Nets begin at 2000hrs

We Need You To Be An Officer

Officer nominations are this 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 on an evening of the first week of each month and usually share a meal 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 or as excepted herein. 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, if any, 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 and pay all bills. New expenditures or bills shall be approved by the Executive Board. Any large purchase or expenditure that exceeds the amount decided upon by the current board shall be approved at a Business Meeting and the club membership shall be made aware of this item by email at least 24 hours before the Business Meeting. Checks may be signed by the Treasurer, the President, or another officer. Checks of $300 or more need to be signed by two officers.
Every month the Treasurer shall submit an itemized statement of disbursements and receipts of the previous month. 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 4a] Budget: Before the end of the year, the Board shall present a proposed annual budget for the upcoming year to the club for discussion and approval. The budget is to be a guideline for the expenditure of funds but shall be considered flexible as funds and needs come and go through each year. There shall be a discretionary fund identified in the budget to allow for unforeseen events which may be increased as needed at a Meeting. The proposed annual budget shall be posted online for club members to review and they shall be notified of such at least 14 days before the January Meeting. The annual budget shall be approved by the club members at the January Meeting.

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.

Fannin County HamFest

The Fannin County Amateur Radio Club had their second annual HamFest at the Roy Floyd Community Center (old Armory) on Saturday November 14th. There were many Vendors present with used equipment as well as some with new stuff. Our club had a table, Ship KI5BMN had a table and I'm happy to report that the club sold the majority of the Silent Key items we still had and netted over $600. They gave away several door prizes of which Ship's name was called twice. It was nice to be able to see and network with fellow hams from across North Texas.









Club Information Page

1st, 3rd and 5th Sunday Nets
Dates/Net Control:
November -29 OPEN
December - 06 OPEN
December - 29 OPEN
Time: 8:00 PM Local
Repeater: 147.000 - 147.280 = Backup
Echolink node: 436088 KG5SKM-L
Next Board of Directors Meeting
Date: December- 02, 2026
Time: 7:00-9:00 PM
Luigi's Itallian in Denison
Next Regular Club Meeting
Date: November 15, 2026
Time: 7:00-9:00 PM
License Testing
Date November 15, 2026
Time: 6:00-7:00 PM
Location
Texoma Council of Governments
1117 Gallagher Rd.
Sherman, Texas
Hungry Hams Breakfast
Saturday November 28 at 0800 hrs. at
Little Store and Kitchen in Sherman

Click the links below for the following reports.

Meeting Minutes

https://graysoncountyarc.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/11/Minutes-2026-October-GCARC-Meeting.pdf

Board of Directors' Meeting

https://graysoncountyarc.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/Minutes-2026-October-BOD-Meeting.pdf

Treasurer's Report

https://graysoncountyarc.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/11/GCARC-Financial-Report-Oct-2026.pdf

EVENTS

Christmas Party - November 15
7:00 pm @mariachis Mexican

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 Shiplet 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
- QSL Manager: James Frank KW5CW- qsl@k5gcc.org
- ARRL VE Team Leader and Testing Coordinator: Ricky Jessen – testing@k5gcc.org
- Newsletter Editor: James Shiplet – 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 now held at various restaurants in Grayson County with the December 02 one held at Luigi's in Denison at 7:00pm. All members are welcome to attend,

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

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Marichis Fine Mexican Restaurant











