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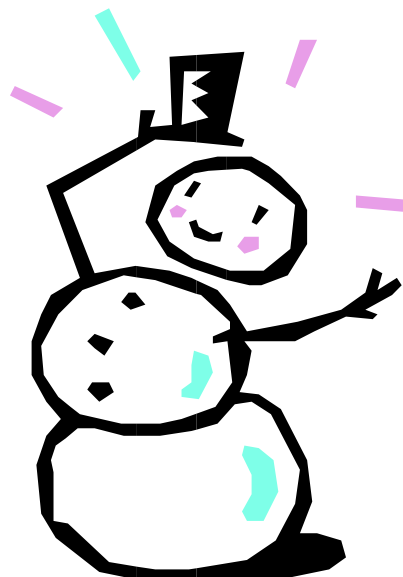
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Happy New Year

Submit News to k5gcc@verizon.net with K5GCC in the subject line along with your message title. If K5GCC is not in the subject line, the message will be deleted. Format: text in *.doc or *.txt file extension and electronic pictures in any format

Deadline: Saturday @ 07:00CST before GCARC Meeting. The K5GCC Newsletter will be published ~48 hours following this deadline.

Thank you for visiting the GCARC Newsletter

"It shall be our purpose to further the exchange of information and cooperation between members, to promote radio knowledge, fraternalism and individual operating efficiency, and to so conduct club programs and activities as to advance the general interest and welfare of Amateur Radio in the community."

From the GCARC Constitution

Presidents Corner

Bob Cooper

Hello All,

Happy New Year to all! A lot has happened since our last meeting. Christmas is a memory now and we are finally getting used to dating "06" and mailing with 39 cent stamps. All in all it is good to find a time to start over again.

As your new president, I hope that we can find some new things to do in the coming year. I hope that everyone will become involved. Keep your eyes open for new opportunities to serve the public. With ever changing technology, amateur radio becomes second place to cellular phones. But there must be ways to fit in. Your officers need your help. Let us know what you would like to do. Program ideas would be greatly appreciated. Let's keep the old but bring in the new.

For those attending the January 20 K5GCC meeting, a "door-prize" drawing will be held for '2006 paid membership renewals. Yes – you must be present to win.

Best of 73 to all,
Bob Cooper
KB5JHU

GCARC and Surrounding Area Event Calendar

Grayson County Amateur Radio Club (GCARC) Meeting

January 20, 2006 @ 19:30CST

Sherman Municipal Airport

1200 S. Dewey Ave

Sherman TX 75090

<http://mysite.verizon.net/wb5dcu/gcArc/index.htm>

Fannin County Amateur Radio Club (FCARC) Meeting / VE Test Session

January 27, 2006 @ 09:30CST for the FCARC Meeting.

January 27, 2006 @ 10:00CST for the VE Test Session.

Bonham VA Hospital, 1201 East 9th St., Bonham TX, 75418, Talk in 145.470 - offset no PL.

Topic: TBA

Informal breakfast - meeting before the meeting - at Purple Sage Bistro @ 07:30CST.

Contact: Doug Loughmiller - W5BL, President

<http://www.k5frc.org>

Grayson County Amateur Radio Club (GCARC) VE Test Session

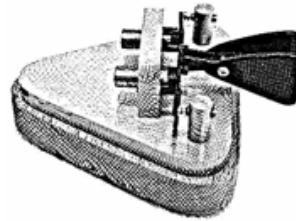
February 02, 2006 @ 19:30CST (First Thursday of every EVEN month – Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, Dec)

Sherman Municipal Airport

1200 S. Dewey Ave

Sherman TX 75090

Test Session requirements: The '2006 test fee is \$14.00, a copy of a Picture ID (Drivers License, state ID card etc.), copy of current license, plus a copy of original license if you are doing a paper up grade. We do not have a copy machine at the test site. Copies will be filed with test papers and NEVEC605 form. You are entitled to take any or all elements (tests) for that one fee. If you were to fail any test element you must pay another fee to retest on that element. Retesting is at the exclusive discretion of the VE team and



may be denied for any reason including, but not limited to, insufficient time or lack of test materials. Entry is via the rear door of the main building. Additional information can be obtained from Moe Knight, NT7C @ 903-564-6549 or 903-564-7115.

McKinney Amateur Radio Club (MARC) Meeting

February 07, 2006 @ 19:00CST <http://www.mckinneyarc.org>

National Weather Service (NWS) Skywarn Storm Spotter Class

February 16, 2006 @ 19:00CST
 Sherman Municipal Ballroom
 405 North Rusk
 Sherman TX 75090



Gary Woodall, the Grayson County Warning Coordinator Meteorologist of the National Weather Service will conduct its free annual SkyWarn Storm Spotter class for individuals interested in learning fundamental severe weather formation and reporting instruction. This will allow the individual to become part of the Grayson County early warning program and is the recommended prerequisite for the advanced Skywarn Storm Spotter Class. This program lasts approximately two hours. Additional NOAA online information can be found at: <http://www.srh.noaa.gov/fwd/sptrsch.html> For more local information, call Captain Tom Watt at the Sherman Police Department (903-892-7365).

Grayson County Amateur Radio Club (GCARC) Meeting

February 17, 2006 @ 19:30CST
 Sherman Municipal Airport
 1200 S. Dewey Ave
 Sherman TX 75090
<http://mysite.verizon.net/wb5dcu/gcarc/index.htm>

Technician and General Class License Instruction

February 04, 11, 18, 25, March 04, 2006. Class time is 09:00 to 12:00CST.

Technician and General Class License Instruction

April 08, 15, 22, 29, May 06, 2006. Class time is 09:00 to 12:00CST.

Technician and General Class License Instruction

July 08, 15, 22, 29, August 05, 2006. Class time is 09:00 to 12:00CST.

Extra Class License Instruction

September 02, 09, 16, 23, 30, October 07, 14, 21, 28, November 04, 2006. Class time is 09:00 to 12:00CST. Class instruction will be held at the Whitewright Church of Christ in Whiteright. All license classes cost \$5.00 and are due 1st day of class.

VE Tests

January 14, February 11, April 08, June 10, July 08, September 09, October 14, December 09, 2006

North Texas License Training/VE Team Test time is 10:00CST.

Testing Place is the Westminster Texas Volunteer Fire Department.

On the VE dates, all students in the class are first tested at 9:00 a.m. followed by a VE session starting at 10:00 a.m. Also on all VE Dates, students and any walk-ins are to bring the following documents: original photo ID (drivers license or passport), original and copy of present license, original and copy of CSCE for credit towards an upgrade, \$14.00 cash, no change will be made or checks accepted.

Contact: Dick Raitt to pre-register for a course or for VE testing at: 972-422-3021, wa5vks@wt.net or Jim Cason, WB5UAS elcason@netexas.net or Ken Owen, KC5CTD k-owen@raytheon.com

Amateur Radio News Around the County

Randal McCloy Jr, KC8VKZ

Is the only miner to survive Monday's January 3, 2006 explosion at the Sago Mine in Tallmansville, West Virginia, has been transferred to Allegheny General Hospital in Pittsburgh for specialized treatment. He remains in critical condition. Hams and others may wish to send a note of support on a QSL card to Randal McCloy Jr, KC8VKZ, PO Box 223, Philippi, WV 26435.



KC8VKZ and son

The Fort Worth NWS Training Schedule for 2006

Check out the web site for your local SkyWarn Spotter training class:
<http://www.srh.noaa.gov/fwd/sptrsched.html>

Texas Utility Rolling Out Power-Line Broadband to Millions

<http://www.n5gar.info>
http://www.foxnews.com/printer_friendly_story/0,3566,179291,00.html

Open Stub j-pole Antennas

The dual band (144/440MHz), open stub j-pole antennas arrived Friday 12/12/2005 and were displayed at the K5GCC Christmas party. Please contact NT7C for availability and purchase.

If you would like more information on these antennas, here is the link to their page.

<http://www.arrowantennas.com/j-pole.html>

Price at this time is \$32.00 each.

Tnx & 73,

Moe

NT7C



K5DPS

KI5DQ

NT7C

WB5DCU

FCC Amateur Radio Enforcement Logs & Letters

Listings provided by the ARRL <http://www.arrl.org>

For the most part, this is one list we do not want to make. . .

http://www.arrl.org/news/enforcement_logs

This Week In Amateur Radio (TWIAR)

<http://www.twiar.org>

This Is The Way to Launch A Wire Antenna Into A Tree!

<http://www.qsl.net/wb6zqz/antlaunching.html>

Nets:

Fannin County Amateur Radio

Weekly Net

Every Tuesday @ 21:00CST on the 145.470-repeater

This is an informal information net.

Grayson County ARES Net

2nd/4th Sundays @ 21:00CST on the 147.000+ repeater.

This is a directed information net. Wilmer Kinsey, WB5DCU, Net control

McKinney ARES Net

2nd Sunday @ 2100CST on the 146.740 repeater.

McKinney Info Net

Each Sunday @ 2000CST on the 146.740 repeater with Mike N5BQZ as net manager



Grayson County Repeaters

Primary – 147.000+ MHz

Secondary A – 147.080+ MHz w/ 100HZ PL

Secondary B – 146.520 MHz

444.750 MHz w/ 100Hz PL

Durant Oklahoma Repeaters

147.390+ MHz w/118.8PL

147.255+ MHz w/118.8PL

Van Alstyne TX

443.800+ MHz w/141.3PL

Gainesville TX Repeater

147.340+ MHz w/100.0PL

Bonham TX Repeater

145.470- MHz

McKinney TX Repeater

146.740-MHz w/110.9PL

GCARC Treasury Report

Bank Statement of 12/30//2005

Starting Acct. _____ \$1171.53

Deposits _____ \$0.00

Expenses _____ \$0.00

Account Balance of 01/20/06 is ____ \$1171.53

NOTES:

Deposits:

\$0.00

Expenses:

\$0.00

Richard Dyer, N5GLN

GCARC Treasurer

Grayson County RACES and ARES

Wilmer Kinsey, WB5DCU
EC Grayson County

Skywarn Spotter Training

Skywarn training for Grayson County will be held on February 16, 2006 beginning at 19:00CST in the Ballroom of the Sherman Municipal Building at 405 N. Rusk Street in Sherman. If you would like to attend other sessions check the NWS web page for the DFW area or go to our web page "Amateur Radio in Grayson County" and click on SKYWARN. You will find a link to the NWS DFW web page where the entire training schedule for North Texas is located. Those training sessions that are scheduled on Saturdays run the full day. They have advanced training included.



Cooke County Grass Fires

I want to thank all who helped with the Red Cross communication effort on the evening of December 27, 2005. I was in San Antonio eating pizza when David, KD5KPR called me on the cell phone about the fires in Cooke County. He told me that the Grayson County Emergency Coordinator and Sharon Watson, Grayson County Red Cross director had called and needed communications from the northern Cooke County area back to the Red Cross Chapter House on FM691. Cell phone coverage from that area is just about zero.

I suggested that he contact Moe, NT7C and David, W5COP and between the 3 of them put together a group to meet the needs of the Red Cross. David, KD5ZPI went to the firemen's relief area near Walnut Bend in northern Cooke County and Moe, NT7C covered the Red Cross shelter that was set up in the high school at Callisburg, while David, KD5KPR went to the Red Cross Chapter House. They operated until around 23:00CST that night, then went back the next morning and operated until around noon. This is the way things should work, this is why we have training. Everything went very well and the served agency was extremely pleased with our work. I would like to thank all of the people who help make this operation a success. The trustee of the 147.22 repeater for allowing us to use it during this operation. With its wide area coverage it allowed our ARES group to communicate directly from the Red Cross Chapter House to the stations in the field. I don't know all of the names of those who helped or offered their assistance during the operation, but we THANK YOU.

After I returned from my trip I talked to Sharon Watson on the phone about the operation. We discussed purchasing a 2 meter/70 centimeter radio along with a power supply for the chapter house. She authorized me to purchase the radio and power supply, which I did. We now have a Kenwood TM-V708A dual band radio and a Astron switching power supply at the chapter house, so if anyone has to operate from that location they will not have to take a radio with them.

Midway Mall Christmas Watch Program

The Christmas Mall watch program was a success again this year. Bob, KB5JHU and Anita, KC5BET handled the net control operations except for one night, Moe, NT7C was the NCS. We didn't have any serious problems, quite as usual. We log around 219 man hours during our mall watch program. The mall security people appreciated our presence there; they believe that us just being out there helps keep problems to a minimum. Thanks to all who participated.

Sherman Warning Siren Test Net for February

The next warning siren test will be on Wednesday February 02, 2006 at 08:40CST. The net will be called up at 8:40AM from the Sherman EOC using the EOC call WC5GC. The Net Control Operators will be either Johnnie, KD5NIC or Daniel, KD5LLW. If the test is canceled all stations will be notified at this time. I will send out a roster each month prior to the test to all participants who have e-mail capability listing the station calls and siren numbers.

We are in need of more volunteers to monitor the sirens or as back-ups for the folks that are assigned a siren. This exercise takes approximately 45 minutes to complete. You DO NOT have to live in Sherman to participate. If anyone would like to volunteer to monitor one of the sirens the first Wednesday of each month at 9:00AM give me a call. If you have any questions about the siren test net or if you can not participate please give me a call on the radio or on the phone, the phone numbers are at the bottom of the article.

Anyway the warning siren net is going very well. Keep up the good work!!!!

ARES E-Letter

The ARES E-Letter offers a useful source of timely information for those interested in public service and emergency communications. The ARES E-Letter includes time-sensitive news, informative items, and ideas of interest to ARES communicators. Monthly issues will bring the ARES communicator a wealth of after-action reports, editorials, technical tips, news, and views in a more expeditious manner than QST with its integral editorial delay.

Timeliness, utility and inspiration are the goals of this new monthly devoted entirely to Amateur Radio emergency communication, all for you, the field activists. To subscribe, unsubscribe or change your address for e-mail delivery: ARRL members first must register on the Members Only Web Site, <http://www.arrl.org/members>. You'll have an opportunity during registration to sign up for e-mail delivery of the The ARES E-Letter, W1AW bulletins, and other material. ARRL members may subscribe to The ARES E-Letter by going to the Member Data Page at:

<http://www.arrl.org/members-only/memdata.html?modify=1>

Note that you must be logged in to the site to access this page. Scroll down to the section "Which of the following would you like to receive automatically via email from ARRL?" Check the box for "ARES E-Letter (monthly public service and emergency communications news)" and you're all set.

Dual Band Antenna to be Installed at TMC

Still waiting on the maintenance folks at TMC to get the coax installed from the roof of the new ER wing into the EMT lounge. As soon as they get that done we will finish installing the antenna system. The hold up on this project is the installation of a new phone system at TMC.

ARES Net Control Station

IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO BE THE NET CONTROL STATION FOR ANY OF OUR ARES NETS PLEASE CONTACT ME. Call me, Wilmer, WB5DCU by phone, 903-893-5872; email me at wb5dcu@gte.net or on the air.

I will prepare all of the material for the net for you. Don't be afraid of making a mistake, that's how you learn. I make mistakes all of the time, so don't worry about that.

Grayson County Races

If you need to fill out a RACES application please contact me or David, W5COP. Return the completed form to either of us. All of the information is confidential and will not be made public. The forms will be kept in a secure location. If I don't have a digital picture of you on file I will be glad to take one, just let me know.

RACES will only be activated if a disaster is declared by a government entity or upon request of the local Emergency Management Directors. David Woods, W5COP or myself, WB5DCU are the local RACES contacts.

Want to join ARES or RACES? Need an ARES badge? I can also take digital pictures for your badges. Please contact me.

I appreciate each and every ones hard work and dedication to ARES, SKYWARN and Public Service in Grayson County during 2005.

From Geri, KC5CSZ and myself, We would like to Wish ALL a MERRY CHRISTMAS and A HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Thank you,

Wilmer O. Kinsey - WB5DCU
EC Grayson County
350 Mitchell Road
Sherman, TX 75090-3223
Home - 903-893-5872

Work - 903-868-7496
Cell - 903-271-3557
Pager - 903-867-7294

Send me an ALPHA page -
9038677294@pageaci.com

Buy- Sell-Trade Net 01/20/2006

FS – Astron RS-70 13.8v PS - New \$250.00
 Diamond F-23A antenna - New \$90.00
 Icom 735 HF Transceiver w/PS, Speaker
 and manual \$300.00
 Heathkit Antenna tuner \$200.00
 Gary McLarry, KE5BTO, H-580-924-4809,
 W-903-868-5653

FS - ICOM 471A 70cm all mode transceiver.
 N5TPO has your electronic hardware needs.
 He has hose clamps, cable ties, alligator
 clips, terminal blocks and other assorted
 hardware. N5TPO, Gordon 903-868-0479

FS – Cushcraft A4 HF Beam with 40 Meter
 add-on kit. Recently rebuilt and cleaned.
 Cushcraft ARX2 VHF Ringo Ranger
 KI5DQ, Jim 903-891-1701

FS – 100 ft. Plus of Rohn 20 & 25G tower
 K5BNR, Reg Gattis, 903-868-8901
regaircorp@texoma.net

FS - Drake SW-1 General coverage shortwave
 receiver,
 with orig. box and manual, \$135.00
 David Reeder, WA0URJ
wa0urj@juno.com

FS- AEA CIA HF 5102 Analyzer 0.04-54MHz
 Includes PC interconnect cable, manual, &
 software
 \$300 Rod, KD5HQP

Wanted – Kenwood TM-455a
 David Woods, W5COP,

Wanted – Face Plate for Kenwood TM-V7A
 W5DPS, G.B. Hartman , 903-892-9945

Meeting Minutes

William Oppel, KE5CMV

Grayson County Amateur Radio Club Christmas Party
 Meeting Minutes: 12 December 2005; 19:30CST
 Meeting Place: Sherman Municipal Airport; Sherman, TX.
 ?? people in attendance

Introductions and Roll Call.

- None - This was a just a social get together.

'2006 Grayson County Amateur Radio Club Dues Form:

Yourself:

_____	_____	_____	_____
First Name	Last Name	Call Sign	Class Held
_____	_____	_____	_____
Street Address	City	State	Zip Code
_____	_____	_____	
Ten digit Telephone Number	E-mail address	ARRL Y/N	

Additional family members:

_____	_____	_____	_____
First Name	Last Name	Call Sign	Class Held
_____	_____	_____	_____
First Name	Last Name	Call Sign	Class Held
_____	_____	_____	_____
First Name	Last Name	Call Sign	Class Held
_____	_____	_____	_____
First Name	Last Name	Call Sign	Class Held

One person individual dues @ \$12 per family

Family membership dues @ \$18 per family

Additional family members without additional expense – just fill in another sheet.

Please print this form, fill in and make checks payable to GCARC and bring to a club meeting.

The Grayson County Amateur Radio Club is planning on printing a membership roster. If you want any of the above information withheld from the roster – please place an “X” next to the information you want withheld. By default, all e-mail addresses will be kept private unless you check here: ().

If you can not make the meeting soon, please mail to:

Grayson County Amateur Radio Club

C/O: Moe Knight, NT7C

4522 Old Town Road

Whitesboro TX 76273