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**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

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## Presidents Corner

Hello

We are home again from our winter trip to the coast. My wife says that I have a whole desk top full of electronics! You know, I really do. How is one suppose to travel without the necessities of life.

Communication is the name of the game. A lap top computer, various ham radios and a CB are there for our communication and intertainment.

Living in a different area of the state for a few weeks gives a different aspect to enjoy. While waiting for the ferry we would enjoy listening to the talk between all ferry hands. Most did not have a clue that we were eavesdropping. We spent many hours parked at Roberts Point watching the big ocean ships cruise in and out of the ship channel. Communication between the port and the tanker concerning the boarding times and arrival times was heard. The U. S. Coast Guard has a facility in Port Aransas and we were able to listen to their occasional conversations. There was also, the usual local ham traffic and the fire and police frequencies. The police were especially busy during spring break. An RV net every weekday keeps us in touch with the camping world.

It is good to be back but I will be ready to load things in again before to long.

73,s Bob

## GCARC and Surrounding Area Event Calendar

### Grayson County Amateur Radio Club (GCARC) Meeting

April 21, 2006 @ 19:30CST

Sherman Municipal Airport

1200 S. Dewey Ave

Sherman TX 75090

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

Program: Field Day Preparedness for 06/24-26/2006,

<http://www.arrl.org/contests/announcements/fd>



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

April 28, 2006 @ 09:30CST for the FCARC Meeting.

April 28, 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>

### McKinney Amateur Radio Club (MARC) Meeting

May 02, 2006 @ 19:00CST

<http://www.mckinneyarc.org>

### Grayson County Amateur Radio Club (GCARC) Meeting

May 19, 2006 @ 19:30CST

Sherman Municipal Airport

1200 S. Dewey Ave

Sherman TX 75090

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

Program: TBA

### Temple ARC - HamExpo Hamfest

April 22, 2006 <http://www.beltonhamfest.org>

1802 South 13th Street

Temple, TX 76504

Phone: 254-773-3590, Fax: 254-231-4128

Talk-In: 146.820 - (PL 123.0)

Contact: Mike LeFan, WA5EQQ [mlefan@vvm.com](mailto:mlefan@vvm.com)

### North Texas Balloon Project - ARBONET

April 29, 2006 will be the launch date for the ARBONET balloon launch at Clarksville, TX.

<http://www.ntbp.org>

### March of Dimes Walk-A-Thon

April 29, 2006

Additional information can be obtained from Moe Knight, NT7C @ 903-564-6549 or 903-564-7115.

<http://www.walkamerica.org>

### **Dallas Chapter of the Quarter Century Wireless Association, Dallas Chapter #41**

May 05, 2006

Midway Pointe Restaurant, S-W corner of Loop I-635 and Midway Roads in Dallas.

The "greet, meet, eat and masticate" session starts at 11:30 AM with the "dog and pony show" starting at 12:20 PM, with K5ZYZ officiating.

The Chapter invites ALL licensed and "wannabe's" to attend and NO you do not have to be licensed 25+ years to attend and JOIN Chapter 41.

Chapter 41 dues are only \$10 per year and the Midway Pointe menu is delicious. Why, you can even have an adult beverage with your food.

Look for the purple awnings labeled Pointe Restaurant and come on in. We meet in their meeting room which allows no smoking and has its own, separate air conditioning system.

For additional details, please contact: Steve Brodie, K5ZYZ, President '05-'06, (903) 786-4064

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Program: TBA

### **Irving ARC - IARC Mentorfest**

May 20, 2006

<http://www.irvingarc.org>

2420 West Irving Blvd., #125

PO Box 153333 Irving, TX 75015-3333

Phone: 972-579-9089 Fax: 972-534-1226

Talk-In: 146.72 (PL 110.9)

Contact: Coleta Taylor, KD5QFH [kd5qfh@irvingarc.net](mailto:kd5qfh@irvingarc.net)

### **Grayson County Amateur Radio Club (GCARC) VE Test Session**

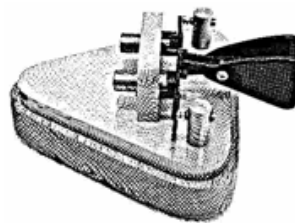
June 01, 2006 @ 19:30CST (First Thursday of every EVEN month – Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, Dec)

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.

## Ham-Com 2006 - West Gulf Division Convention

June 09-10, 2006 <http://www.hamcom.org>  
 Ham-Com, Inc. & Plano Amateur Radio Klub  
 Talk-In: 147.18 (PL 107.2)  
 Contact: Barry A. Goldblatt, WA5KXX  
[wa5kxx@verizon.net](mailto:wa5kxx@verizon.net)  
 PO Box 12774 Dallas, TX 75225-0774  
 Phone: 972-596-4669 Fax: 972-596-6161



## 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](mailto:wa5vks@wt.net)  
 or Jim Cason, WB5UAS [elcason@netexas.net](mailto:elcason@netexas.net) or Ken Owen, KC5CTD [k-owen@raytheon.com](mailto:k-owen@raytheon.com)

## Cook County ARC Hamfest

August 26, 2006 <http://members.cox.net/gainesvillehamfest>  
 Gainesville Civic Center 311 South Weaver Street Gainesville, TX 76240  
 Talk-In: 147.340 w/100Hz PL & 442.775 w/100Hz PL  
 Contact: James K. Floyd, N5ZPU 1704 East California Street Gainesville, TX 76240  
 Phone: 940-668-7511 [jfloyd@swbell.net](mailto:jfloyd@swbell.net)

## Amateur Radio News Around the County

### National Weather Service (NWS) Skywarn Storm Spotter Class



Gary Woodall, the Grayson County Warning Coordinator Meteorologist of the National Weather Service conducted the free annual SkyWarn Storm Spotter class for individuals interested in learning fundamental severe weather formation and reporting instruction in Sherman Texas. 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. Additional NOAA online information can be found at: <http://www.srh.noaa.gov/fwd/sptrsch.html> For more local information, call Chief Tom Watt at the Sherman Police Department (903-892-7365).

### Guest speaker Doug Loughmiller W5BL

of the FARC Fannin Amateur Radio Club

<http://www.k5frc.org> .

Mr. Loughmiller had a presentation about the upcoming ARBONET balloon launch slated for April 29, 2006 during the K5GCC March 17, 2006 meeting. .

To be a part of this event, please contact W5BL at <http://www.ntbp.org> .



## K5GCC Fox Hunt

The Grayson County Amateur Radio Club – K5GCC had no April Fools joke on 04/01/2006 with a Fox Hunt, amateur radio style. The hounds gathered at Midway Mall and located the fox – W5COP at Baker Park Road @ Cascade Drive, Sherman Texas. Everyone was successful on finding the fox, with KD5NIB and KD5NIC team locating the fox first. Group photo upper right, the winner circle lower left, antenna demonstration lower right.



## Red Cross Building Fire

Just before noon on March 18, 2006, The Red Cross office building was struck by lightning. Observant neighbors immediately contacted the Denison Fire Department. The building caught fire on the west eve of the roofline. The radio tower besides the building contains amateur and business band antennas. While the antennas appear to be OK, one feedline was badly burned.

Photo to the right - Denison Fire Department looking at the Red Cross Building, Lower left photo – damaged antenna feedlines inside the Red Cross Building, Lower Right photo – damaged antenna feedline on radio tower leg (complete blowout).





### Buy- Sell-Trade Net 04/08/2006

**FS** - ICOM 471A 70cm all mode transceiver.  
 Yeasu 757GX  
 Kenwood 9130 All Mode  
 Icom 225A  
 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**- Yeasu FL2100B HF Amplifier  
 KC5KNV, Allan 903-463-5231  
 Call make offer

**FS** – Yeasu FT-727R - Extra Battery(condition  
 unknown), Rapid Drop-in Charger  
 Ray, AA4UO 903-818-0293

**FS** - Drake SW-1 General coverage shortwave  
 receiver, with orig. box and manual,  
 \$135.00  
 David Reeder, WA0URJ  
[wa0urj@juno.com](mailto:wa0urj@juno.com)

**FS**- Yeasu FT-757GX, MD1 Microphone, PFP  
 757GX switching PS, & FC301 antenna  
 tuner, \$350.00 for all or trade for a AT-50  
 antenna tuner.  
 KJ5I, Jerry Home -903-893-9181,  
 Cell 903-819-9411

**FS** - New/old vacuum tubes in original boxes,  
 approximately 5000. Email your vacuum  
 tubes needs to: Jim Cason, WB5UAS –  
[jgcason@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jgcason@sbcglobal.net) or  
[elcason@netexas.net](mailto:elcason@netexas.net) .

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

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

## 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

### 28.480MHz ARES Net

2nd/4th Monday @ 19:15CST on 28.480MHz USB.

### McKinney ARES Net

2nd Sunday @ 2100CST on the 146.740 repeater.

### Grayson County Repeaters

Primary – 147.000+ MHz w/100HZ CTSS PL

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

### Ethyl TX

147.220+MHz w/100.0PL, 1000' AGL

### McKinney Info Net

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

### McKinney 6 meter AM Net

Each Wednesday @ 22:00CST on 50.400MHz



## GCARC Treasury Report

Bank Statement of 03/14//2006

Starting Acct. _____	\$ 1,410.82
Deposits _____	\$ 24.00
Expenses _____	\$ 0
Account Balance of 03/14/06 is _____	\$1,434.82

#### NOTES:

#### Deposits:

\$ 24.00 – Dues Received

#### Expenses:

\$ 0

Moe Knight, NT7C

GCARC Treasurer

# Grayson County RACES and ARES

Wilmer Kinsey, WB5DCU  
EC Grayson County

## Talking To the Press

In an emergency situation, the press will be hunting for any tidbit of information they can get, and they may not care where they get it. One place they should never get information regarding the served agency or its efforts is from you. Politely refer all such inquiries to the served agency's public spokesperson. If you offer such information "just to be helpful," because you enjoy "being in the spotlight," or to get some publicity for yourself or your emcomm group, the served agency would be well within its rights to ask you to leave.

If a reporter just will not leave you alone, you might feel obligated to say something so they will go away. In this



case, the only thing you should discuss is your part of the communication effort, but only if you are part of a separate emcomm group such as ARES, and only if that organization's policy permits it. If they are impeding your ability to do your job, briefly explain this to the reporter and politely but firmly direct them to the PIO or an emcomm management person. (from the ARRL Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Course Level I)

## Public Service Guidelines

Since ARES and the GCARC participate in various public service events please read and follow the guidelines listed below.

- BE ON TIME FOR THE EVENT
- HAVE YOUR EQUIPMENT IN ORDER
  1. HT batteries charged and an extra set.
  2. Mobile radio checked out, power cable and antenna.
  3. Flashlight, extra batteries.
  4. Notebook and pencil
  5. Binoculars
  6. Personal gear - hat or cap, coat, jacket or rain gear.
  7. Snacks, etc.
- HAVE YOUR IDENTIFICATION, ARES picture badge, magnetic door signs.
- CHECK IN WITH NET CONTROL at beginning of event.
- Use your full call sign when checking in.
- If you have traffic for NET CONTROL give the last letters of your call or your full call if you have a 2 X 1 call. and net control will recognize you. Give your full call at the end of your transmission or every ten minutes whichever comes first.
- LISTEN BEFORE YOU TRANSMIT
- KEEP YOUR TRANSMISSIONS AS SHORT AS POSSIBLE AND TO THE POINT
- DO NOT MAKE COMMENTS OVER THE AIR THAT DON'T PERTAIN TO THE EVENT
- MAKE SURE THE NCS KNOWS YOUR LOCATION AT ALL TIMES DURING THE EVENT
  1. Check out for breaks.
  2. Check in after breaks.
- REMEMBER PUBLIC SERVICE NETS ARE DIRECTED NETS
  1. That means you must get permission from the NCS before continuing.
  2. If you wish to speak to another station on the net request permission from the NCS.
- FOLLOW THE INSTRUCTIONS OF THE NCS
- CHECK OUT WITH NET CONTROL AT THE END OF THE EVENT
- REMEMBER YOU ARE A REPRESENTATIVE FOR AMATEUR RADIO
  1. Arrive looking neat and clean.
  2. Maintain a courteous, professional image.
- LAST BUT NOT LEAST, HAVE FUN!!!!

## Sherman Warning Siren Test Net for May 2006

The next warning siren test will be on Wednesday May 3rd, 2006 at 9:00AM. The net will be called up at 8:40AM from the Sherman EOC using the EOC call WC5GC. The Net Control Operators will either be 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](mailto: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.

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](mailto:9038677294@pageaci.com)

Meeting Minutes 20 January 2006 Meeting

Call to Order by Vice President Edgar Roundtree – KD5WCK – 1930 hours

Roll sheet passed around (11 signing in) and introduction of guest speaker Doug Loughmiller – W5BL - made.

Doug spoke on the Fanin County club balloon launch project scheduled for 29 April 2006.

Minutes and Treasurer's report approved as published in the newsletter.

Moe spoke on the March of Dimes Walk scheduled for 29 April 2006 at Loy Lake Park. We have made it clear to the MOD team that we plan to support only the communications effort this year. More details to follow.

Wilmer advised us that the Mall Watch appreciation dinner will be held either 8 April or 10 April. Details to follow.

Wilmer advises the fox hunt will be 1 April 2006. It will start at 4 PM at the Midway Mall parking lot near Red Lobster. Wilmer will purchase the picnic supplies for afterwards and will submit reimbursement at next meeting.

Discussion of the ARRL handbook and QRZ CD's for the library was tabled due to time constraints.

Moe advised all of the dual band J-poles are gone.

American Red Cross will be holding a fundraiser in the old Hobby Lobby building the next weekend.

Field Day was brought up again. Question on the floor is "What do we want to do?"

Meeting adjourned at 2100.

Respectfully submitted  
Moe Knight – NT7C