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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

Here it is July and half of 2006 is gone. We are at the mid-year point after Field Day. I have not been able to enjoy Field Day for several years and it was a great treat to work with everyone again. Being a small club, we don't make a big splash when it comes to points but we do participate and that is what counts. It would be so great if everyone would come.

As a club we have meetings once a month but they are relatively planned out and after the meetings we visit a little and then we go home. That is different than spending "real" time together. It is the "one on one" basis as we talk with each person that really makes us closer friends. We discuss our likes, and also our dislikes, in an informal way. It is fun to share meals together and also "the work" that each event calls for turns into a project with rewards. It gives us a chance to use our equipment and to discuss equipment. It is nice to hear about the new updated items and new antennas.

Most of you know that one Sunday afternoon many of us joined in on the search for a missing lady. Another time to be of service and to meet together as friends.

We have a good time working as a team for the siren tests - and having coffee at the donut shop afterwards - something to look forward to for those who still are working everyday.

To all of our radio friends - you are missing something when you can't or don't come to our functions. You will find that we contribute and have fun and enjoy each others company. I hope to see you at our next event.

73's

Bob Cooper, President

GCARC and Surrounding Area Event Calendar

Grayson County Amateur Radio Club (GCARC) Meeting

July 21, 2006 @ 19:30CST

Sherman Municipal Airport

1200 S. Dewey Ave

Sherman TX 75090

<http://mysite.verizon.net/wb5dcu1/gcArc/index.htm>

Program: TBA

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

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

July 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

August 08, 2006 @ 19:00CST

<http://www.mckinneyarc.org>

Grayson County Amateur Radio Club (GCARC) VE Test Session

August 03, 2006 @ 19:30CST (First Thursday of every EVEN month – Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, Dec)

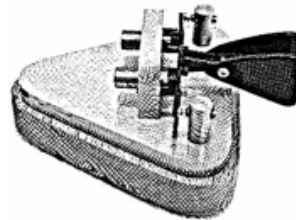
Sherman Municipal Airport, @ 19:30CST

1200 S. Dewey Ave

Sherman TX 75090

VE Testing sponsored by the Grayson County Amateur Radio Club takes place the first Thursday of every EVEN numbered month (e.g. Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, & Dec.). Testing will take place at the Sherman Municipal Airport, Airport, 19:30 hours. Testing fee for 2006 is \$14.00 for one try of any or all elements. Retests of any failed element will require another \$14.00 fee and is at the exclusive discretion of the VE team.

If testing, you must show a picture ID issued by a governmental agency. Other ID (such as a school picture ID) will be at the discretion of the VE team. For young children a parent's ID and some school record of the student may be accepted. For this circumstance please contact me in advance if possible. For upgrades, please bring your original license. For paper upgrades (i.e. old Tech or Tech Plus claiming code credit) bring a copy of your old license you are using to



claim credit. We have no copy machines at the testing facility.

The next testing session is 3 August 2006. Please note that this session will use the new Technician (Element 2) question pool that goes into effect 1 July 2006.

We had four people testing at the June test session.

Any other questions about testing please feel free to contact Moe Knight – NT7C – or anyone on the VE Team. You may call Moe at 903-815-0342.

Technician and General Class License Instruction

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

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

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

North Texas Balloon Project - ARBONET

September 09, 2006 is the rescheduled launch date for the ARBONET balloon launch at Clarksville, TX.

<http://www.ntbp.org>

Amateur Radio News Around the County

Grayson County Amateur Radio Club (GCARC) Field Day 2006

June 24 - 25, 2006



Please see page 7 for detail round-up

Surfin': Lightning is Striking Again

March 24, 2006

By Stan Horzempa, WA1LOU Contributing Editor

<http://www.arrl.org/news/features/2006/03/24/1>

Buy- Sell-Trade Net 07/21/2006

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- 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 - Kenwood TS-850S/AT 160 through 10
 meters (Including WARC) transceiver –
 500KHz-30MHz receiver, 100 watts with built-
 in antenna tuner. MARS & 60 meter
 modifications done. Also has the additional BC
 band attenuator defeated. This is the rig that has
 been to GCARC Field day in the past few years.

Kenwood TS-50S – 160 through 10 meters
 transceiver – 500KHz-30MHz receiver, 100
 watts. Mars & 60 meter modifications done.

Kenwood AT-50 – 160 through 10 meters
 antenna tuner. Will work automatically with the
 TS-50S

Yaesu FC-707 – 80 through 10 meter (including
 WARC) 100 watt antenna tuner. Comes with
 built-in SWR/power meter and dummy load
 (short duration)

Those interested, please contact Moe, NT7C at
 903-815-0342 or email at nt7c@arrl.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 07/18/2006

Starting Acct. _____	\$ 1,277.39
Deposits _____	\$ 0.00
Expenses _____	\$ 215.98
Account Balance of 05/09/06 is _____	\$1,061.41

NOTES:

Deposits:

\$ 0.00 – None

Expenses:

\$ 215.98 – Screen Tents x2

Moe Knight, NT7C

GCARC Treasurer

Grayson County RACES and ARES

Wilmer Kinsey, WB5DCU
EC Grayson County

Field Day '2006

If you missed Field Day 2006 you really missed a great time. We started setting up about 8:30AM on Saturday morning at the Sherman Municipal Airport. We used both of the clubs new shelters. They were set up side by side and connected together. Setting those up was much easier than the Old Army tent.

We had 2 B & W folded dipole antennas that covered 10 through 160 meters and a Cushcraft R7000 vertical that covered 10 through 40 meters.

We had 2 stations operating SSB and K1PKZ was operating CW. He(K1PKZ) runs real good on bar-b-que brisket and Pinto Beans!!!

We really appreciate Paul's efforts on CW, thanks all the folks who operated SSB from 1300 on Saturday until about 8:00AM on Sunday morning.

We had a total of 408 points for our CW and SSB contacts. We had 950 bonus points, the total points we earned was 1358. We received Bonus points for having Field day in a public place, for media coverage, having a information booth and/or visitors table, running on emergency power for the entire event and a visit by an elected official and a served agency official, having a non-traditional mode, APRS, plus 50 points for submitting the field day results via the Internet.

We had a great meal a 5:00PM, bar-b-que brisket, bar-b-que sauce, chips, dips, beans, desserts, etc. If you left hungry it was your own fault. I am already looking forward to next year.

I think field day is more than making as many contacts as possible. I think it is a good time for all hams, club member or not to get together for an eye-ball QSO, good food and a lot of good stories. Plus a great deal of technical conversations, antennas, experiences with various radios, etc.

Just an all around great gathering of the finest amateur radio operators in Grayson County and in North Texas.

Thanks for every ones help in making this another great field day outing for the Grayson County Amateur Radio Club!!!!



Additional Field Day pictures can be found at: <http://mysite.verizon.net/wb5dcu1/gcarc/fd2006.htm>

E-MAIL ADDRESS CHANGE

My e-mail address has changed from wb5dcu@verizon.net and wb5dcu@gte.net to wb5dcu1@verizon.net .

Sherman Warning Siren Test Net for August

The next warning siren test will be on Wednesday August 2, 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!!!!

Search for a Missing Elderly Lady

The Sherman Police Department called David, W5COP about 3:00PM on Sunday June 25th, 2006 requesting our help in searching for Una Mae Herd. She was 81 years old and resided in the 1200 block of North Harrison Street near Old Settlers Park. She had been missing since around 10:00am Sunday morning. I started calling ARES members around 3:30pm, we met at the VFW on Frisco and Baker Roads at 4:00pm. We had 12 hams out searching, we covered from Baker Road south to Grand Avenue and from Frisco Road to Texoma Parkway. We did not find any trace of Mrs. Herd in that area.

The Command Post was set up under the Grand Street overpass, the Sherman PD and Fire Department were running the search operations. The Salvation Army had there canteen set up providing cold drinks and snacks to all who were participating in the search operation. W5COP was our net control station and the liaison between our group and the officers in charge of the search.

After we finished the search of our assigned area we all met back at the Command Post and received new assignments. Two hams were paired up with two police officers or two firemen. The teams were assigned a street and went door to door passing out fliers and asking residence if they might have seen her. The assignments were set up in a crisscross pattern.

We quit around 9:15pm. We want to thank all of the hams that helped with the search. To date the lady has not been found.



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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 wb5dcu1@verizon.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

Meeting Minutes June 16, 2006 Meeting

Call to Order by President Bob Cooper – KB5JHU – 1930 hours

Roll sheet passed around (20 signing in) and introduction made.

OLD BUSINESS

Minutes and Treasurer's report approved as published in newsletter

Anemometer at the Denison Fire Department is working properly.

NEW BUSINESS

Field Day plans were finalized with a food sign up sheet and equipment list being resolved. Press releases were prepared and forwarded to Sherman & Whitesboro papers (Whitesboro published after the event.)

David Duke – N5TPP – Requested assistance with the installation of an antenna at a Tenant Health Care location. Schedule and methods discussion followed.

Wilmer was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for his boundless support of Amateur Radio in Grayson County.

David Compton – KC0EHR – Reported that the American Red Cross chapter has a new canteen truck.

Meeting adjourned at 2025. Respectfully submitted
Moe Knight – NT7C