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**Deadline: Saturday @ 19:00CST before GCARC Meeting. The K5GCC Newsletter will be published ~48 hours following this deadline.**

## **Thank you for visiting the GCARC Newsletter**

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From the GCARC Constitution

## Presidents Corner

June 2007



## Draft Constitution of the Grayson County Amateur Radio Club

### Preamble:

*We, the undersigned, wishing to secure for ourselves the pleasures and benefits of an association of persons commonly interested in Amateur Radio and promote public service constitute ourselves the Grayson County Amateur Radio Club (GCARC) and enact this constitution as our governing law.*

*The GCARC is organized for the charitable, educational, and scientific purposes which include but are not limited to the following:*

- a. *To provide instruction and training of individuals in the knowledge and skills required to be federally licensed amateur radio operators.*
- b. *To furnish communication services and support to local charitable organizations such as the March of Dimes, United Way, and others as requested.*
- c. *To provide trained, licensed radio operators to support the American Red Cross, and federal, state, county, and local agencies during times of emergency, disaster, and distress.*
- d. *To provide disaster relief and public service by providing trained and licensed amateur radio operators to participate in the Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES), Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES), and the U.S. Weather Service's SKYWARN program.*
- e. *To provide open meetings 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.*

*The foregoing purposes are limited to the extent that they must constitute charitable and educational purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The GCARC shall be authorized and empowered to accept reasonable compensation for services rendered and make payments and distributions in furtherance of its purposes as set forth in the Articles of Incorporation and the purposes listed above.*

*Notwithstanding of any other provisions of these Bylaws, no substantial part of the activities of the GCARC shall be the carrying of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the GCARC shall not participate in, or intervene in the (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.*

*The GARC shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by any organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or by corresponding section of any future federal tax code.*

### **Membership: Article I**

All persons interested in Amateur Radio communications shall be eligible for membership. Membership and member status shall be by application and election upon such terms as the club shall provide in its Bylaws.

### **Officers: Article II**

Sec. 1. The regular officers of this club shall be President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. A special officer shall be the club trustee. Other appointed officers may be designated as provided in the Bylaws.

Sec. 2. The regular officers of this club shall be elected for a term of one year by ballot of the members present, provided there be a quorum, at the annual meeting. No regular officer shall hold office for more than two years consecutively.

Sec. 3. Vacancies occurring between elections must be filled by special elections at the first regular meeting following the resignation or reason of vacancy.

Sec. 4. The club trustee shall be elected to office of indefinite term and reviewed as provided in the Bylaws. The trustee shall be a holder of the highest order class of license available among those both interested and able to serve the office.

Sec. 5. Officers may be removed by a three-fourths vote of the membership. The club trustee may be removed by default of license or legal qualifications with regular vote of membership.

### **Duties of Officers: Article III**

Sec. 1. The President shall preside at all meetings, and conduct them according to the rules adopted. 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.

Sec. 2. The Vice President shall assume all the duties of the President in his/her absence. In addition, he/she shall be responsible 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.

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. 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 for 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 club trustee shall be responsible for maintaining the club FCC license. This shall include, but not be limited to, all communications with the FCC, and others, for renewal and legal maintenance, verifying the proper use of the radio call-sign, maintaining the current club log book on all use of the call-sign and reporting to the club matters related to this maintenance.

### **Meetings: Article IV**

The Bylaws shall provide for regular and special meetings. At meetings, a minimum of one-third of the membership shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business unless otherwise stated.

**Dues: Article V**

The club, by majority vote of those present at any regular meeting, may levy upon the general membership such dues or assessments as shall be deemed necessary for the business of the organization. Non-payment of such dues or assessments shall be cause for removal from membership status.

**Membership Assistance: Article VI**

The club, through designated Committees on Interference, Public Relations, Operating Procedures, and others, as needed, will provide technical advice to members concerning equipment design, installation and operation to assist in legal compliance and achieve good operating practices from club member-stations. The club shall also maintain a program to foster and guide public relations.

**Amendments: Article VII**

This constitution or Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the total membership. Proposals for amendments shall be submitted in writing at a regular meeting and shall be voted on at the next following regular meeting, provided all members have been noticed by mail of the intent to amend the constitution and/or Bylaws at said meeting.

Robert's Rules shall govern proceedings.

**Bylaws:**

Sec. 1. Maintenance of the Bylaws.

- a) It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep the constitution and Bylaws of the club and have the same with him/her at every meeting. He/she shall note all amendments, changes and additions on the constitution and shall permit it to be consulted by members upon request.
- b) Every member shall be presented a copy of the Bylaws that each member may be aware of the provisions of these Bylaws.

Sec. 2. Election of Regular Officers.

- a) Nominations for regular officers shall be made in the regularly scheduled meeting in October. In the event that some or all of the offices receive no nominations, nominations from the floor will be allowed prior to the elections during the regular meeting in November.
- b) Vote for election of regular officers shall be taken in the regularly scheduled meeting in November following the nominations.
- c) Officers elect shall assume their office in the regular meeting of January following.

Sec. 3. Trustee.

- a) In the meeting for election of regular officers, the trustee shall be reviewed and either denied or confirmed by vote, as defined in Article II.
- b) If denied by removal from office by default or by majority vote in three-fourths of membership, replacement shall be immediate, or no later than the next regularly scheduled meeting. The club president shall initiate necessary actions to make the change official in necessary filings with the FCC and/or other agencies.

#### Sec. 4. Appointed Officers.

- a) The president and vice president shall jointly seek the interest of members to fill the various positions of appointed officers. They shall be installed by voted approval of membership in a regularly scheduled meeting. The term of office of all appointed officers shall be indefinite, subject to review and either denied or confirmed in the regular meeting in November.
- b) Activities Director. The activities director shall organize club activities for social fun, entertainment, education and training. He/she shall plan and make recommendations to advance club interest and activity as approved by the club.
- c) Editor. The editor shall publish and distribute a regularly scheduled news letter to the club, as deemed appropriate, and provide public news release and information support in other functions of the club, and to assist the vice president in his/her duties of publicity.

#### Sec. 5. Business Committee.

The Business Committee shall consist of the president, vice president, secretary, treasurer and the club trustee.

The Business Committee shall have the authority to discharge obligations of urgency needing attention prior to a regular meeting and of expenditures not to exceed an amount specified by the club in default, or of an amount designated specifically for a given matter. No monies shall be spent on any matter disapproved by club vote.

#### Sec. 6. Membership.

Full membership is open to licensed amateurs. Full membership includes all club privileges as well as rights to hold a club office and to vote for club officers.

Associate membership is open to those actively engaged in a class leading to an Amateur Radio license and all other interested persons. Associate membership includes all club privileges except for the right to hold office and vote for club officers.

Applications for membership and change in member status shall be submitted and voted at regular meetings.

#### Sec. 7. Meetings.

Regular meetings shall be held on THIRD FRIDAY of each calendar month. Special meetings may be called by the President upon the written request of any five club members. Notices shall be sent to members concerning special meetings and the business to be transacted. Only such business as designated shall be transacted. Such notices shall be sent so that they arrive not less than 24 hours before the meeting.

#### Sec. 8. Dues.

An annual assessment of \$ 12.00 per member, or \$ 18.00 per family, is hereby assessed in accordance with the provisions of Article V of the constitution for the purpose of providing funds for expenses.

#### Sec. 9. Committees.

An interference committee shall be appointed as needed. This committee shall consist of five appointed members. The committee shall direct investigation, invite proper inquires, establish technical facts and testimony and report its results to the club.

Revisions:

## GCARC and Surrounding Area Event Calendar

### Grayson County Amateur Radio Club Meeting

June 15, 2007 @ 19:30CST  
 Sherman Municipal Airport  
 1200 S. Dewey Ave  
 Sherman TX 75090  
 Program: '2007 Field Day Preparedness,  
 KT5G chairman



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

June 16, 2007 @ 09:00CST for the FCARC Meeting.  
 June 16, 2007 @ 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 Cappy's Restaurant @ 07:30CST.  
 Contact: Doug Loughmiller - W5BL, President  
<http://www.k5frc.org>

### 3rd Saturday Sidewalk Sale - Dallas

June 16, 2007  
 Public parking lot under Woodall Rogers Freeway  
 Corner of Woodall Rogers and Field Street, Dallas, TX  
<http://www.sidewalksale.com>  
 Phone: 214-432-7665 , Contact Pete [info@sidewalksale.com](mailto:info@sidewalksale.com)

### 2007 Grayson County Amateur Radio Club (GCARC) Field Day

June 23-24  
<http://www.arrl.org/FieldDay>

### Chapter 41, QCWA

July 07, 2007  
 The Pointe Restaurant, S-W corner of Loop 635 (LBJ) and Midway Road,, Dallas Texas.  
 Featured program: State Chaplin of Young Veterans of Foreign Wars  
 The "Chat and chew" starts at 11:00, and the "dog and pony show" at 12:30.  
 QCWA belt buckles are available for purchase @ \$24.95 each and available for immediate delivery.  
 For information, contact Steve Brodie, K5ZYZ at 903 786 4064, (903) 818-0234 Cell

### McKinney Amateur Radio Club (MARC) Meeting

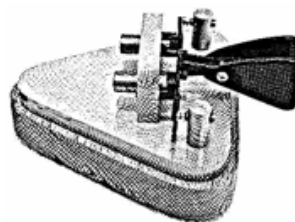
July 09, 2007 @ 19:00CST <http://www.mckinneyarc.org>

### ARBONET II Launch

May or June, 2007 ??  
 Doug Loughmiller, W5BL  
 The next attempt of ARBONET II launch has not been scheduled yet. A busy May, along with Field Day in June, and the 4th of July weekend could postpone the flight of ARBONET II to mid July or after. We will post new schedules to this news area, the ARBONET web page and on the ARBONET Yahoo group.

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

August 02, 2007 @ 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, 19:30 hours. Testing fee for 2007 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.

We had two persons testing for upgrades this past Thursday. Both persons successfully passed their Extra Class examinations. Please congratulate Butch – KD5NIW and Paul – KF4PAK when you hear them on the air.

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.

### **Grayson County Amateur Radio Club Meeting**

July 20, 2007 @ 19:30CST  
 Sherman Municipal Airport  
 1200 S. Dewey Ave  
 Sherman TX 75090  
<http://www.k5gcc.us> .

### **HamHoliday 2007 - Oklahoma Section Convention**

July 20-21, 2007  
 Central Oklahoma Radio Amateurs, Inc.  
 State Fair of Oklahoma - OK City Fairgrounds (Oklahoma Expo Hall)  
 NW 10th Street & May Avenue, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
 Talk-In: 146.82 (-) (PL 151.4) <http://www.HamHoliday.org>  
 Contact: David Duskin, NE5S  
 CORA, PO Box 55600, Del City, OK 73115-5600  
 Phone: 405-386-6739, [HamHoliday@hotmail.com](mailto:HamHoliday@hotmail.com)

### **3905 Century Club 2007 Eyeball**

July 27-29, 2007  
 American Legion Building, 123 North 1st Street, Guthrie, Oklahoma  
 3905 Century Club  
 Talk-In: 147.135, <http://www.3905ccn.com>  
 Jim Richardson, N5OHL, 1810 NW 18th Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73106  
 Phone: 405-473-8009, Fax: 405-739-2839, [n5ohl@cox.net](mailto:n5ohl@cox.net)



North Texas License

## Training & VE Team

Following is the 2007 license training and VE schedules.

### Technician Class (ARRL #562)

January 27  
 February 3, 10, 17, and 24  
 March 3  
 9:00 to 12:00 Noon  
 Whiteright Church of Christ  
 Whiteright, TX

### VE Sessions

February 10  
 March 10  
 10:00 to 12:00 Noon

### General Class (ARRL #564)

July 7, 14, 21, and 28  
 August 4  
 9:00 to 12:00 Noon  
 First Baptist Church  
 Melissa, TX

### VE Sessions

July 7  
 August 11  
 10:00 to 12:00 Noon

### General Class (ARRL #642) \*New\*

March 24 and 31  
 April 7, 14, 21, and 28  
 May 5  
 9:00 to 12:00 Noon  
 First Baptist Church  
 Melissa, TX

### VE Sessions

April 14  
 May 12  
 10:00 to 12:00 Noon

### Extra Class (ARRL #565)

September 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29  
 October 6, 13, 20, and 27  
 November 3  
 9:00 to 12:00 Noon  
 Whiteright Church of Christ  
 Whiteright, TX

### VE Sessions

September 8  
 October 13  
 November 10  
 10:00 to 12:00 Noon

To register for a class or VE session contact Dick Raitt, WA5VKS at 972-422-3021 or [wa5vks@wt.net](mailto:wa5vks@wt.net)

### Gainesville Hamfest 2007

August 25, 2007

Gainesville Civic Center, 311 South Weaver Street, Gainesville, TX. Talk-In: 147.34 & 442.775 (both PL 100) For more information contact James K. Floyd, N5ZPU. Email: [jfloyd@swbell.net](mailto:jfloyd@swbell.net)

## Amateur Radio News Around the County

### W5RJM – Silent Key

Udell Brown (W5RJM) of Bonham passed away at his residence May 26, 2007. Udell was an ole timey HAM, getting licensed too far back to remember. He was one of the first HAMS I met when I came to Fannin County some 30 years ago and he made me feel welcomed. He was regularly heard on the 75/80 meter bands with his rag chewing buddies from all over. Jay Sims - W5GBL

### Legislative Issues

- Congratulations to John Thomason, WB5SYT, Oklahoma Section Manager and the team that pushed PRB-1 type legislation through the Oklahoma state legislature. Check out the entire story on the ARRL web site at: <http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2007/05/23/103/?nc=1>
- Congratulations to Jim Robinson, K5PNV, South Texas Section State Government Liaison. He and his team in Austin were successful in keeping amateur radio excluded from Cell Phone Bills and others. This web page provides information on the ARRL's State and Federal Government Relations programs (see paragraph 6 on the State program): <http://www.arrl.org/govrelations/laprog-faq.html>

### 2007 Atlantic Hurricane Season

The 2007 Atlantic hurricane season officially began June 01, 2007 and runs through the end of November. The National Hurricane Center (NHC) <http://www.hwn.org> in Miami is the focal point for hurricane predictions and advisories once a storm is identified. Information on the storm is gathered from a variety of sources, one being Amateur Radio. When a hurricane comes within 300 miles of landfall, the Hurricane Watch Net (HWN) generally is activated; the net may also be activated for a tropical storm that is expected to intensify to hurricane status. HWN's primary thrust is to provide information to the NHC regarding the position and conditions within the storm area and providing advisories to those in the affected area who might not have any other way to get that information. HWN is not a "check-in" net, and checking in from outside of the affected area is strongly discouraged. HWN is also not a health and welfare traffic net but it will provide information as to frequencies where health and welfare nets are operational. When there is a named storm, feel free to tune to 14.325MHz and listen, but please don't transmit unless you have good reason. When the HWN is in operation, keep in mind that a clear frequency on either side is appreciated, since reporting stations will often be using makeshift antennas and low power. You can get up-to-date information on the storm, as well as receive the latest outlook and advisory bulletins via e-mail, at the Hurricane Watch Net

### FCC Announces Enhancements to ULS License Archive

The FCC has announced a redesign of the Universal Licensing System (ULS) License Archive Search. Users can access this new functionality via the "Archives" button under "SEARCH" on the ULS page. <http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2007/06/01/103/?nc=1>

### EB - Amateur Radio Service Enforcement Actions

Amateur Radio enforcement correspondence -- with some exceptions -- will be available to the public on the FCC's "Amateur Radio Service Enforcement Actions" Web site.

<http://www.fcc.gov/eb/AmateurActions/Welcome.html>

The listing will be cumulative, and Special Counsel in the FCC Spectrum Enforcement Division Riley Hollingsworth anticipates updating it every 7 to 10 days. The site will not be a comprehensive listing of enforcement correspondence. For example, it will not include letters requiring retesting pursuant to §97.519(d) of the FCC's rules, letters regarding radio frequency interference to amateur licensees and letters requesting an initial response to a complaint.

## Global Amateur Radio Beacons

Check out: <http://www.ncdxf.org/Beacon/BeaconSchedule.html> which lists all of the amateur radio beacons around the world on 20 through 10 meters and there schedule of operation.

## Recent Graduates



Rebecca Hunt, daughter of James Hunt - KI5DQ and Patti Hunt - KC5PHO recently graduated from Sherman High School. She will be pursuing business education.

## Buy- Sell-Trade Net 06/10/2007

**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** - 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. Those interested, please contact Moe, NT7C at 903-815-0342 or email at [nt7c@arrl.net](mailto:nt7c@arrl.net)

**FS** – 50' Rohn tower with top section, has to be taken down, price negotiable, Wilmer – WB5DCU, 903-893-5872

**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/118.8Hz PL

147.255+ MHz w/118.8Hz PL

### Van Alstyne TX

443.800+ MHz w/103.5Hz PL

### Gainesville TX Repeater

147.340+ MHz w/100.0Hz PL

### Bonham TX Repeater

145.470- MHz

### McKinney TX Repeater

146.740-MHz w/110.9Hz PL

MERA 443.2+MHz w/100.0Hz PL

### Ethyl TX

147.220+MHz w/100.0Hz PL, 1000' AGL

### McKinney Info Net

Each Sunday @ 2000CST on the 146.740-repeater with Dave Dunbar, N0RQ as net manager

### McKinney 6 meter AM Net

Each Wednesday @ 22:00CST on 50.400MHz



## GCARC Treasury Report

Bank Statement of 05/012007

Starting Acct. \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 1,253.29

Deposits \_\_\_\_\_ \$24.00

Expenses \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 0.00

Account Balance of 06/01/07 is \_\_\_\_ \$ 1,277.29

NOTES:

Deposits:

\$ 0.00 – None

Expenses:

\$ 0.00 – None

Income was \$24.00 – 2 annual memberships

Expense was zero

Moe Knight, NT7C

GCARC Treasurer

## Grayson County RACES and ARES

Wilmer Kinsey, WB5DCU  
EC Grayson County

### Field Day 2007

Field Day 2007 is going to occur on June 23 & 24. It is always on the fourth full week-end of June. The GCARC Field Day site will be at the Sherman Municipal Airport located at 1200 S. Dewey Street. The same location as the GCARC Club meetings. Take time out of your week end to come by, visit and do as much operating as you can stand. One important thing is we will be holding Field Day in a public place which we get extra points for.



Field Day is a way for Amateur Radio operators to demonstrate their ability to operate under less than favorable conditions should we have a disaster that knocks out all other means of communications. We will be using portable generators to power all of our equipment. This is a 24 hour event that begins on Saturday June 23rd at 1800 UTC (1:00PM) and continuing until Sunday June 24th at 1800 UTC (1:00PM). So there is bound to be a time of day or night that will fit your schedule.



We are allowed to operate on all amateur bands except 12, 17, 30 and 60 meters. We will be using the club call, K5GCC. No matter what class of license you have you may operate at the field day site as long as the club trustee or a control operator appointed by the trustee is present to supervise the operation.

So come out and do some operating. This is not a contest, it is an event to demonstrate amateur radio to the public and have fun.

Our 2007 Field Day Coordinators are Gordon, N5TPO and Glenn, KT5G. Next time you see them be sure and thank them for a job well done!!! Last but not least we will have our evening meal Saturday at 5:00PM in the terminal building. Geri, KC5CSZ and I will be providing the bar-b-qued brisket and pinto beans. The club is providing the paper plates, plastic ware, ice and cold drinks. Everyone else is ask to bring a covered dish of some kind to finish out the meal. We will discuss the later in detail at the next club meeting.

Just make plans to come out to Field Day this year, enjoy the operating event, a lot of good ole fashion ham conversation and some great food, see you all there!!!

### Sherman Warning Siren Test Net

The next warning siren test will be on Wednesday August 01, 2007 at 9:00AM.

**There will not be a Sherman Warning Siren Test in July.**

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!!!!

### **When To Display ARES Magnetic Door Signs**

Always display your ARES magnetic door signs when you are storm spotting. Most Public Service and/or law enforcement officers in Grayson County will recognize them and will know what you are doing when storm spotting, especially at night time.

Whenever we provide communications for public service events or other events you will be ask to display them so all event officials and participants will recognize who you are and what you are doing.

When participating in any events or storm spotting make sure you wear your ARES picture ID badge.

Always have your RACES picture ID badge along with you in case an emergency is declared by a public official. Should that happen we will immediately roll over into a RACES net.

If you need magnetic door signs or ID badges please read the respective paragraphs below.

### **Updating ARES Roster**

I am in the process of updating the Grayson County ARES roster. I want to make sure I have your latest address, phone number and email address if you have one. I will have ARES forms with me at the club meetings that you can fill out and return to me. You can go to the club web site click on "ARES", when that page appears look to the lower right and you will see "Amateur Radio Emergency Service Registration Form", click on it. This is a .pdf file, print it out on your printer, fill it out and send it to me. If you have a scanner, scan it in, save as a .jpg file and attach it to a email message to me.

### **ARES Magnetic Door Signs & Texoma Emergency Communications Association (TECA) Patches**

I have 10 sets of magnetic door signs available. They are \$6.00 per set(2). Call me or e-mail me if you need a set. I also have a supply f Texoma Emergency Communications Association patches. They are \$2.00 each.

### **Grayson County ARES/RACES**

If you need to fill out a ARES/RACES application please contact me or go to the website "AMATEUR RADIO in GRAYSON. Click on "ARES", look at the lower right hand corner and you should see the "Amateur Radio Emergency Service" and "Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service" forms. They are .pdf files, just download, fill them out and return them to me.

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.

Thank you,

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## Meeting Minutes 18 May 2007 Meeting

Call to Order by Ed Rountree – KD5WCK – 1930 hours

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

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

- Morris – W5YDN – is in the hospital again. (Since the meeting he has been moved to a care center in Gunter)
- Wilmer took T-shirt orders for field day.
- ARES forms need to be filled out if info is not current and sent to Wilmer.
- Newsletter contains letter from FWD Chief Meteorologist, William F. Bunting, to Tom Blackwell, ARRL NTX SM, noting the important part Amateur Radio performs for the NWS and the public in general through the SkyWanr program.

### New Business

- Field day will be the 23rd and 24th of June. See Glenn – KT5G – with any questions or if you would like to volunteer supplies.
- Geri – KC5CSZ – will bring a list of desserts/food for people to sign off on if you can bring. The list will be available at the next meeting.
- June 15th is the last meeting before field day all the details will be finalized then.

Meeting Adjourned at 2023 hours

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Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Knight  
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