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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**

"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

August 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 the same 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.

***There are two classes of membership, Full and Associate.***

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.~~

***Annual dues are assessed in accordance with the provisions of Article V of the constitution for the purpose of providing funds for club expenses.***

***Annual dues are \$12.00 per member for both Full and Associate members.***

***A family membership is available for \$18.00 annually. This provides membership for two individuals living in the same household. The class of membership is determined by each individual's licensure status. Any other individuals residing in the same household, who want to join, will be assessed the regular rate of \$12.00.***

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

August 17, 2007 @ 19:30CST  
 Sherman Municipal Airport  
 1200 S. Dewey Ave  
 Sherman TX 75090  
 Program: TBA  
<http://www.k5gcc.us> .

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

August 18, 2007 @ 09:00CST for the FCARC Meeting.  
 August 18, 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

August 18, 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)

### 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)

### Chapter 41, QCWA

September 01, 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

September 10, 2007 @ 19:00CST <http://www.mckinneyarc.org>

### Grayson County Amateur Radio Club Meeting

September 21, 2007 @ 19:30CST  
 Sherman Municipal Airport  
 1200 S. Dewey Ave  
 Sherman TX 75090  
<http://www.k5gcc.us> .

## ARBONET II Launch

September 29, 2007 (on or about)

Doug Loughmiller, W5BL

<http://www.arbonet.net>

We will post new schedules to this news area, the ARBONET web page and on the ARBONET Yahoo group.

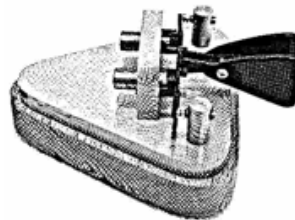
## Grayson County Amateur Radio Club (GCARC) VE Test Session

October 04, 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.

(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.

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

We had one person testing for upgrades this past Thursday. Give Eddie Graham, AE5DR a holler when you hear him 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.

## HamEXPO

October 06, 2007

Temple Amateur Radio Club, Bell County Expo Center, 301 W Loop 121, Temple TX.

<http://www.beltonhamexpo.org> , Talk-In: 146.820- w/ 123.0PL

Contact: Mike LeFan, WA5EQQ, 1802 South 13<sup>th</sup> Street, Temple TX 76504, 254-773-3590

**Van/Car Pool Opportunity:** Moe – NT7C is looking for riders to share the transportation expenses to this hamfest. Please contact Moe at 903-815-0342 to reserve your seat(s). Rider cost will be determined on how many riders participate. Proposed departure TBA somewhere in Sherman.

## Ham Association of Paris

October 13, 2007

Red River Valley Fairgrounds, 570 E Center Street, Paris TX 75460.

<http://www.paristexasradio.com> , Talk-In: 147.040+ w/100.0PL

Contact: Richard Lenoir, KI5DX, 2150 Plum Street, Paris TX 75460, 903-783-0968

## Texoma Hamarama

October 26-27, 2007

Texoma Hamafama Association, Ardmore Convention Center, 2401 North Rockford, Ardmore OK

<http://www.angelfire.com/tx5/TexomaHamarama> , Talk-In: 146.970-

Contact: Henry Allen, K5BUG, 2802 County Road 2226, Caddo Mills, TX 75135, 800-588-2841



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)

## Buy- Sell-Trade Net 08/12/2007

**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 - FS - Mosley Classic 33 Tri-band Beam**  
10-15-20 meters.  
Mosley TA-33 Tri-band Beam  
10-15-20 meters.  
Wilmer - WB5DCU, 903-893-5872 or  
[wb5dcu1@verizon.net](mailto:wb5dcu1@verizon.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

**Free – 15" CRT monitor (quantity 2).**  
Jim 903-891-1701

## Amateur Radio News Around the County

### **K5BNR – Silent Key**

Reginald O Gattis, 72, (K5BNR), Extra Class of Sherman passed away June 18, 2007. He usually participated in our Field Day activities and was also a pilot and flight instructor.

### **K5GCC July 2007 Newsletter**

The K5GCC July 2007 Newsletter was not published – due to a minor technical difficulty.

ARS KI5DQ / KC5PHO was struck by lightning June 18, 2007 @ ~06:10CST. The PC workstation that generates the K5GCC Newsletter was affected, along with a few other damaged items. If you sent any K5GCC submissions between June 15 – August 01, 2007, please re-send them to [k5gcc@verizon.net](mailto:k5gcc@verizon.net) .

### **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.

### **K5GCC Fox / Transmitter Hunt**

Was held July 20 with David, W5COP as the FOX. Get the remaining details at the 08/17 meeting.

## 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 07/012007

Starting Acct. _____	\$ 1,277.29
Deposits _____	\$ 0.00
Expenses _____	\$ 0.00
Account Balance of 07/01/07 is _____	\$ 1,277.29

### Bank Statement of 08/012007

Starting Acct. _____	\$ 1,277.29
Deposits _____	\$ 0.00
Expenses _____	\$ 0.00
Account Balance of 08/01/07 is _____	\$ 1,277.29

### NOTES:

#### Deposits:

\$ 0.00 – None

#### Expenses:

\$ 0.00 – None

Moe Knight, NT7C  
GCARC Treasurer

## Grayson County RACES and ARES

Wilmer Kinsey, WB5DCU  
EC Grayson County

### Field Day 2007

Field Day 2007 was very successful for the Grayson County Amateur Radio Club this year. Success was due to two things, one was the hard work done by our 2007 Field Day Coordinators are Gordon, N5TPO and Glenn, KT5G and the second was the level of participation in the event by the club membership. When you see Gordon and Glenn thank them for all of their work on this event.



### Flash Flooding

My year to date rain fall recorded by my Davis Weather Station at my house is 29.16". This is likely short a little as I had debris stopping up the rain gauge, mocking birds, etc. Rex, K8CYJ, who lives near Grayson County Airport has the same model of Davis Weather Station that I have and has recorded year to date rain fall of 29.85". The rain fall rate has varied around the county quite a bit, but the bottom line is be very careful about the flash flooding that can occur very quickly because the soil is so saturated. Most all of the rain we have now turns into run off that quickly runs the creeks out of banks and floods all of the low water crossings.

On the morning of Monday June 18, 2007, the day we had the severe flooding I crossed Post Oak creek on FM1417 just west of SH11 about 6:30AM, the water was at least 3 or 4 feet below the bottom of the bridge. By 8:30AM I received a call that the Grayson County EOC was being activated, but I could not get from TI to the Courthouse because of the flash flooding.

Later that morning Reg Gattis, K5BNR lost his life to the flood waters at the intersection of SH11 and FM1417. Reg was born and raised in and around Sherman, he should have been very familiar with flash flooding in the area. Don't drive into water running over any roadway.

Remember it only takes about 18" of water to float a 4000 pound vehicle. Be especially careful at night when weather spotting for flash flooding.

The following is from the NWS Fort Worth-Dallas Office web site.

#### **"TURN AROUND, DON'T DROWN!"**

Each year, more deaths occur due to flooding than from any other thunderstorm related hazard. Why? The main reason is people underestimate the force and power of water. Many of the deaths occur in automobiles as they are swept downstream. Of these drownings, many are preventable, but too many people continue to drive around the barriers that warn you the road is flooded. Whether you are driving or walking, if you come to a flooded road, Turn Around Don't Drown. You will not know the depth of the water nor will you know the condition of the road under the water.

Follow these safety rules:

- Monitor the NOAA Weather Radio, or your favorite news source for vital weather related information.
- If flooding occurs, get to higher ground. Get out of areas subject to flooding. This includes dips, low spots, canyons, washes etc.
- Avoid areas already flooded, especially if the water is flowing fast. Do not attempt to cross flowing streams. Turn Around Don't Drown
- Road beds may be washed out under flood waters. NEVER drive through flooded roadways. Turn

Around Don't Drown If your vehicle is suddenly caught in rising water, leave it immediately and seek higher ground.

- Do not camp or park your vehicle along streams and washes, particularly during threatening conditions.
- Be especially cautious at night when it is harder to recognize flood dangers.

### **Flash Floods**

Except for heat related fatalities, more deaths occur from flooding than any other hazard. Why? Most people fail to realize the power of water. For example, six inches of fast-moving flood water can knock you off your feet. While the number of fatalities can vary dramatically with weather conditions from year to year, the national 30-year average (1977-2006) for flood deaths is 99. That compares with a 30-year average of 61 deaths for lightning, 54 for tornadoes and 49 for hurricanes.

### **National Weather Service data also shows:**

Nearly half of all flash flood fatalities are vehicle-related, the majority of victims are males, and flood deaths affect all age groups.

Most flash floods are caused by slow moving thunderstorms, thunderstorms that move repeatedly over the same area or heavy rains from tropical storms and hurricanes. These floods can develop within minutes or hours depending on the intensity and duration of the rain, the topography, soil conditions and ground cover.

Flash floods can roll boulders, tear out trees, destroy buildings and bridges, and scour out new channels. Rapidly rising water can reach heights of 30 feet or more. Furthermore, flash flood-producing rains can also trigger catastrophic mud slides.

Occasionally, floating debris or ice can accumulate at a natural or man-made obstruction and restrict the flow of water. Water held back by the ice jam or debris dam can cause flooding upstream. Subsequent flash flooding can occur downstream if the obstruction should suddenly release. More information can be obtained at the Southern Region Flood Hazards Page

### **Sherman Warning Siren Test Net**

The next warning siren test will be on Wednesday September 05, 2007 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!!!!

### **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 asked 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 of 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 15 June 2007 Meeting**

Call to Order by President David Woods – W5COP – 1932 hours

Roll sheet passed around (18 signing in) and introductions made.

Next meeting we will be voting on the bylaws

Motion passed to have Moe buy postage for cards notifying of the voting

July 20th meeting will start with a foxhunt, hotdogs, and cold drinks. Meeting will start at 7:30 pm

August 17th the North Texas emergency coordinator will be coming to speak with us

Willmer – WB5DCU – is building a database, so if you change your e-mail be sure to keep him up to date with it.

Meeting adjourned at 2012 hours

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Knight  
KD7MSX

**Meeting Minutes 21 July 2007 Meeting**

Call to Order by President David Woods – W5COP – 1942 hours

Roll sheet passed around (18 signing in) and introductions made.

The club received a total of 1246 points for field day in June.

Reviewed the changes in the bylaws to be voted on in August.

Motion made for the revised bylaws to go to vote in August passed with 1 nay.

The August meeting we will have the North Texas Section Emergency Coordinator come speak to us.

Meeting adjourned at 2010 hours

Respectfully submitted,

Kevin Knight  
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