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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

Presidents Corner

June 2008

Field Day 2008 is only a week away. It is always held on the last full week end of June. This year Field Day will start on Saturday June 28 at 1800 UTC (1:00PM) and end on Sunday June 29th at 1800 UTC (1:00PM). Field Day chairman for this year is Glenn, KT5G. Please give him all of the help you can with this years Field Day event. Field Day 2008 will be the main topic of discussion at Friday nights' club meeting.



Field Day gives us the opportunity to set up and operate under less than perfect conditions, demonstrating our ability to provide emergency communications using portable AC generators, battery power as well as other types of alternate power sources. String up all types of wire antennas covering several HF bands, small beams and vertical antennas.

We receive points for all contacts made during the 24 hour event, plus multipliers for cw and phone contacts, operating transmitters with less than 150 watts output. Holding our field day event in a public place, the Sherman Municipal Airport, publicity in our local newspaper or on the local video outlet, visitors who are elected public officials and/or an official from one of our served agencies.

This also serves as a social event for our club. A bar-b-que'd brisket dinner will be served at 5:00PM on Saturday afternoon with trimmings provided by each club member or family attending. The club usually furnishes all of the eating utensils, ice and soft drinks. Then after everyone is full we all sit around and swap stories. I think it all turns out very good; the most important thing is we all have fun. Besides it also gives the mosquitoes and chiggers something new to chew on. Don't forget your "OFF" repellent.

So make plans to come out Saturday morning for Field Day set up. If you can't do any lifting or manual labor you will get a lot of laughs from the sites you will see. Might want to bring your camera along. I don't know what time Glenn plans on starting the set up, attend the meeting Friday night for all of the details.

We can operate on all amateur bands excluding the 60, 30, 17, and 12-meter bands using all modes allowed by the FCC rules. We will be using the club call, K5GCC and all licensed amateurs can operate this event regardless of license class. Come on out, do a little or lot of operating, which ever you prefer. Stick around for the food and the other social events. Bottom line is have a great time and enjoy Field Day 2008 with all of the rest of us!!!!

Make sure all of the visitors are made welcome. Take time to introduce yourself and talk to them about "HAM RADIO".

Hope to see everyone at Friday night's meeting, members and visitors.

Wilmer
WB5DCU

GCARC and Surrounding Area Event Calendar

Grayson County Amateur Radio Club Meeting

June 20, 2008 @ 19:30CST

Sherman Municipal Airport

1200 S. Dewey Ave

Sherman TX 75090

Program: Field day '2008 Preparation

This is a great family event along with the newly licensed radio operators that can use HF radio frequencies anywhere on the USA ham bands. Everyone will be using Extra Class privileges, regardless of their current license classification at this event.

For additional information, please contact Glen Waldrum, KT5G, 903-893-1907.

<http://www.arrl.org/contests/rules/2008/fd.html>

<http://www.k5gcc.us> .

Grayson County Amateur Radio Club (GCARC) Field Day 2008

June 28 - 29, 2008

Show your spirit by helping your club. Not a club member, no problem – come out and join the fun ☺!

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



Field Day Station Locator

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

Chapter 41, QCWA

July 05, 2008

The Pointe Restaurant, S-W corner of Loop 635 (LBJ) and Midway Road., Dallas Texas.

Featured program: PBS Series Connections – part 4, hosted by James Burke.

Will be presenting to two QCWA members their 70 year certificates.

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.

Is their enough of interest in North Central Texas/Southern Oklahoma to start a QCWA Chapter?

For information, contact Steve Brodie, K5ZYZ at 903 786 4064, (903) 818-0234 Cell

McKinney Amateur Radio Club (MARC) Meeting

July 07, 2008, @ 19:00CST <http://www.mckinneymarc.org>

Dave NORQ, presenting on PROPNET

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

July 19, 2008 @ 09:00CST for the FCARC Meeting.

July 19., 2008 @ 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: Roger Ashcraft KE5CCJ, President <http://www.k5frc.org>

3rd Saturday Sidewalk Sale - Dallas

July 19, 2008

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

Grayson County Amateur Radio Club Meeting

July 18, 2008 @ 19:30CST
 Sherman Municipal Airport
 1200 S. Dewey Ave
 Sherman TX 75090
 Program: possibly a 'Fox Hunt'
<http://www.k5gcc.us> .

Oklahoma State Convention (Ham Holiday)

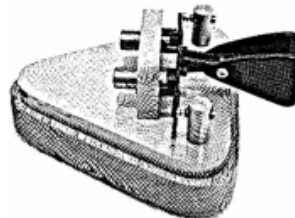
July 18-19, 2008 <http://www.hamholiday.org>
 Oklahoma Expo Hall - Oklahoma State Fairgrounds
 7717 Double Springs Drive
 Oklahoma City, OK 73150-8303
 Phone: 405-386-6739
 Talk-In: 146.82/.22 (PL 151.4)
 Contact: Bill Wilburn, N5NUK, 6417 North Warren Avenue, #243, Oklahoma City, OK 73116
 Phone: 405-843-4705, Fax: 405-841-2624, n5nuk@sbcglobal.net

Grayson County Amateur Radio Club (GCARC) VE Test Session

August 07, 2008 @ 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 2008 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. In 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 five people testing at the June VE session. Two people earned their first license and two people upgraded from Technician to General. Congratulations to these people for their accomplishments and please welcome them as new club members. They are:

Richard Mutz	Upgrade to General	KE5UMO
Abraham Sims	Upgrade to General	KE5UFG
Jacqueline Bartlett	Technician	KE5VEL
Doyle Hazle	Technician	KE5VEK

Two interesting facts about this group. Richard was one of the 7 that attended our Technician class back last month. Abraham was on vacation on his way to Minnesota spending the night in Sherman and planned to take the test while overnighing in a local RV park. 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.

Texas State Convention (Austin Summerfest)

August 01-02, 2008

Austin ARC & Texas VHF-FM Society

<http://www.austinsummerfest.org>

Talk-In: 146.34/.94 (no tone)

Contact: Joe Makeever, W5HS, 8609 Tallwood Drive, Austin, TX 78759-8126,

Phone: 512-345-0800, w5hs@arrl.net

Cooke County Amateur Radio Club Hamfest

August 23, 2008

<http://www.gainesvillehamfest.org>

Gainesville Civic Center, 311 South Weaver Street, Gainesville, TX

Talk-In: 147.34 & 442.775 (both PL 100)

Contact: James K. Floyd, N5ZPU, 1704 East California Street, Gainesville, TX 76240

Phone: 940-668-7511, jfloyd54@swbell.net

Amateur Radio News Around the County

Community Emergency Response Team – CERT Training

June 03, 2008

Nine K5GCC members completed CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) training this month.

They were: Jerry Bylander – KE5GPH, David Compton – KC0EHR, Joe Denney – WB5JME, James Hunt – KI5DQ, Tammy Jaresh – KD5NIB, Johnny Jaresh – KD5NIC, Wilmer Kinsey – WB5DCU, Moe Knight – NT7C, Bob Sholl – W5DSA.

This event was started with an introduction by Grayson County Judge, Drue Bynum, and an overview of the CERT training by TCOG Criminal Justice & Emergency Planning Director, Sarah Somers. Also attending was Chief Gordan Weger, Denison Fire Chief, who serves as the city's emergency management coordinator. Over 40 individuals earned their Grayson County CERT Certification.

Topics that were covered:

- Disaster Preparedness
- Understanding the CERTs role in support of local government response
- Disaster Fire Suppression
- Disaster Medical Operations
- Disaster Light Search & Rescue
- Disaster Psychology and Team Organization
- Course Overview and Disaster Simulation (Exercise)

For more information, please contact Sarah Somers at 903-813-3552 or ssomers@texoma.cog.tx.us .

K5GCC Polo Shirt Orders

The K5GCC Polo Shirt order has been extended until Sunday 06/30/2008. This will allow additional order time during the upcoming K5GCC 06/20 meeting and the Field Day on 06/28-29. Please contact a club official with your order.

Weather Service Message Regarding Weather Radio

Public Information Statement

National Weather Service Fort Worth TX

1000 AM CDT Monday June 9, 2008

...Sherman NOAA all hazards weather radio will be on low power until further notice...

The Sherman radio transmitter (WXX-22) on frequency 162.475 will be on low power until further notice due to maintenance while the transmitter broadcast on low power...locations in Cooke...Denton...Collin and Fannin Counties may lose the broadcast periodically. Sorry for any inconveniences this may cause.

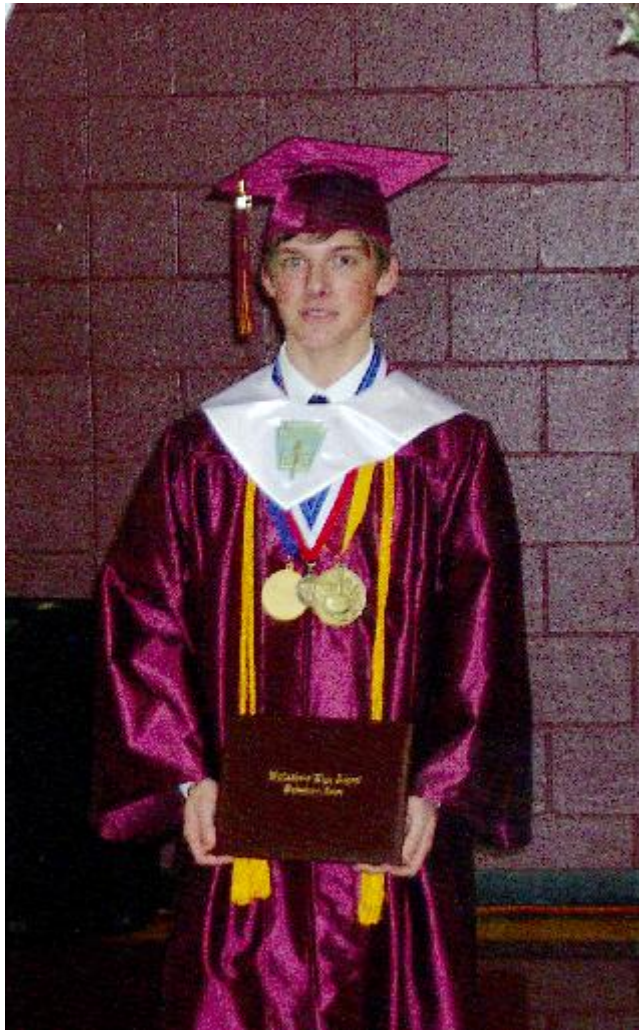
Recent Graduate - Kevin Knight (KD7MSX)

Whitesboro High School announced in late May Kevin Knight (KD7MSX) as the Class of 2008 Valedictorian.

Kevin was licensed as a Technician in April 2001. He upgraded to General in April 2007. While in Arizona Kevin worked many public service events including March of Dimes, American Cancer Society, and Susan G Komen for a Cure. He was the regular Net Control for both the Estrella Mountain Trail Ride and the Zane Grey Highline Trail Run (an invitation only, 56 mile cross country run in the Mogolon Rim country of Payson, AZ). Only twelve at the time, he was awarded the tactical callsign of 'Mini Net' due to his physical size. He has also been voted a Life Membership into the Arizona Repeater Association.

Here in Grayson County he has participated in SkyWarn, working as a second set of eyes in the car with his dad. He enjoyed the March of Dimes Walk a Thon here, surprised by the small crowd compared to the events in Phoenix. He was a participant in the club Field Day, earning extra points for K5GCC as a licensed operator under 18. He currently serves as the Club Secretary.

While many of you may know Kevin the Amateur, few are probably aware of anything more about Kevin. Kevin was born in Fremont, California, the older of two sons of Jan and Moe (NT7C) Knight. Moving to Arizona just prior to starting school, Kevin was identified as a "Gifted and Talented" student as early as third grade. He flourished in the programs offered in Phoenix.



Moving to Whitesboro in the middle of seventh grade, rural life didn't impress Kevin right away. By time he figured out that riding the lawn mower on 8 acres wasn't the same as driving a car, but was work he decided on a career focused on success (and then to hire someone to mow the lawn.) He was recognized as Academic Student of the year for his 8th grade graduating class. After his freshman year at Whitesboro Kevin was accepted into the Texas Academy of Math and Science at University of North Texas in Denton. He found he didn't really care for Chemistry and returned to Whitesboro High School for his Junior and Senior year.

Kevin's other outside interests have included competitive chess (when 9 he was nationally ranked by the National Chess Federation at 125th in the nation) and National Policy Debate. He says of debate that, "it is the most amazing combination of art and sport all in one." He credits Ms. Bernadette Orr (WHS debate teacher) for making "this wonderful program". Kevin is currently in Las Vegas, having earned a place as an alternate in the National Forensic League Annual National Debate. Kevin lists this honor as one of his special memories.

He has also represented WHS in several District and Regional UIL competitions. He was a Regional Qualifier for Calculators, Extemporaneous Speaking, Number Sense, Mathematics, and Policy Debate.

Kevin has been accepted into the McCombs School of Business for the Fall Semester at University of Texas (Austin). He plans on this being a starting point for a career in law and politics

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 6/15/2008

Starting Acct. _____	\$ 1,208.79
Deposits _____	\$ 279.95
Expenses _____	\$ 300.00
Account Balance of 06/15/08 is ____	\$ 1,208.79

NOTES:

Deposits:

\$ 279.95 Club Shirts

Expenses:

\$ 300.00 - Place Holder for non-profit filing

Ross Chlapecka, KE5NAV

GCARC Treasurer

Buy- Sell-Trade Net 06/18/2008

FS – ICOM 471A 70cm (440MHz.) all mode transceiver

Call N5TPO for your electronic hardware needs. He has hose clamps, cable ties, alligator clips, terminal blocks and other assorted hardware. N5TPO, Gordon 903-868-0479

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

FREE - Hy-gain 10 meter beam Wilmer, WB5SCU - 903-893-5872

FS - Long list of equipment from a Silent Key, mostly hf equipment.

MFG Model # Description

Icom	706MKII	HF/VHF Transceiver, remote head cable,head mount,manual	769.00
Icom	706MKII	HF/VHF Transceiver	699.00
Kenwood	TS-440S	Transceiver	499.00
Kenwood	PS-50	matching power supply and cable	110.00
Drake	MN2700	Antenna Tuner (was being used with the 706MKII)	350.00
Kenwood	AT-120	Antenna Tuner	200.00
Kenwood	VFO-120	Remote VFO	99.00
Kenwood	TS-120S	HF Transceiver	299.00
Drake	R-4C	HF Receiver	299.00
Drake	R8B	HF Receiver with VHF option(35-55mhz,108-174mhz)	1199.00
Drake	T-4XC	Transmitter	199.00
Drake	TR4	Sideband Transceiver	399.00
Drake	TR4	Sideband Transceiver	399.00
Drake	R7	Receiver	999.00
Drake	TR7+PS7	Transceiver and AC power supply	699.00
Drake	TR7+PS7	Transceiver and AC power supply	699.00
Drake	TR7	Transceiver	550.00
Drake	TR7A	Transceiver	600.00
Drake	L4B	Linear Amplifier	550.00
Drake	L7	Linear Amplifier	600.00
Drake	MN2000	Matching Network	225.00
Drake	MS4	Speaker	75.00
Collins	KWM-2A	HF Transceiver	1299.00
Collins	KWM-2A	HF Transceiver	1299.00
Collins	30L-1	Linear Amplifier	960.00
Heathkit	HW5400	Transceiver	250.00
Heathkit	HWA5400-1	Power Supply	100.00
Heathkit	SB-230	Linear Power Amplifier	350.00
Ten Tec	model 420	Hercules II Power Amplifier	250.00
Crank up tower		4 Section Crankup Tower With base (22ft,72ft)	1200.00
		Tower comes with base, erection jig, thrust bearing. Tower is on Ground.	
Mosely S33	Beam	Covers 17, 20 & 40 Meters	900.00
power supply	14 Volt, 100 Amp	Power Supply with Volt and Amp meters	120.00
C.A.T.S.	RD-1800	Antenna Rotor (looks unused)	699.00
C.A.T.S.	DPU-1800	Antenna Rotor Control Unit (with hardware and instructions)	449.00
Coax Cable	RG331	7 ea 500ft spools hard line(3500ft)	1000.00
Bird	82A	50 ohm 300Watt dummy load	199.00
bird	mod43	Watt meter (reads forward and reverse pwr,several elements)	160.00
bird	mod43	Watt meter (reads forward and reverse pwr,several elements)	160.00
Weinshel		30db 50watt pad	150.00
Power tube		4-500	100.00
Collins		tube kit	100.00
Drake	TR7	Transceiver for parts	
Drake	T-4XC	Transmitter for parts	

All Prices are negotiable!!!!

Contact: George Ridpath - 903-464-9986

Email - gridpath@aol.com

Grayson County RACES and ARES

Wilmer Kinsey, WB5DCU

EC Grayson County

When Thunder Roars, Go Indoors! Lightning Safety Week: June 22-28, 2008

Summer is the peak season for one of the nation's deadliest weather phenomena— lightning. But don't be fooled, lightning strikes year round. In the United States, an average of 62 people are killed each year by lightning. Already in 2008, 8 people have died due to lightning strikes. In 2007, 45 people were struck and killed by lightning in the U.S.; hundreds of others were injured. Of the victims who were killed by lightning:

- 98% were outside
- 89% were male
- 30% were males between the ages of 20-25
- 25% were standing under a tree
- 25% occurred on or near the water



The reported number of injuries is likely far lower than the actual total number because many people do not seek help or doctors do not record it as a lightning injury. People struck by lightning suffer from a variety of long-term, debilitating symptoms, including memory loss, attention deficits, sleep disorders, numbness, dizziness, stiffness in joints, irritability, fatigue, weakness, muscle spasms, depression, and an inability to sit for long. Lightning is a serious danger.

Watch for Developing Thunderstorms: Thunderstorms are most likely to develop on spring or summer days but can occur year round. As the sun heats the air, pockets of warmer air start to rise and cumulus clouds form. Continued heating can cause these clouds to grow vertically into towering cumulus clouds, often the first sign of a developing thunderstorm.

An Approaching Thunderstorm: When to Seek Safe Shelter: Lightning can strike as far as 10 miles from area where it is raining. That's about the distance you can hear thunder. If you can hear thunder, you are within striking distance. Seek safe shelter immediately.

Outdoor Activities: Minimize the Risk of Being Struck: Most lightning deaths and injuries occur in the summer. Where organized outdoor sports activities take place, coaches, camp counselors and other adults must stop activities at the first roar of thunder to ensure everyone time to get a large building or enclosed vehicle. Leaders of outdoors events should have a written plan that all staff are aware of and enforce.

Indoor Activities: Things to Avoid: Inside building, stay off corded phones, computers and other electrical equipment that put you in direct contact with electricity. Stay away from pools, indoor or outdoor, tubs, showers and other plumbing. Buy surge suppressors for key equipment. Install ground fault protectors on circuits near water or outdoors. When inside, wait 30 minutes after the last strike, before going out again.

Helping a Lightning Strike Victim: If a person is struck by lightning, call 911 and get medical care immediately. Cardiac arrest and irregularities, burns, and nerve damage are common in cases where people are struck by lightning. However, with proper treatment, including CPR if necessary, most victims survive a lightning strike. You are in no danger helping a lightning victim. The charge will not affect you.

Summary: Lightning is dangerous. With common sense, you can greatly increase your safety and the safety of those you are with. At the first clap of thunder, go a large building or fully enclosed vehicle and wait 30 minutes after the last clap of thunder to back outside.

When Thunder Roars, Go Indoors!

From The Fort Worth-Dallas National Weather Service Office Web page -

<http://www.lightningsafety.noaa.gov>

Sherman Warning Siren Test Net

The next warning siren test will be on Wednesday July 2, 2008 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 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.

SKYWARN Window Stickers

I now have vinyl SKYWARN stickers, they are \$1.50 each. We can't seem to find any of the free ones any more!

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,

Wilmer O. Kinsey - WB5DCU

EC Grayson County

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Sherman, TX 75090-3223

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Cell – 903-271-3557

Pager – 903-867-7294

Send me an ALPHA page –

9038677294@pageaci.com

Meeting Minutes 16 May 2008 Meeting

Call to Order by Wilmer Kinsey – WB5DCU – 19:33 hours

Wilmer recognized the new club members and congratulated them on successful completion of the the early May Technician License class.

Roll sheet passed around (16 signing in) and introductions made.

Treasurer's report and meeting minutes were accepted as printed in the newsletter.

Old business

- The filing of papers with the State of Texas is complete and we are officially a Texas non-profit organization.
- It is going to cost \$300 for filing our application for 501(c)3 status with the IRS. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to pay the necessary fee.
- Field Day – Glen – KT5G is working on Field Day supplies and needs lists. Next meeting will focus almost exclusively on Field Day.
- Jim Hunt KI5DQ is officially the Club Callsign Trustee. FCC ULS records reflect this change.

New business

- The next Sherman Siren test is scheduled for 4 June 2008.
- Future Programs
 - o June – no program. Planning for Field Day
 - o July – possibly a 'Fox Hunt'. Some discussion followed whether Moe – NT7C – would be permitted to participate.
 - o August – some sort of presentation on antennas.

Wilmer and Jim presented a brief talk and demonstration on the losses of various coax cables at various frequencies.

Next meeting 20 June 2008.

Meeting adjourned at 2047 hours

Respectfully submitted,
Kevin Knight
KD7MSX, Secretary