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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 – September 2008

### Club Officer Nominations for 2009

Nominations for club officers for 2009 will take place at the October 17th meeting. Elections for club officers will be held at the November 21st meeting. Please be thinking about who you would like to be your club officers for 2009.

### Technician Class Kickoff

We had the kickoff for our Fall 2008 Technician Class on Saturday September 6, 2008. Turn out was not as good as we had hoped for, but I think we had several folks who were still involved with local activities concerning Hurricane Gustav. We will have the class on Saturday September 27th, 2008 beginning at 8:30 AM. Review of the study material will be followed by a question and answer session. We will take a break for lunch and test right after.

On Saturday the 18th of October we would like to have a session at the Sherman Municipal Airport to help new hams get acquainted with their radios. Explain terms and there functions like offset, PL tone or ctcss and various other features of their radios. We would like to set up test equipment if anyone wants to check their 2 meter/70cm radios' frequency, FM deviation and other operating parameters.

### September National Preparedness Month

I know this is repeated information, but I think Hurricane IKE & GUSTAV illustrates how Important it is to BE PREPARED!! You should be able to be self sufficient for at least 24 to 36 hours.

September has been designated as National Preparedness Month by the US Department of Homeland Security. On the heels of Hurricanes Gustav and Ike I choose to remind everyone again about being prepared. The people in the path of these two destructive storms had several days warning, but some failed to heed the warning to get prepared. We live in the lower end of Tornado Alley, plus ice storms in the winter are NOT uncommon in North Texas. Remember a few years back when we had an ice storm some households in town were without electricity for several days. So with that all being said please take this seriously and prepare. Don't forget to keep batteries charged up or keep a good supply of alkaline batteries on hand for your handi-talkie.

### Recommended Items to Include in a Basic Emergency Supply Kit:

- Water, one gallon of water per person per day for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation
- Food, at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food
- Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert and extra batteries for both
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Whistle to signal for help
- Dust mask, to help filter contaminated air and plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- Can opener for food (if kit contains canned food)
- Local maps

### Family Emergency Plan:

- It may be easier to make a long-distance phone call than to call across town, so an out-of-town contact may be in a better position to communicate among separated family members.
- Be sure every member of your family knows the phone number and has coins or a prepaid phone card to call the emergency contact.
- You may have trouble getting through, or the telephone system may be down, but be patient.

### Emergency Information:

Find out what kinds of disasters, both natural and man-made, are most likely to occur in your area and how you will be notified. Methods of getting your attention vary from community to community. One common method is to broadcast via emergency radio and TV broadcasts. You might hear a special siren, or get a telephone call or emergency workers may go door-to-door.

### Be Informed

Being informed about the different types of emergencies that could happen where you live and the appropriate ways to respond to them will impact the decisions you make and the actions you take.

In addition, learn about the emergency plans that have been established in your area by your state and local government.

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

September 19, 2008 @ 19:30CST

Sherman Municipal Airport

1200 S. Dewey Ave

Sherman TX 75090

Program: Glen Waldrum – KT5G, will introduce the program Logbook of the World.

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

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

September 20, 2008 @ 09:00CST for the FCARC Meeting.

September 20,, 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

September 20, 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](mailto:info@sidewalksale.com)

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

October 02, 2008 @ 19:30CST (First Thursday of every EVEN month – Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, Dec)

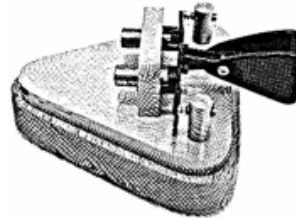
Sherman Municipal Airport, @ 19:30CST

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.

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.

## Chapter 41, QCWA

October 04, 2008

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

Featured program: The "Shackleton Antarctic Adventure" the polar expedition, an IMAX production of a real life drama.. 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

October 06, 2008, @ 19:00CST

<http://www.mckinneyarc.org>

## Paris Texas Radio Group Hamfest

October 10-11, 2008 <http://www.paristexasradio.com>

Red River Valley Fairgrounds, 570 East Center Street, Paris, TX. Talk-In: 147.040+ (PL 100)

Talk-In: 146.82/.22 (PL 151.4)

Contact: Richard Lenoir, KI5DX, 2150 Plum Street, Paris TX 75460, 903-783-0968, [ki5dx@yahoo.com](mailto:ki5dx@yahoo.com)

## Grayson County Amateur Radio Club Meeting

October 17, 2008 @ 19:30CST

Sherman Municipal Airport

1200 S. Dewey Ave

Sherman TX 75090

Program: TBA

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

## 51<sup>st</sup> Jamboree-on-the-Air (JOTA)

October 18-19, 2008

What is Jamboree-On-The-Air?

- When Scouts want to meet young people from another country, they usually think of attending a World Jamboree. But few people realize that each year more than 400,000 Scouts and Guides "get together" over the airwaves for the annual Jamboree-on-the-Air (JOTA). Modern technology offers Scouts the exciting opportunity to make friends in other countries without leaving home.



- JOTA is an annual event in which Boy and Girl Scouts and Guides from all over the world speak to each other by means of Amateur (ham) Radio. Scouting experiences are exchanged and ideas are shared via radio waves. Since 1958 when the first Jamboree-on-the-Air was held, millions of Scouts have met each other through this event. Many contacts made during JOTA have resulted in pen pals and links between Scout troops that have lasted many years.

With no restrictions on age or on the number of participants, and at little or no expense, JOTA allows Scouts to contact each other by ham radio. The radio stations are operated by licensed amateur radio operators. Many Scouts and leaders hold licenses and have their own stations, but the majority participate in JOTA through stations operated by local radio clubs and individual radio amateurs. Some operators use television or computer-linked communications.

Additional details can be found at: <http://www.scouting.org/International/Highlights/22-218.aspx> and from James Hunt, KI5DQ [ki5dq@yahoo.com](mailto:ki5dq@yahoo.com)

Last year was the first time JOTA was held in Grayson County.

Many smiles emitted from Sherman Boy Scouts, during their campout at Lake Texoma on October 20-21, 2007. The scouts were amazed to be able to talk to other scouts via amateur radio during the 50<sup>th</sup> annual (and anniversary) Jamboree-On-The-Air.

All had a great time and asked many questions on how the little black box worked with a wire connected to it

This special event station was operated in true Field-Day fashion. The gear utilized was a Yaesu FT-857D transceiver, Yaesu FC-40 antenna and a deep-cycle marine battery.



This story also appeared within the September 2008 QST Magazine, page 83.

### **Texoma Hamarama**

October 24-25, 2008

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

## Amateur Radio News Around the County

### Sherman Kiwanis 3rd annual Red River Bike Rally

August 16, 2008

Several area amateur radio operators provided communications during this event. This fund raiser was choreographed by the Sherman Kiwanis <http://www.shermankiwanis.org>, sponsored by numerous local business and private individuals. Communications were provided from a net control station located at the event finish line which simultaneously interfaced the event staff to all seven rest stops, and support vehicles.

Highlights – we assisted a few “lost riders”, one minor medical situation, rest stop supply deployment and support vehicle deployment.

This scenario also provided the radio operators communication skill practice in fun, non-stress fashion. Which makes us better prepared for a real emergency event if it should ever occur.

The K5GCC crew: Jerry Bylander - KE5GPH, Larry Coleman - KE5UMM, Ken Day - KR5A, Richard Dyer - N5GLN, Donald Hoffmann - W5DWH, Jim Hubbell - N5COP, James Hunt - KI5DQ, Wilmer Kinsey - WB5DCU, Moe Knight - NT7C, Brad McMillon - KE5UMJ, Jack Nash - N5MME, Steve Roberson - KE5DLZ, Gary Spicer - WB5JCT, David Woods - W5COP



K5GCC Net Control – Sherman TX, KI5DQ



Rest Stop Luella TX, KR5A, NT7C



Rest Stop Ida TX, KE5GPH



Rest Stop Bells TX, N5GLN



Rest Stop Tom Bean TX, KE5UMJ



Rest Stop FM3133, W5DWH



Rest Stop VanAlstyne TX, W5COP



Rest Stop Gunter TX, N5COP



Rest Stop Howe TX, N5MME, KE5DLZ

The Red River Bike Rally photography is courtesy of Wilmer Kinsey, WB5DCU

### 2008 Atlantic Hurricane Season

The 2008 Atlantic hurricane season officially began June 01, 2008 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

## Hurricane Gustav

The Grayson County Amateur Radio Club assisted with Hurricane Gustav evacuee's at the Fairview Baptist Church Shelter, Red Cross Chapter House (FM691) and the Rest Stop at the Sherman Municipal Building beginning Monday September 1, 2008.

- Fairview Baptist Church Shelter:  
Joe Denny - WD5JME, Donald Hoffman - W5DWH, Ed Rountree - KD5WCK
- Red Cross Chapter House:  
David Anderson - KD5KPR, Steve Roberson - KE5DLZ, Jim Hubbell, N5COP
- Rest Stop - Sherman Municipal Building:  
John Gorman - KB5HPN, Leo Tanner - KB5SXC, Richard Dyer - N5GLN



Photo by K. McStay, Herald Democrat, Sherman Texas

Brad McMillon, KE5UMJ (left) a radio operator for Grayson County Amateur Radio Club, helps Jennifer Bedell and David Compton, KC0EHR (also a radio operator for Grayson County Amateur Radio Club) both of the Red Cross, prepare for evacuees.

## Hurricane Ike

The Grayson County Amateur Radio Club was on stand-by for this event

## 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

### Rosston TX

145.490- MHz, w/85.4Hz PL

### 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 7/31/2008

Starting Acct. \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 1,296.74

Deposits \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 0.00

Expenses \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 337.00

Account Balance of 08/14/08 is \_\_\_\_ \$ 959.74

NOTES:

Deposits:

\$ 0.00

Expenses:

\$ 337.00 - Club Shirts

Ross Chlapecka, KE5NAV

GCARC Treasurer

## Buy- Sell-Trade Net 09/14/2008

**FS** - 50 ft. Rohn 25 tower, 4 regular sections plus top section. \$150.00  
KJ5I, Jerry, call on radio or phone 903-487-0173

**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

**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  |
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| Weinschel      |           | 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](mailto:gridpath@aol.com)

## Grayson County RACES and ARES

Wilmer Kinsey, WB5DCU  
EC Grayson County

### E-Mail Communications for Events

Please make sure that I have your correct email address and if you change make sure you pass the new address along to me. I am going to be using email more often to inform or remind everyone about events that we will be participating in or to just pass along information that I think might be of interest like I did on the hurricane updates I received from Gary Woodall at the NWS in Fort Worth.



### Red River Bike Rally Saturday August 16, 2008

The Red River Bike Rally was held on Saturday August 16th. The start /finish line was at the Austin College Football Stadium. Bike riders began leaving at 8:00AM, with the 100 mile group leaving first and the 25 mile group leaving last.

Jim, KI5DQ was at the start/finish line and was the Net Control Station for the event. Each of the eight rest stops, plus the two sag wagons had an amateur radio operator to provide communications between them and the start/finish line. We had two roving mobiles that cruised the entire course all day.

We used the 147.00 repeater for the entire event. I don't believe we had any problems with communications from anywhere in the county.

I would like to thank Jim, KI5DQ for doing a great job of setting up the event for the club and serving as the net control operator for the entire time, 8:00AM until 4:00PM. Also I would like to thank all of those operators who volunteered their time, equipment, vehicle and fuel to make this event a success. From the comments I heard I believe we will be providing communications for this event next year.

### Hurricane Gustav

Hurricane Gustav was the next event that we provided communications for. On Sunday August 31st I received a call from Fire Chief Jones who also serves as the Emergency Management Coordinator for the City of Sherman advising me of the need for communications between the Red Cross Chapterhouse, the Rest Stop at the Sherman Municipal Building Ballroom and the shelter at Fairview Baptist Church. He asked that we also monitor the 147.00 repeater for any hams that might be evacuating from the path of the hurricane.

The hours for the shelter and chapterhouse were 10:00AM until 5:00PM. The Rest Stop was from 6:00AM until 5:00PM.

We started on Monday morning at both locations and finished up around noon time on Tuesday. The following amateur radio operators participated: N5COP, KD5WCK, KB5SXC, KB5PHN, W5DWH, KE5DLZ, WD5JME, N5GLN, NT7C, KE5UMJ, KD5KPR. K1PHZ monitored the 147.00 repeater on Sunday August 30th and KJ5I was standing by for any HF traffic. If I missed anyone please let me know.

### Hurricane IKE

We were prepared to again provide communications as we had done for Hurricane Gustav. The 100 or so evacuees that the shelter was supposed to get never arrived. We were prepared to roll over into a SKYWARN net had we received the amount of rain and wind that was forecast for our area. As it turned out we were on standby and never had to activate.

Again I want to thank all who had volunteered to help with the communications.

### Sherman Warning Siren Test Net

The next warning siren test will be on Wednesday October 1, 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. DO NOT leave them on your vehicle all of the 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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Send me an ALPHA page –

9038677294@pageaci.com

## Meeting Minutes 15 August 2008 Meeting

Call to Order by Wilmer Kinsey – WB5DCU – 1935 hours

Introductions were made and roll sheet passed around (with 23 members and guests signing).

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

Program was a presentation by Bill Swanson, K5OBS, of the Southern Baptist Men's Disaster Relief Group <http://www.namb.net> with the Communications Task Force Director of the Southern Baptist of Texas Disaster Relief.

Old business

- Wilmer still has tee shirts that club members have yet to pick up.
- The Simulated Emergency Drill on the 22nd and 23rd of July was a test of interoperability.
- Changes to the constitution and bylaws are being reviewed by David.
- Tech Class – Moe – NT7C – reported that the September Tech Class is officially scheduled for Sept. 6, & Sept. 27. Moe is expecting 5 students.

New business

- Wilmer presented Jim – KI5DQ – with a certificate for his continuing work on the newsletter.
  - Wednesday, September 3, is the next siren test.
  - Activity for next meeting will be a presentation on Logbook of the World – KT5G.
  - September is National Preparedness Month.
  - Wilmer reminded everyone that October is the meeting for the nomination of officers for the club.
- Wilmer also reminded us that he will not run for an office next year, but will volunteer to take the position of activity chair.
- Gainesville hamfest is Saturday, August 23..

Next meeting 19 September 2008.

Meeting adjourned at 2059 hours

Respectfully submitted,  
KD7MSX, Secretary