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Submit News to k5gcc@cableone.net with K5GCC in the subject line along with your message title. If K5GCC is not in the subject line, the message will be deleted. Format: text in *.doc or *.txt file extension and electronic pictures in any format

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 – October 2008

Club Officer Nominations for 2009

Nominations for club officers for 2009 will take place at our next club meeting on Friday evening October 17th, 2008. Your club officers are elected by the membership and their job is to ensure that the business of the club is conducted within the framework of the constitution and bylaws. Every office from the president on down are important to the success and longevity of this club. Give some serious thought to being a club officer. It requires a little of your time each month, but not as much as you might think.

I have enjoyed being club president for this year, but I have found that with the ARES, RACES and other public service activities I am responsible for it just spreads me a little thin. I feel like the public service activities need my full attention, so therefore I will not be a candidate for club president for 2009. Elections for club officers will be held at the November 21st meeting. Please be thinking about who you would like for your club officers for 2009. We have a whole club full of folks that would make excellent club officers.



Amendments to the club Constitution and Bylaws

I have asked David, W5COP to work with Glen Warnstaff, K5CPD who is assisting our club with completing all of the required forms and paper work to obtain non-profit status with the IRS. You will find a copy of the necessary changes to our constitution and bylaws on page 6 of this newsletter. These are the changes recommended by Glen to the PREAMBLE to meet the IRS requirements for non-profit status. The changes under AMENDMENTS are included to make it a little less of a problem to vote on any amendments to the constitution and bylaws. We would only need two thirds of the members present at a meeting to amend the constitution and bylaws. As it is written now we need two thirds of the total membership to amend the constitution and bylaws. The need to notify the members of the intention to amend the constitution and bylaws is still required by mail, but we want to add by email also. The requirement to read the amendment at one meeting and vote on it at the next meeting is not being changed.

But again, please read the proposed amendments on page 6 of this newsletter. We will discuss these at Friday nights meeting.

David will continue to work with Glen until we have all of the paper work filed with the appropriate agencies and have obtained our non profit status. I appreciate David's work on this project, I just did not have the time needed to devote to this project.

Grayson County ARC Hosting "Tech Day"

The Grayson County Amateur Radio Club will be hosting "TECH DAY" on Saturday October 18th, 2008 beginning at 9:00AM until 12 Noon. The object of this is to acquaint new hams with their radios. What are the various functions, what do they do and how do you program them into your radio. This was recommended by

Bill Swanson, K5OBS, Moe and I thought it was a very good idea.

We will also have equipment there to check deviation, frequency and power output of your VHF/UHF radios.

We will have a couple of power supplies on hand to power most radios.

Everyone is welcome to attend, come on out and meet some of the new hams.

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

October 17, 2008 @ 19:30CST

Sherman Municipal Airport

1200 S. Dewey Ave

Sherman TX 75090

Program: The **Sherman Fire Department** (http://www.cityofsherman.org/fire_dept.asp) will be presenting "National Fire Prevention Week".

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

Grayson County Amateur Radio Club 'Tech Day'

October 18, 2008 @ 09:00 – 12:00CST

Sherman Municipal Airport

1200 S. Dewey Ave

Sherman TX 75090

This activity will be dedicated to a number of things.

- First, it is planned to be a 'how to' day for those of you new to amateur radio that might need some help understanding some concepts and/or working their way through the menus in your new radios.
- Second, it is planned to be a day where those of you that have equipment will have the opportunity to check (pending equipment available) power output, output frequency accuracy, deviation levels, and depending upon the weather and your installations – mobile installation VSWR.

All are welcome. Those of you with more experience, it is time to pay back the assistance your Elmer gave you back when, we ask that you help out by 'Elmering' the new hams within our ranks. Those of you new to the hobby please come and bring your questions. I promise that the only chuckle you would receive as a result of a question asked is the result of someone reflecting upon the mistake they made by NOT asking that very same question when they first started out. We didn't call them 'smoke tests' for nothing.

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

October 18, 2008 @ 09:00CST for the FCARC Meeting.

October 18, 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

October 18, 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

51st 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

Chapter 41, QCWA

November 01, 2008

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

Featured program: "A 2-hour presentation of the Sun and solar sun spot cycles" at 12:00.

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

November 03, 2008, @ 19:00CST <http://www.mckinneyarc.org>

Grayson County Amateur Radio Club Meeting

November 21, 2008 @ 19:30CST

Sherman Municipal Airport

1200 S. Dewey Ave

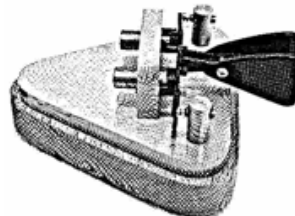
Sherman TX 75090

Program: TBA

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

Grayson County Amateur Radio Club (GCARC) VE Test Session

December 04, 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.

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

Buy- Sell-Trade Net 10/12/2008

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

FS – Kenwood TS-430S HF Transceiver - \$300.00
 Kenwood TS-870S HF Transceiver
 With MC80 Mic, CW Paddle
 Astron RS-35A Power Supply - \$1350.00
 Kenwood TR-7800 2 Meter Transceiver - \$65.00
 Ameritron Linear Amp. AL-1200 - \$1700.00
 Kantronics KPC3 Packet TNC - \$75.00
 Diawa RS300 Power Supply - \$75.00
 Heathkit SWR and Power Meter - \$25.00
 Yaesu FT208R 2 Meter Handi-Talkie - \$25.00
 Contact: Wilmer - WB5DCU -903 893-5872

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

Amateur Radio News Around the County

K5GCC Constitution Changes

The Constitution of the Grayson County Amateur Radio Club is currently being updated for the following:

Preamble:

The Grayson County Amateur Radio Club (GCARC) is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code. Some of the purposes of the GCARC include but are not limited to:

- 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.*

No part of the net earnings of the Grayson County Amateur Radio Club shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to its members, trustees, officers, officers, or other private persons, except that the Grayson County Amateur Radio Club shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in the furtherance of the purpose set forth in the purpose clause hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the Grayson County Amateur Radio Club shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Grayson County Amateur Radio Club shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this document, the Grayson County Amateur Radio Club shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future tax code.

Upon dissolution of the Grayson County Amateur Radio Club, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not disposed of shall be disposed by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principal office of the Grayson County Amateur Radio Club is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

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.

Article VII: Amendments

This constitution or Bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the qualified members present at the meeting at which the amendments are presented for actual vote. 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 or email of the intent to amend the constitution and/or Bylaws at said meeting.

The current K5GCC Constitution of the Grayson County Amateur Radio Club can be found here:

http://www.k5gcc.us/GCARC%20Constitution_September%202007.doc

Also please find attached a separate .pdf file attached to this months e-mail that contains the document.

Delving into Digital

Part 2

Moe Knight – NT7C

A careful reading of the instructions for using the Mountain West Rigblaster Plus is interesting. It starts out by telling you to install the software on your computer first, connect your radio directly to your computer (completely ignoring the Rigblaster !!!) and receive some stations. Sounds simple enough. Right, install the CD and select autorun. I find the tab to select PSK31 and click. Uh-oh. There are TWELVE programs in the PSK31 category. Which one do I want? I look through the list and spot one named Win PSK. Understand that I hate MicroSoft products, so naming a piece of software Win anything doesn't ender me but it says "easy to use!" in the comments, so that's the one I installed.

I pull the computer out from its spot (I so need to untangle cables and reconnect them – but I'm anxious to get this going.) and look for the line input. I run the cable up to my desk and plug into the earphones. I launch the software and good grief the radio is loud through the computer speakers. I turn them down and look at the screen. The waterfall is there, looking much like the waterfall of a sonar screen as depicted in "The Hunt for Red October." I tune the receiver to 14.0705 and I start to see thin vertical lines show in the display. I mouse over on of the lines and click. A signal bar starts to light up and there it is, text showing in the text box. WOW! This is cool.

Okay, back into the manual and I start to think about the accessory connector on the back of my TS-2000. Find the manual and then locate the accessory pin out. Yep, I can take audio out, audio in and a key line directly to the back of the radio. I don't even need the Rigblaster. Okay, into the Rigblaster manual, how do I get the key there. Oops, it uses one of the RS-232 lines. So I need to cobble a level converter together. I almost get sidetracked until I see the section on using the transceiver VOX for operation. Step back, Moe, you are getting sidetracked. Let's get the Rigblaster working and then look at the accessory connector.

I open the Rigblaster case and using the table in the back of the instruction manual, I connect the supplied jumper pins to match the supplied cable to my rig and microphone. I test the microphone by calling Paul via the repeater. That works just as it should and I move on. The cable from the headphone jack still goes to the line input on the computer but the computer speakers get plugged into the Rigblaster? That doesn't make sense. The speaker output from the computer connects to the Rigblaster too? Don't think, just

follow directions. I finish up by connecting the RS-232 cable from the computer to the Rigblaster and I'm done.

Setting levels; If in doubt less is more. Okay, where am I going to find someone to work with me to set levels? I read the instructions, turn the RF power way down (5 watts), turn the speech processor off and turn the level adjust on the back down to about half. There is a test button on the WinPSK program and I click on it. There is a loud tone coming from the speakers. I check the ALC meter on the rig and continue to turn the level down until there appears to be no movement on the ALC meter. I turn the test off and start programming my particulars into some of the speed keys (shortcuts like memories on a cw keyer).

Do I try it? Why not? I type out CQ CQ CQ DE NT7C looking for first contact via PSK31 K K K.

I hear a tone and start to read nt7c de n2oo. Bob introduces himself and we proceed to talk about our rigs and how my signal sounds since it is my first contact. It ends up that I am only his third contact via PSK31. The 599 report from Bob in New Jersey using just 5 watts is very encouraging.

Since that time I have made many contacts via this mode and find it very easy to tune and operate. There are some very interesting people working this mode too. It does work, right out of the box, just like the directions tell you it will. I still look at the accessory connector and think of the possibility of using my laptop. I see a benefit of a quick and easy portable operation. Taken one step further, how about using it on two meters for message traffic for ARES or RACES – while not encoded, the likelihood of someone 'reading the mail' outside of ham radio is very small.

In summary, this is a very effective method of communications. The occupied bandwidth is very small (31 Hz !!) and is very easy to use. There are some very nice hams out there to meet. Go download WinPSK from the Mountain West site (or a lot of other sites) without any hardware other than your computer and sound card you can receive this interesting mode.

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

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 9/31/2008

Starting Acct. _____ \$ 1,259.74

Deposits _____ \$ 30.00

Expenses _____ \$ 0.00

Account Balance of 10/14/2008 is __\$ 989.74

NOTES:

Deposits:

\$ 30.00 - Memberships

Expenses:

\$ (300.00 – Place holder for non-profit filing)

Ross Chlapecka, KE5NAV

GCARC Treasurer

Grayson County RACES and ARES

Wilmer Kinsey, WB5DCU
EC Grayson County

Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES)

The ARRL Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) consists of licensed amateurs who have voluntarily registered their qualifications and equipment for communications duty in the public interest when disaster strikes. Membership in ARRL or any other local or national organization is not required to join ARES or participate in ARES activities. ARRL membership is, however, required for the leadership appointments described here. Because ARES is an Amateur Radio service, only licensed amateurs are eligible for membership.



ARES Organization

There are three levels of ARES organization—section, district and local. At the section level, the Section Emergency Coordinator (SEC) is appointed by the Section Manager (SM) and works under his supervision. (The SM is elected by the ARRL members in the section.) In most sections, the SM delegates to the SEC the administration of the section emergency plan and the authority to appoint District Emergency Coordinators (DECs) and local Emergency Coordinators (ECs) to help him run the ARES program in the section. Most of the ARES organization and operation gets accomplished at the local level. The local level is where most emergencies occur and where ARES leaders make direct contact with the ARES member-volunteers and with officials of the agencies to be served. The local EC is therefore the key contact in the ARES. The EC is appointed by the SEC, usually on the recommendation of the DEC (if there is one). Depending on how the SEC has set up the section for administrative purposes, the EC may have jurisdiction over a small community or a large city, an entire county or even a group of counties. Whatever jurisdiction is assigned, the EC is in charge of all ARES activities in his area, not just one interest group, one agency, one club or one band. In large sections, the SEC has the option of grouping EC jurisdictions

Grayson County AREAS Nets

Remember that our ARES Nets are on the 2nd and 4th Sunday nights of each month at 9:00PM.

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 November 5, 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
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 350 Mitchell Road
 Sherman, TX 75090-3223
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 Pager – 903-867-7294

Send me an ALPHA page –
 9038677294@pageaci.com

Meeting Minutes 19 September 2008 Meeting

Call to Order by Wilmer Kinsey – WB5DCU – 19:31CST hours

Introductions were made and roll sheet passed around (with 18 members and guests signing).

Treasurer's report corrected to read \$959.74 (to print both months in the next club newsletter), and meeting minutes were accepted as printed in the newsletter.

Logbook of the world program was a presentation by Glenn – KT5G

Old business

- Moe – NT7C reported on the Tech class. He advised of a low turnout at the September 6 introduction class. He requested that any available VE's on 27 September arrive by 13:00CST.
- Wilmer asked Moe to email Donna at WNJ to pass the word about the Tech Day session on 18 October (and TMC).
- David – W5COP is working on the Constitution and Bylaws.
- Jim – KI5DQ – reported that the Red River Bike Rally went extremely well. The organizers were impressed with our ability to talk to all stations at once. Jim reported he was able to work NCS all day from his marine battery.
- Hurricanes Gustav & Ike
 - Gustav – we had people at ARC, Rest Stop & Shelter
 - IKE – we had people ready to go but we never were activated
- Jim reported on the upcoming JOTA.

New business

- October program TBD
- Warning siren test will be 1 October 2008. September's test was postponed due to weather.
- September is national preparedness month. Check your 'stuff' and review your family plans.
- ARES/RACES membership forms can be found on our web site.
- Wilmer & Moe went to WNJ Hospital and reviewed the site facilities with Tracey.
- Wilmer and Donna have been discussing the radio setup for the new TMC building.
- SCAM ALERT – "Evacuees" have been asking for money in the parking lots of local retailers. They are not evacuees, but scammers. Refer them to ARC & notify authorities.
- Wilmer presented Glenn with a Certificate of Appreciation for his work organizing Field Day.
- Next meeting will be very important. It will be the nominating of next year's officers.

Next meeting 17 October 2008.

Meeting adjourned at 20:40CST hours

Respectfully submitted,
NT7C – Acting Secretary

(P.S. Kevin has received all A's on all exams to date at UT !!!)