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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 – November 2008

Club Officer Nominations for 2009

Election of club officers for 2009 will be held at the next meeting. That meeting will be on Friday November 21st, 2008 beginning at 7:30PM. Please mark your calendar and be sure to attend the meeting. The slate of officers for 2009 will surely be an asset to the Grayson County ARC. It is very important to have good club officers to keep the organization moving forward.

Also it is extremely important for us as members to attend each and every meeting to show our support for the club and the current officers. Think about programs that you as a club member would like to see presented at meetings.

Make suggestion to the club officers about events or programs that the club may be interested in participating in. As a club member, do you have an idea of how to promote ham radio and increase our membership. It is up to all of us to keep the club and amateur radio well and alive.



Amendments To The Club Constitution and Bylaws

The latest from Moe, NT7C, interim club secretary is that the amendments to the club constitution and bylaws was passing after 70% of the ballots have been returned to him via email. These changes were necessary to meet the IRS requirements for nonprofit tax status. Of course we still have several steps to complete before the club reaches that point.

The two other issues was the number of members that needed to be present when amendments to the club constitution and bylaws are voted on and the means used for members to vote on said amendments.

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.

Red Cross Poker Run

I want to thank those amateurs who helped with the communications for the Red Cross Poker Run. This was a fund raising event for the Cooke, Grayson and Fannin County Red Cross. The assignments were as follows:

1) Start/Finish and the Net Control

Station, K5GCC,

Jim Hunt, KI5DQ

Tammy Jaresh, KD5NIB

2) Bonham Check Point

Donald Hoffman, W5DWH

Jerry Bylander, KE5GPH

3) Tioga Check Point

David Gambill, KD5ZPI

Johnnie Jaresh, KD5NIC

4) Gainesville Check Point

Jim Hubbell, N5COP

Brad McMillion, KE5UMJ

Standby: Richard Dyer, N5GLN, David Anderson, KD5KPR

Mobile Rover: Wilmer, WB5DCU

Everyone did an out standing job of providing good, flawless communications for the event. This was the first year for the event, but it likely will become an annual fund raiser for the tri county Red Cross.

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

Wilmer
WB5DCU

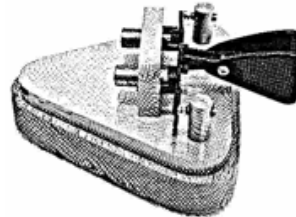
GCARC and Surrounding Area Event Calendar

Grayson County Amateur Radio Club Meeting

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.

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.

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

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

December 06, 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

December 08, 2008, @ 19:00CST <http://www.mckinneyarc.org>

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

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

December 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

December 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

Cowtown Ham Fest

January 09-10, 2009

Lockheed Martin ARC, Lockheed Martin Recreation Area, 3400 Bryant Irvin Road, Fort Worth Texas

<http://cowtownhamfest.org> , Talk-In: 147.280+ (PL 110.9)

Contact: Bill Penny, WM5U, 3532 Guadalupe Road, Fort Worth, TX 76116, 817-992-1379

Buy- Sell-Trade Net 11/21/2008

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

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

55' Rohn 45G Tower, rotor plate, thrust bearing and top plate, 2 guy brackets, 6 Phillystran guys + turnbuckles with hardware.

Complete tower with all above listed Hardware - \$1700.00

Contact: Wilmer - WB5DCU -903 893-5872, wb5dcu1@verizon.net

Wanted – Face Plate for Kenwood TM-V7A

W5DPS, G.B. Hartman , 903-892-9945

Amateur Radio News Around the County

Sherman Red Cross 1st Annual MotorCycle Fund Raiser Rally

November 09, 2008

Several area amateur radio operators provided communications during this event. This fund raiser was choreographed by the Sherman Red Cross along with several local sponsors and private individuals. The fund raiser rally started / ended at Loose Wheels <http://www.loosewheelstexas.com> . Commutations were provided from a net control station located at the event finish line which simultaneously interfaced the event staff to all three rest stops, and support vehicles.



KD5NIB, KC0EHR, WB5DCU, KI5DQ



KD5NIC, KD5NIB, KD5ZPI

Bonham Texas SSTV Repeater

is currently in experimental / development stage.

It is located on 147.470MHz, mode FM, and operational daytime only until about 21:00CST,

You will need software (freeware) located at <http://www.kc1cs.com> and download EasyPal to decode the picture(s). After the software is loaded into your computer, use either your PC microphone or audio line in from your transceiver audio signal.

The contact person is Dave Keene, W5DBK.

BPL Provider to Offer Services in Seven States

<http://www.arrl.org/news/stories/2008/11/12/10449/?nc=1>

<http://www.wtopnews.com/?nid=108&pid=0&sid=1515813&page=1>



What is Code RED?

The Code RED emergency notification system is a communication service available for emergency and non-emergency notifications. Code RED employs intranet mapping capable of geographic targeting of calls, coupled with a telephone calling system capable of delivering a pre-recorded message directly to homes and businesses at the rate of up to 60,000 calls per hour.

Sherman Texas

<http://www.cityofsherman.org/news.asp#article7>

Denison Texas

<http://www.cityofdenison.com/fd/codered.asp>

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 10/31/2008

Starting Acct. _____ \$ 1,289.74

Deposits _____ \$ 0.00

Expenses _____ \$ 0.00

Account Balance of 11/16/2008 is __\$ 989.74

NOTES:

Deposits:

\$ 0.00

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

ARES Net Preamble

The net preamble is always read or stated at the beginning of a net. Listen carefully to the preamble as it will provide all of the information about the net. The preamble will tell you who the net control operator is and what his or her name is, "THIS IS WB5DCU, MY NAME IS WILMER AND I WILL BE YOUR NET CONTROL STATION".

amateurs are eligible for membership.

It will tell you the name of the net and for what purpose it called, a training net, a traffic net or an information net. "THE GRAYSON COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO EMERGENCY SERVICE NET, IT IS A DIRECTED NET AND IS CALLED FOR THE PURPOSE OF TRAINING".

It will tell you who may or may not check into the net. "ALL AMATEUR RADIO STATIONS ARE WELCOME TO CHECK INTO THIS NET".

It will tell you how you will be recognized by the NCS. "AFTER CHECK INS ARE TAKEN YOU WILL BE RECOGNIZED BY NET CONTROL BY USING THE LAST LETTERS OF YOUR CALL OR YOUR FULL CALL IF YOU HAVE A 2 X 1 CALL.

How you check in. "PLEASE USE YOUR FULL CALL WHEN CHECKING INTO THE NET" and "IN GROUPS OF FOUR".

How you check out. "NCS WILL GIVE THE LAST LETTERS OF YOUR CALL, RETURN WITH YOUR FULL TO CHECK OUT".

Checking into and out of the net by following the net preamble is part of the training on good net communications practices. If you don't hear the net preamble just stand by and listen to what other stations are doing and saying. If there is a lull in the net traffic, once you know who the NCS and his call, give your call, let the NCS recognize you and then ask any question you have about the net.

If you have any questions about net operations give me a call or ask me during the net. Don't be bashful, it may help someone else. REMEMBER this is training and part of my responsibility is to teach everyone about proper net operation.



Grayson County AREAS Nets

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

Next Net is 11/23/08

Sherman Warning Siren Test Net

The next warning siren test will be on Wednesday December 3, 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!!!!

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 to all.

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
 350 Mitchell Road
 Sherman, TX 75090-3223
 Home - 903-893-5872

Work – 903-868-7496
 Cell – 903-271-3557
 Pager – 903-867-7294

Send me an ALPHA page –
9038677294@pageaci.com
wb5dcu1@verizon.net

Meeting Minutes 17 October 2008 Meeting

Call to Order by Wilmer Kinsey – WB5DCU – 1932 hours

Introductions were made and roll sheet passed around (with 12 members and guests signing).

Treasurer's report \$989.74 (to print both months in the next club newsletter), and meeting minutes were accepted as printed in the newsletter.

Old business

- Technician Day is coming up Saturday 10/18. This will be for testing radios and explaining concepts to anyone seeking assistance.
- Foxhunt will happen 'sometime'..
- RACES application is now online. This is the State of Texas standardized one that we need to use from now on.
- Wilmer reported on the review of the WNJ & TMC equipment installation.
- Changes to Constitution & Bylaws.
- Secretary to email ballot to all emails on record.
- 'Snail mail' to others as necessary.

New business

- Nominations of Club Officers
 - President – Donald Hoffman – W5DWH
 - Vice President – David Compton – KC0EHR
 - Secretary – Moe Knight – NT7C
 - Treasurer – Ross Chlapecka – KE5NAVElection of Club Officers will take place at the November meeting.
- Next siren test will be 5 November 2008.
- Next VE license session will take place 4 December 2008.

Next meeting 21 November 2008.

Meeting adjourned at 2121 hours

Respectfully submitted,
NT7C – Acting Secretary