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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 – February 2009

Hello Everyone,

This month I thought that I would talk about some recruiting ideas- to convince new people to become hams as well as to encourage current hams into becoming club members.

1. Personalized license plates: with Texas Radio Operator License plates you have a great way to draw attention to ham radio. The next time you are in the parking lot of your favorite store, take the time to notice how many people read your plate. When you see someone eyeing your plate you have the perfect opportunity to tell them about ham radio. If you don't currently have a personalized radio operator plate and want more information, here is the link. <http://rts.texasonline.state.tx.us/NASApp/txdotrts/SpecialPlateOrderServlet?grpid=80&pltid=132>
2. Antennas: Mobile HF antennas are a great attention getter. When you see someone looking at yours, use it as a conversation starter. Of course a tall tower and a large beam or an antenna farm (i.e. Jim KI5DQ) can also be useful as attention getters.
3. Bumper stickers and window decals: The ARRL sells ARRL, ARES and others types. <http://www.arrl.org/catalog/index.php3?category=Pins%2C+Patches%2C+Maps%2C+Gift+Ideas+and+Supplies>
4. SKYWARN vinyl door signs: Wilmer WB5DCU has these available. They are great for use during storm spotting and public service events. Here is an example of how useful these signs are for recruiting and promotion. Jerry KE5GPH, Richard N5GLN and I worked the Red Cross "Ride For the Red" fundraiser last fall. We were station in Bonham at the VFW. As I was sitting in my truck getting ready to leave a few stray bikers showed up. One pulled up next to my truck. He looked over and read the SKYWARN sign on my door, looked up at the sky, then looked at me and said "There are no clouds today, what are you spotting for?" I told him that I was spotting for motorcycles! I then proceeded to tell him what else hams do. This is just one example of how we can promote our hobby.
5. Club shirts and other personalized apparel: Don't just wear your club shirt to our club meetings- after all we already know that you are a club member. Wear them to the store, to the doctor's office, restaurants, etc. I will guarantee you that some one will ask you about your shirt.
6. Talk the talk: Every opportunity that you have, tell others about the hobby. Volunteer to give a speech or demonstration at your church, a school, or other club/organization meetings.
7. QSO's: as you have conversations with other hams in our area tell them about our club- when it meets, what it does, etc. Invite them to a meeting. Are you aware that there are over 430 hams in Grayson County? And that only about 30 are club members? I would like to see that change. As you speak to other hams, ask them why they aren't members. Is it the time or day of the meeting? Is it the club activities, or lack of? Is it personality conflicts with other members? I would appreciate any input on what we can do to make the club more appealing to a wider audience.

For those that already promote ham radio (such as Moe NT7C and Jim KI5DQ that work with the Boy Scouts) - THANKS!

This month's meeting:

1. Wilmer Kinsey WB5DCU will be speaking on radio propagation.
2. We will continue our discussion of possibly having a hamfest.
3. We will start planning Field Day.

Worthwhile Club Project:

We are starting work on a tower/antenna project for a ham in need. We already have donations of 50' of Rohn 25G, a Hygain rotor and a house bracket.

We are seeking donations of the following items:

- Coax: RG213 or LMR400
- HF beam
- Rotor plate for Rohn 25G
- 8 conductor rotor cable
- Sakrete
- Bolts for the 25G sections
- Monetary donations are accepted!

Also club members with shovels, picks, strong backs and arms and that are not afraid to sweat.
For more information on this project contact me W5DWH via any of the methods listed at the bottom of this column or either **before** or **after** the club meeting.

Reminders:

Membership Dues Are Due: It's once again time to pay you membership dues- \$12 for an individual or \$18 for a family membership. Page 12 of this newsletter is a membership application for your convenience. For those that have already paid- thanks!

Skywarn Training:

March 26: Municipal Ballroom in Sherman; 7-9 pm.

If you have any ideas for the club feel free to contact me as I am open to any suggestions and/or comments that you may have. I hope to see you at the club meeting.

You can contact me via the 147.00 repeater as I monitor it at various times during the day as well as from 6-9pm every evening or electroubleshooter@hotmail.com , or on my cell phone at 903-271-0827 up until 9 pm.

Donald Hofmann W5DWH

GCARC and Surrounding Area Event Calendar

Grayson County Amateur Radio Club Meeting

February 20, 2009 @ 19:30CST

Sherman Municipal Airport

1200 S. Dewey Ave

Sherman TX 75090

Program: Radio Propagation presented by Wilmer Kinsey WB5DCU

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

Durant Amateur Repeater Association – Technician Study Class

February 12, 2009

Durant OK 74701

Classes started 02/12, please contact Joe White, K5BQG k5bqq@netcommander.com for the details.

NWS Fort Worth Senior Forecaster Al Moller

As you may know, NWS Fort Worth Senior Forecaster Al Moller retired on January 3.

In celebration of Al's long and distinguished NWS career, we are holding a retirement dinner/party for Al on Friday, February 20.

For more information contact Millie at (817) 831-1157

Or emilia.gutierrez@noaa.gov

Regards,

Gary Woodall

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

February 21, 2009 @ 09:00CST for the FCARC Meeting.

February 21, 2009 @ 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

February 21, 2009

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

ARBONET-3 Weekly Information Net

Wednesday (weekly until ?)

The ARBONET Weekly Information Net is held Wednesday evening at 8:30 PM CST via the facilities of the:

North Texas Repeater Association Repeater Network

Dallas: 442.025 MHz Offset: +5 MHz PL Tone: 127.3

Ft. Worth : 443.450 MHz Offset: + 5 MHZ PL Tone: 127.3

McKinney: 442.575 MHz Offset: + 5 MHz PL Tone: 127.3

The NTXRA network has IRLP capabilities; the node number is 945, channel 1.

Repeaters outside the coverage area of the NTXRA network who have IRLP capabilities can link into the network to participate in the weekly nets.

Anyone interested in Amateur Radio High Altitude Balloon flights or in participating in ARBONET activities is invited to join this weekly on-the-air activity.

73,

Doug Loughmiller, W5BL

8812 Harmony Drive

McKinney, TX 75070

214-455-7071

Chapter 41, QCWA

March 07, 2009

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

ARRL International DX Contest (Phone)

March 07- 08, 2009

Rules, 2008 ARRL International DX Contest

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

McKinney Amateur Radio Club (MARC) Meeting

March 09, 2009 @ 19:00CST <http://www.mckinneyarc.org>

7th Annual IARC HamFest

March 14, 2009

Irving Amateur Radio Club, <http://www.irvingarc.org>

Location: Betcha Bingo Hall #1, 2420 West Irving Blvd., #125, Irving, TX

Talk-In: 146.72/12 (PL 110.9)

Contact: Coleta M. Taylor, KD5QFH

107 East 7th Street, Irving, TX 75060 , Phone: 972-579-9089, coleta.mt@verizon.net

National Weather Service (NWS) Skywarn Storm Spotter Class

March 26, 2009 at 19:00 - 21:00CST

located at 405 N. Rusk Street in Sherman 75090

Skywarn Training for Grayson County will be held in the Ballroom of the Sherman Municipal Building,

Gary Woodall, the Grayson County Warning Coordinator Meteorologist of the National Weather Service will conduct its free annual SkyWarn Storm Spotter class for individuals interested in learning fundamental severe weather formation and reporting instruction. This will allow the individual to become part of the Grayson County early warning program and is the recommended prerequisite for the advanced Skywarn Storm Spotter Class. This program lasts approximately two hours.

Additional NOAA online information can be found at:

<http://www.srh.noaa.gov/fwd/sptrsch.html>



Grayson County Amateur Radio Club (GCARC) VE Test Session

April 02, 2009 @ 19:30CST (First Thursday of every EVEN month – Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, Dec)

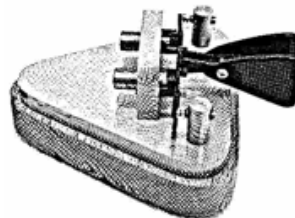
Sherman Municipal Airport, @ 19:30CST

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 2009 is \$15.00 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.



The 5 February 09 VE session had three people taking exams.

By time you read this there will be two new Technicians among us and one upgrade to General – Bob – KE5WPB.

Thanks to all VE's who helped out. Leo, Johnnie, Jim, David, I really appreciate your support; without you it wouldn't be possible.

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.

Amateur Radio Club of Parker County

April 04, 2009

<http://www.w5pc.org>

Couts Methodist Church

802 North Elm Street, Weatherford, TX, 76087

Talk-In: 147.04 (PL 110.9)

Contact: Jim Spaulding, W0UO, 2104 Farmer Road, Weatherford, TX 76087

Phone: 817-448-8024, Email: w0uo@arrl.net

Texoma 9th RC Electric Extravaganza

May 02, 2009

<http://www.texomarc.org>

This is a fly in for all electric powered aircraft. RV's welcome, electric hookups only, \$15 landing fee includes lunch. Pilot meeting 9am. Sponsor: Texoma RC Modelers

Contact: Joe Denney, WD5JME, joe1d@juno.com, 903-819-5843

One pilot started a texomarc yahoo group. On this one you can ask permission to join the group, just say that you talked to Joe Denney about RC flying.

Amateur Radio News Around the County

J. John Thomason, WB5SYT, Appointed West Gulf Division Vice Director

Monday, January 26, 2009, 12:24 PM

ARRL Bulletin 7 ARLB007

With the approval of the ARRL Ethics and Elections Committee, ARRL President Joel Harrison, W5ZN, has appointed Oklahoma Section Manager J. John Thomason, WB5SYT, as Vice Director in the West Gulf Division. Thomason replaces Dr David Woolweaver, K5RAV, who moved up to Director with the retirement of Division Director Coy Day, N5OK, last week.

An Extra class licensee, Thomason has been an ARRL member for more than 20 years and has served as Oklahoma Section Manager since 2003.

While Section Manager, he supported and prompted passage of Oklahoma Senate Bill 426. This bill allows "for the erection of an Amateur Radio antenna or an Amateur Radio antenna support structure at a height and dimension sufficient to accommodate Amateur Radio Service communications." Thomason also represented the League in 2004 at the Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster's (VOAD) national conference. Based on an article in the November 2007 issue of QST, Thomason, with assistance from University of Oklahoma personnel, developed frequency coordination protocol that is now used at that school's home football games.

Laura L. Smith Named to Amateur Radio Enforcement

Monday, January 26, 2009, 12:47 PM

ARRL Bulletin 8 ARLB008

Laura L. Smith of Pennsylvania has been named by the FCC to fill the vacancy created when Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH, retired in 2008 as Special Counsel for the Spectrum Enforcement Division of the FCC's Enforcement Bureau. Hollingsworth served in that position for more than 10 years as the FCC's enforcement watchdog over the Amateur Radio Service.

Calling the FCC's Amateur Radio enforcement program "spectacularly successful," Harrison reminded Martin of the "long period in the late 1980s and 1990s during which the Commission was essentially uninvolved in enforcement in the Amateur Service. The Amateur Service, consisting of some 680,000 licensees of the Commission, is in essence a self-regulating service; however, due to the shared frequency allocations in the Service and the long distance propagation of amateur communications, a very few rule violators can cause severe disruption in the Service. On the other hand, even a minimal Commission presence has a very strong deterrent value."

When Hollingsworth was appointed as Special Counsel for Amateur Radio Enforcement, Harrison said that Hollingsworth "established a visible presence in the Service and very quickly, and with very little investment of Commission resources, using little more than the awareness of an enforcement presence, created strong deterrence against rule violations."

Upon learning of Smith's move to the Amateur Radio enforcement role, Harrison remarked that he was "very pleased to see the Commission move forward with the hiring of a new Special Counsel responsible for enforcement of the Amateur Radio Service rules," said Harrison. "Ever since Riley Hollingsworth announced his retirement, we have met with the Enforcement Chief numerous times and corresponded with FCC Chairman Martin to ensure this position remains intact at FCC.

The Commission acknowledges the self-regulating environment we maintain, but also understands that we need their assistance occasionally to resolve a few situations. They have continually reassured us that this is an important matter for them, and Ms Smith's hiring confirms that."

A few additional (of many) ARRL happenings:

Monday, January 27, 2009,
ARRL Bulletin 9 ARLB009

Budget: The Board voted to adopt the 2009-2010 Plan (as amended), as presented by the Administration and Finance Committee.

Scouting: The Board voted to offer assistance to the Boy Scouts of America and their 2010 National Scout Jamboree. By representing Amateur Radio and participating with K2BSA at the Jamboree in conjunction with the Boy Scouts, the ARRL plans to build on the success of past National Jamborees where thousands of youth learned about the value and enjoyment of Amateur Radio. Teaching the Radio merit badge program, license classes and VE exam sessions have been parts of the quadrennial event that attracts more than 40,000 Scouts and leaders.

QSX – What is it?

QSX is split frequency operation and you will need it to contact K5D and many other DXpeditions and stations. This mode is VERY efficient for fast and multiple transmissions of numerous stations.

Federal Communication Commission Amateur Radio Service Enforcement Actions

...one list to stay off...

<http://www.fcc.gov/eb/AmateurActions/Welcome.html>

Buy- Sell-Trade Net 02/08/2009

FS – 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
 Astron RS-35A Power Supply - \$100.00
 Kantronics KPC3 Packet TNC - \$75.00
 Diawa RS300 Power Supply - \$75.00
 Heathkit SWR and Power Meter - \$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 - \$1500.00
 Hy-Gain TH3MK3 Triband Beam - \$250.00
 Hy-Gain TH5MK4 Triband Beam - \$300.00
 Contact: Wilmer - WB5DCU -903 893-5872, wb5dcu1@verizon.net

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

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

146.985- 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 01/31/2009

Starting Acct. _____ \$ 1,139.38

Deposits _____ \$ 180.00

Expenses _____ \$ (300.00)

Account Balance of 02/15/2009 is __\$ 1019.38

NOTES:

Deposits:

\$ 180.00 – Dues

Expenses:

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

Ross Chlapecka, KE5NAV

GCARC Treasurer

Grayson County RACES / ARES

Wilmer Kinsey, WB5DCU
EC Grayson County

SKYWARN

On Tuesday February 10, 2009 most of north central and northeast Texas including much of Oklahoma east of I35 was placed under a Moderate Risk for severe weather. The surrounding areas were placed under a Slight Risk for severe weather. The following is the NWS definition of Slight, Moderate and High Risk for severe weather.



A SLIGHT risk implies that well-organized severe thunderstorms are expected but in relatively small numbers/coverage, or a small chance of a more significant severe event. Not all severe storm events will be covered with a SLGT risk, especially during the summer when short-lived, "pulse-type" severe storms are relatively common during the afternoon.

A MODERATE risk implies a greater concentration of severe thunderstorms, and in most situations, greater magnitude of severe weather and greater forecaster confidence compared to a SLGT risk. A MDT risk is usually reserved for days with substantial severe storm coverage, or an enhanced chance for a significant severe storm outbreak. Typical MDT risk days include multiple tornadic supercells with very large hail, or intense squall lines with widespread damaging winds.

The HIGH risk implies that a major severe weather outbreak is expected, with large coverage of severe weather and the likelihood of extreme severe (i.e., violent tornadoes or very damaging convective wind events). The HIGH risk category is reserved for the most extreme events with the least forecast uncertainty, and is only used a few times each year.

The NWS forecast for that day was very accurate. We seen a super cell develop in Montague County out ahead of the dry line moving almost directly north across the Red River. It produced an EF4 tornado that caused at least 9 fatalities and millions of dollars in property damage beginning at Lone Grove Oklahoma just west of Ardmore and continuing on to the NNE of Ardmore were it dissipated.

The attached link has some tornado damage photos.

<http://www.oklahomahistory.net/LoneGroveTornado>

Please monitor your local media outlets, NOAA Weather Radio and if you have internet access these web pages:

NWS Storms Prediction Center at Norman Oklahoma - <http://www.spc.noaa.gov>

NWS Fort Worth/Dallas Office - <http://www.srh.noaa.gov/fwd>

NWS Norman Oklahoma Office - <http://www.srh.noaa.gov/oun>

These web pages will have a lot of information about the weather outlook for the next 3 days as well as current forecast.

As we get closer to the day of expected severe weather event the NWS meteorologist will fine tune there forecast and we need to pay closer attention to what they have to say. With the tools they have today they can more accurately forecast what the weather will be like tomorrow. As we move into the spring severe weather season pay very close attention to the forecast and severe weather outlooks.

Remember when we have a SKYWARN Net in operation keep your report short and to the point. Don't forget to tell us were you are located with each report. Stating were you are located also helps the many folks who are listening on scanners to our net and there are quit a few.

I strongly encourage each and everyone of you, plus your family members to attend the up coming Skywarn Training for Grayson County on Thursday March 26, 2009 in the Ballroom of the Sherman Municipal Building.

Skywarn Training for Grayson County

Skywarn Training for Grayson County will be held on Thursday March 26, 2009 at 7:00PM until 9:00PM. It will be held in the Ballroom of the Sherman Municipal Building, located at 405 N. Rusk Street in Sherman.

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 2/22/09

Sherman Warning Siren Test Net

The next warning siren test will be on Wednesday March 04 , 2009 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 16 January 2009 Meeting

Call to Order by Donald Hoffman – W5DWH – 19:30 hours

Introductions were made and roll sheet passed around (with 13 members and guests signing).

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

Special announcement – It was announced that Wilmer's mother passed away recently. Our sympathies go out to Wilmer and his family.

New business

- "Roundtable Discussion" was held regarding DTV
- Moe – NT7C – gave an update on the December VE activity.
- Ross – KE5NAV – announced that Dues are due.

Old Business

- Ham Fest?
 - o Silver Wings has had AC replaced
- Skywarn Training session will be 26 March 2009
 - o 7 to 9 pm
 - o Sherman Municipal Ballroom

New business (continued)

- It was suggested that we create a 'new person' handout.
 - o Give these out to everyone passing one of our VE sessions.
 - o Need 'Elmers' to volunteer their assistance.
 - o List 'Elmers' in handout.
- Joe – WD5JME – spoke of a May fly-in.
 - o Details to be in future newsletter
- A question was raised if we wanted to have another ham fest.
- Field Day 2009
 - o Glenn – W5VQ – was suggested as Chair again.
 - o Or did he volunteer? He didn't sign roster if he was there

Next meeting 20 February 2009.

Meeting adjourned at 20:59 hours

Respectfully submitted,
Moe Knight - NT7C –Secretary

‘2009 Grayson County Amateur Radio Club Dues Form:

Yourself:

_____	_____	_____	_____
First Name	Last Name	Call Sign	Class Held
_____	_____	_____	_____
Street Address	City	State	Zip Code
_____	_____	_____	
Ten digit Telephone Number	E-mail address	ARRL Y/N	

Additional family members:

_____	_____	_____	_____
First Name	Last Name	Call Sign	Class Held
_____	_____	_____	_____
First Name	Last Name	Call Sign	Class Held
_____	_____	_____	_____
First Name	Last Name	Call Sign	Class Held
_____	_____	_____	_____
First Name	Last Name	Call Sign	Class Held

One person individual dues @ \$12 per family
 Family membership dues @ \$18 per family
 Additional family members without additional expense – just fill in another sheet.

Please print this form, fill in and make checks payable to GCARC and bring to a club meeting.

The Grayson County Amateur Radio Club is planning on printing a membership roster. If you want any of the above information withheld from the roster – please place an “X” next to the information you want withheld. By default, all e-mail addresses will be kept private unless you check here: ().

If you can not make the meeting soon, please mail to:
 Grayson County Amateur Radio Club
 C/O: Ross Chlapecka, KE5NAV
 PO BOX 569
 Bells, TX 75414