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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

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Presidents Corner – April 2009

Hello.

Last month we had two events going on. On March 26th SKYWARN training was held. Sixteen hams were in attendance: Rod Gross KD5HQF, Sandy Beach KI5LG, Dorothy Anderson KE5TTV, David Anderson KD5KPR, Sherman Fire Department Chief Jeff Jones N5GRL, Wilmer Kinsey WB5DCU, Moe Knight NT7C, Jim Hunt KI5DQ, Donald Hofmann W5DWH, Brad McMillon KE5UMJ, Richard Muntz KE5UMO, Jerry Bylander KE5GPH, Johnnie Jaresh KD5NIC, Tammy Jaresh KD5NIB, Scott Shaffer KE5NAW and Terry Martin K5UG. (If I left your name off of the list, I apologize.)

Attendance for the event was good and it turned into an interesting evening. Brad KE5UMJ, Jim Hunt KI5DQ and I were sitting together. As the weather west of Gainesville started to build, Brad started receiving text messages informing us of the tornado watch, and then warning. Brad also pulled up the radar on his cell phone so that we could track the progress of the storm as it moved toward Grayson County. As the storm drew nearer, Jim pulled his Yaesu HT from his pocket and tuned in the National Weather Service. In a few minutes, Chief Jeff Jones N5GRL got Wilmer WB5DCU, and after informing Gary Woodall what was happening, they left for the EOC. At intermission, most of the hams went to their cars or pulled out their HT's to see what the status was. By then, the net had been activated so most of the hams left for their spotting positions. I believe that we made quite an impression on the crowd as we went into action. We might have actually scared some of the audience as a friend later told me that about a third of the group left right after we did.

Field Day T-Shirts: Last year the ARRL ran out of T-shirts so we are going to get our order placed early. We will place one large order to save on shipping. This year the shirts are hunter green –still dark for hot Texas summer days but better than last year's black.

Sizes available are:

- Small #0515-S
- Medium #0515-M
- Large #0515-L
- X-Large #0515-XL
- 2X-Large #0515-2XL
- 3X-Large #0515-3XL
- 4X-Large #0515-4XL

If you want a shirt or shirts send a check made out to the Grayson County Amateur Radio Club in the amount of \$14.00 for each shirt (\$12.95 + \$1.05 shipping) to Ross Chlapecka KE5NAV or bring it to the April meeting. Tell him the number of shirts and sizes that you want. You may also mail it to:

Grayson County Amateur Radio Club
c/o Ross Chlapecka
PO Box 569
Bells, TX 75414-0569

The deadline for the shirt order will be April 30, 2009.



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 15 of this newsletter is a membership application for your convenience. For those that have already paid- thanks!

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 email at w5dwh.donald@gmail.com

Via the 147.00 repeater as I monitor it at various times during the day as well as evenings

Via cell phone at 903-271-0827 up until 9 pm (in emergencies call 24/7)

73 Donald Hofmann W5DWH

GCARC and Surrounding Area Event Calendar

Grayson County Amateur Radio Club (GCARC) Meeting

April 17, 2009 @ 19:30CST

Sherman Municipal Airport

1200 S. Dewey Ave

Sherman TX 75090

<http://www.k5gcc.us>

Program: Sarah Somers, Grayson County's Emergency Manager will speak about the Grayson County Office of Emergency Management and emergency preparedness.

McKinney Amateur Radio Club (MARC) Meeting

April 14, 2009 @ 19:00CST

<http://www.mckinneyarc.org>

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

April 17, 2009 @ 09:30CST for the FCARC Meeting.

April 17, 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 @ 07:30CST.

Contact: Roger Ashcroft, President

<http://www.k5frc.org>

Temple ARC - HamExpo Hamfest

April 18, 2009 <http://www.beltonhamexpo.org>

1802 South 13th Street

Temple, TX 76504

Phone: 254-773-3590, Fax: 254-231-4128

Talk-In: 146.820 - (PL 123.0)

Contact: Mike LeFan, WA5EQQ expo@tarc.org

Grayson County Amateur Radio Club (GCARC) Meeting

May 15, 2009 @ 19:30CST

Sherman Municipal Airport

1200 S. Dewey Ave

Sherman TX 75090

<http://www.k5gcc.us>

Program: TBA

North Texas Balloon Project – ARBONET-3

<http://www.arbonet.net>

April 11, 2009 Launch date was Scubbed. Please check the website for further details on the ARBONET-3 balloon launch at Clarksville, TX.

Dallas Chapter of the Quarter Century Wireless Association, Dallas Chapter #41

May 02, 2009

Midway Pointe Restaurant, S-W corner of Loop I-635 and Midway Roads in Dallas.

Featured Program: a 2-hour presentation of the Sun and Solar Sun Spot Cycles at 12:00CST.

QCWZ best buckles are available for purchase @ \$24.95 each and are available for immediate delivery.

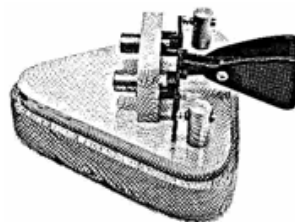
For additional details, please contact: Steve Brodie, K5ZYZ, 903-786-4064, 903-818-0234 (cell)

Grayson County Amateur Radio Club (GCARC) Meeting

May 15, 2009 @ 19:30CST
 Sherman Municipal Airport
 1200 S. Dewey Ave
 Sherman TX 75090
<http://www.k5gcc.us>
 Program: TBA

Grayson County Amateur Radio Club (GCARC) VE Test Session

June 04, 2009 @ 19:30CST (First Thursday of every EVEN month – Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, Dec)
 Sherman Municipal Airport
 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 \$15.00 fee and is at the exclusive discretion of the VE team.

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.

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 2 April 09 VE session had four people taking exams. There are two new Technicians – Grace – KF5AHW & Jeff – KF5AHX among us, one new (no previous license) General – Albert – KF5AHY, and one new (no previous license) Extra – Michael – AE5LR. When you hear these people on the air please welcome them warmly. Thanks to all VE's who helped out. Leo, Johnnie, and David, I really appreciate your support; without you it wouldn't be possible.

Ham-Com 2009 - West Gulf Division Convention

June 12-13, 2009 <http://www.hamcom.org>
 Ham-Com, Inc. & Plano Amateur Radio Klub
 Talk-In: 147.18 (PL 107.2)
 Contact: Barry A. Goldblatt, WA5KXX wa5kxx@verizon.net
 PO Box 12774 Dallas, TX 75225-0774
 Phone: 972-596-4669 Fax: 972-596-6161

Ham Holiday 2009 – Oklahoma Section Convention

July 24-25, 2009 <http://www.hamholiday.com>
 13301 S. Pennsylvania Avenue, Oklahoma City, OK 73170
 Phone: 405-843-4705 Fax: 405-841-2624
 Talk-In: 146.82 (PL 151.4)
 Contact: Bill Wilburn, N5NUK n5nuk@sbcglobal.net

Cook County ARC Hamfest

August 22, 2009 <http://www.gainesvillehamfest.org>
 Gainesville Civic Center 311 South Weaver Street Gainesville, TX 76240
 Talk-In: 147.340 w/100Hz PL & 442.775 w/100Hz PL
 Contact: James K. Floyd, N5ZPU 1704 East California Street Gainesville, TX 76240
 Phone: 940-668-7511 jfloyd@swbell.net

Amateur Radio News Around the County

National Weather Service (NWS) Skywarn Storm Spotter Class



Gary Woodall, the Grayson County Warning Coordinator Meteorologist of the National Weather Service conducted the free annual SkyWarn Storm Spotter class for individuals interested in learning fundamental severe weather formation and reporting instruction in Sherman Texas. This will allow the individual to become part of the Grayson County early warning program and is the recommended prerequisite for the advanced NOAA online Spotter Class. Additional NOAA online information can be found at:

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

For more local information, call Chief Jeff Jones at the Sherman Fire Department (903-892-7365).





Grayson County Red Cross Motorcycle Run Fund Raiser

The second event that we participated in was the Red Cross Motorcycle Run on March 29th. This event started at the Loose Wheels Club, then progressed to Pottsville, Bonham, Van Alstyne, and then back to Loose Wheels. Net Control was at Loose Wheels. Johnnie Jaresh KD5NIC & Tammy Jaresh KD5NIB served as our net controllers. If you monitored the net you may have noticed that the voice of net control was rapidly changing from male to female as Johnnie and Tammy parlayed for control of the mike. David Compton KC0EHR served as referee between the two. Jerry Bylander KE5GPH operated the Pottsville rest stop at the Country Store. Wilmer Kinsey WB5DCU and Geri Kinsey KC5CSZ operated the Bonham rest stop at the American Legion. Brad McMillon KE5UMJ operated the Van Alstyne rest stop at the La Colina restaurant. W5DWH served as "the troubleshooter" in case something went wrong but all equipment functioned properly. The weather was nice, participation in the event was good and it was a nice day. Thanks to all of the hams that assisted.



KD5NIC, KC0EHR, ND5NIB, W5DWH



WB5DCU



American Legion checkpoint – Bonham TX, by Gerri, KC5CSZ and Wilmer WB5DCU



Country Store checkpoint – Pottsboro TX, by Jerry Bylander KE5GPH

Grayson County TX Hams Yahoo Group

W5WDH has started a new Yahoo Group for all area residents to use for sharing information. By the way, you do not have to be a ham to join. If you are interested in ham radio please join the group and post any ham radio related questions that you have. We currently have 15 members. You can view the messages in the group without joining, but not the files or links. It doesn't cost anything to join. All that you need to do is to create a Yahoo account (if you don't already have one). Then ask to join the group and W5WDH will let you in. Fannin County has had a Yahoo Group for years and it has quite a bit of activity. Hopefully ours will grow as well. http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Grayson_County_TX_Hams

For those individuals needing calculation assistance:

<http://www.calculatoredge.com/#electronics>

Virus / Spyware / Malware

de James, KI5DQ

Several years have passed since I have last placed a bulletin within this newsletter regarding Virus / Spyware / Malware safeguards. These three parasites WILL harm your computer integrity, most often a Windows based computer.

Any combination of these parasites will do various damage, including disabling your firewall(s), disabling your Windows updates, dropping your "cookie" level to accepting all cookies, disabling your anti-virus/spyware/malware program(s). After the initial damage is done, additional payloads possibly will load/execute within your PC to delete files, steal passwords, key-logger executables and or "robotize" your computer.

Most of this activity is not detectable by the average user. The crafty programmers have cloaked their activity very well.

Easy prevention/detection is available. Do not depend on the free anti-virus websites/shareware. A paid subscription is a must, no exceptions. In addition to anti-virus, you should also a spyware/malware program installed on your computer. These programs must be running in the background and have the signatures files updated at least 3x weekly. Be sure to have all your Windows "Updates" accomplished on a weekly basis.

Once you have all your safeguards in place; including your PC passing an up-to-date internal antivirus / Spyware / Malware examine, an easy additional check is going to: <http://www.joestewart.org> and start by clicking on the Conficker Eye Chart. After your computer has passed this checkpoint, browse the rest of the website.

If your computer(s) fail any test, please disconnect it from the internet and fix it. Some of this viruses/spyware/malware will re-populate themselves if you try to remove them, hence removal is almost impossible. The sick computer should have all data backed up prior this event and the user will have to do the dreaded "Format C:/" routine or take the computer to a reliable computer repair shop.

Buy- Sell-Trade Net 03/08/2009

FS - ICOM 471A 70cm all mode transceiver.

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

FS- Kantronics KPC3 Packet TNC -\$75.00

Heathkit SWR and Power meter -\$25.00

55' Rohn 45G Tower, rotor plate, thrust bearing and top plate, 2 guy bradcdkets, 6 Phillystran guys + turnbuckles with hardware. Complete tower and all listed hardware - \$1500.00

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

Wanted – Face Plate for Kenwood TM-V7A

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

Free/Give Away – Military RF Signal Generator 10 to 420MHz Model #TS510A/U

Contact: Bill, W5ET 903-819-0672

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/118.8PL

147.255+ MHz w/118.8PL

Van Alstyne TX

443.800+ MHz w/141.3PL

Gainesville TX Repeater

147.340+ MHz w/100.0PL

Bonham TX Repeater

145.470- MHz

McKinney TX Repeater

146.740-MHz w/110.9PL

Rosston TX

145.490-MHz w/84.5PL

McKinney Info Net

Each Sunday @ 2000CST on the 146.740 repeater with Mike N5BQZ as net manager

McKinney 6 meter AM Net

Each Wednesday @ 22:00CST on 50.400MHz



GCARC Treasury Report

Bank Statement of 03/31//2009

Starting Acct. _____	\$ 1,445.38
Deposits _____	\$ 58.00
Expenses _____	\$ (300)
Account Balance of 04/14/2009 _____	\$1,203.38

NOTES:

Deposits:

\$ 30.00 – Dues

\$ 28.00 – Field Day T-Shirts

Expenses:

\$ (300 place holder for non-profit filing)\

Updated 04/14/2009

Ross Chlapecka, KE5NAV

GCARC Treasurer

Grayson County RACES and ARES

Wilmer Kinsey, WB5DCU
EC Grayson County

National Weather Service – Fort Worth/Dallas

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

They have made some great improvements in content and presentation. Check the tabs that appear between the graphics and the map of counties that are in their forecast area.



An Introduction to Storm Observation and Reporting

by The National Weather Service Norman, Oklahoma

Since our SKYWARN Training session was interrupted by severe weather on Thursday March 26, 2009 I thought the following would be an appropriate subject for this month's ARES/RACES subject.

An Introduction to Storm Observation and Reporting by the National Weather Service Office in Norman, Oklahoma, the URL is:

<http://www.srh.noaa.gov/oun/stormspotting>

This web site has several tabs across the top you can click on, STORM SPOTTING INTRODUCTION, USING NWS INFO, STORM SPOTTING BASICS, STORM SPOTTER SAFETY, REPORTING SEVERE WEATHER and the SKYWARN PAGE. Even if you have attended any of the SKYWARN training sessions in the past this is a good review of storm spotter basics.

One of the tabs, REPORTING SEVERE WEATHER is the tab I want to concentrate on in this article. We are going to review the criteria and the way we report severe weather. As all of you know our SKYWARN Net is run from the Sherman EOC using the call sign, WC5GC. Sometime I may run the net from my house, but only if we are NOT under a TORNADO WATCH. The reports we receive from our spotters may be relayed or passed along to the NWS Fort Worth/Dallas Office.

This may be done on 2 meters, by phone or other means of communication with the NWS.

The following comes from the tab REPORTING SEVERE WEATHER:

Reporting Severe Weather

Spotters provide an invaluable service to their communities and to the National Weather Service.

Spotter reports help your community by assisting local public safety officials in making critical decisions to protect lives – when to sound sirens, activate safety plans, etc

Spotter reports also help the NWS in the warning process. Your report becomes part of the warning decision making process, and is combined with radar data and other information and used by NWS forecasters to decide whether or not to:

- **Issue a new warning**
- **Cancel an existing warning**
- **Continue a warning**
- **Issue a warning for the next county**
- **Change the warning type (from severe thunderstorm to tornado, for example)**

For your reports to be the most useful, they should be as detailed, accurate and timely as possible. Use the guidelines below to help you make your report:

The Importance of Coordination

Spotter networks usually work best when a central location (an EOC or warning point, for example) collects reports from the local spotter network, then relays a consolidated report to the National Weather Service. This reduces duplicate reports and makes the system flow smoothly.

In this type of network, communication between the spotter and the control point must be clear to avoid misinterpretation. As a report is relayed through multiple sources, the chances for error being introduced into the chain grow.

Look at this example:

ORIGINAL SPOTTER REPORT at 730 PM:

“I am 3 miles north of Mayberry on Highway 78. I see a tornado about 5 miles to my northwest. It looks to be moving east along Highway 412”

Spotter report is relayed to another station, who relays it to the county warning point, who relays it to the NWS.

REPORT AS RECEIVED BY NWS at 740 PM:

“There is a tornado in Mayberry”

Obviously, the report the NWS received is not accurate – the location and the time are incorrect.

WHAT TO REPORT:

Weather Events

Although reporting criteria may vary slightly depending on the spotter network and local needs, these are the events the National Weather Service would like to know about as soon as possible:

TORNADO		
FUNNEL CLOUD		Organized, persistent, sustained rotation
WALL CLOUD		Organized, persistent, sustained rotation
HAIL	Dime size or larger	Report the largest size hailstone
WIND GUSTS	58 mph or higher	Specify estimate or measurement
FLOODING		Flooding that impacts roads, homes or businesses.
STORM DAMAGE		Damage to structures (roof, siding, windows, etc) Damage to vehicles (from hail or wind) Trees or large limbs down Power/telephone poles or lines down Damage to farm equipment, machinery, etc

Again, reports should provide as much detail as possible to describe the where, when, how, etc of the event.

Some commonly used hail sizes

Pea	.25 inch	Golf Ball	1.75 inch
Half-inch	.50 inch	Hen Egg	2.00 inch
Dime	.75 inch	Tennis Ball	2.50 inch
Nickel	.88 inch	Baseball	2.75 inch
Quarter	1.00 inch	Tea Cup	3.00 inch
Half Dollar	1.25 inch	Grapefruit	4.00 inch
Ping Pong Ball	1.50 inch	Softball	4.50 inch

General Guidelines for Estimating Wind Speeds

30-44 mph (26-39 kt)	Whole trees in motion. Inconvenient walking into the wind. Light-weight loose objects (e.g., lawn furniture) tossed or toppled.
45-57 mph (39-49 kt)	Large trees bend; twigs, small limbs break and a few larger dead or weak branches may break. Old/weak structures (e.g., sheds, barns) may sustain minor damage (roof, doors). Buildings partially under construction may be damaged. A few loose shingles removed from houses.
58-74 mph (50-64 kt)	Large limbs break; shallow rooted trees pushed over. Semi-trucks overturned. More significant damage to old/weak structures. Shingles, awnings removed from houses; damage to chimneys and antennas.

75-89 mph (65-77 kt)	Widespread damage to trees with large limbs down or trees broken/uprooted. Mobile homes may be pushed off foundation or overturned. Roof may be partially peeled off industrial/commercial/warehouse buildings. Some minor roof damage to homes. Weak structures (e.g., farm buildings, airplane hangars) may be severely damaged.
90+ mph (78+ kt)	Many large trees broken and uprooted. Mobile homes damaged. Roofs partially peeled off homes and buildings. Moving automobiles pushed off the road. Barns, sheds demolished.

How To Report

Your severe weather report should be detailed but concise, and should address the following questions:

WHAT did you see?

WHERE did you see it? Report the location/approximate location of the event. Be sure to distinguish clearly between where you are and where the event is thought to be happening (“I’m 5 miles north of Mayberry. The tornado looks to be about 5 miles to my northwest”).

WHEN did you see it? Be sure that reports that are relayed through multiple sources carry the time of the event, NOT the report time.

Any other details that are important - **How long did it last? Direction of travel? Was there damage? etc.**

Please remember to give **your location** each time you make a report to the Net Control Station.

Keep you **report short and to the point**, taking up too much time making your report may prevent another spotter from making a very important report of severe weather at his or her location.

Listen and pay very close attention to what other spotters are reporting. What they are reporting may have an impact on your spotter location in a short time.

Remember, DO NOT report anything with less severity than what has been reported. As an example, if a spotter has reported dime size hail, do not report anything less than that hail size. The exception is if the weather conditions begin to deteriorate at your location, if you begin to have pea size hail, heavy rains and wind speeds of 45/50 mph or higher do not hesitate, report those conditions immediately. You have to be the judge, but listening closely to the other reports will help you out with the decision of whether or not you should make that report at that time.

Grayson County ARES Nets

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

Next Net is 4/26/09

Sherman Warning Siren Test Net for May 2009

The next warning siren test will be on Wednesday May 6, 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 & TECA Patches & Window Stickers

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 (TECA) 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
 Home - 903-893-5872
 Cell - 903-271-3557
 Pager - 903-867-7294
 Send me an ALPHA page - 9038677294@pageaci.com
 E-mail: wb5dcu1@verizon.net

Meeting Minutes 20 March 2009 Meeting

Call to Order by Donald Hofmann – W5DWH – 1929 hours

Introductions were made and roll sheet passed around (with 21 members and guests signing).

Treasurer's report correct as printed in newsletter, and meeting minutes approved after correcting the misspelling of Donald's – W5DWH – last name.

Wilmer – WB5DCU – read a proclamation from Gov. Rick Perry. Wilmer then gave a talk on propagation followed by information on solar indices by Paul – K1PKZ.

It was announced that Jerry – KJ5I – had been ill recently.

Old Business

- Reminder of Skywarn training 26 March (and didn't that turn out special?).
- Field Day – Glenn – W5VQ – announced he has three radios and two laptops for Field day. He needs one more laptop. Moe – NT7C – will bring a radio and laptop for the digital station.
- Wilmer – WB5DCU – confirmed he will be our activities director.

New Business

- A Yahoo Users Group has been created for information sharing between Grayson County hams (or anyone else interested.)
- Club meeting dates on the Club web site has been fixed.
- Field Day tee shirts are available for \$14 each. Get money to Ross – KE5NAV – at the next meeting or via mail. Hurry, last year the League ran out of shirts.
- TMC and the architects have agreed on 2 antennas on the roof and 2 radios (one each for ER and Train Room/EOC).
- Wilmer met with Sarah Somers regarding the relocation of the County EOC to the 3rd floor. This will result in a shorter antenna cable run. It was noted there is a communications hole between here and Dallas for communicating requests from the State. Three repeaters have been identified that we can talk to Dallas if need be.
- There will be a Net Meeting on Sunday, 29 March from the National Weather Service on interpreting Doppler radar. Audio will be on 146.700 or 441.925

Next meeting 17 April 2009.

Meeting adjourned at 2039 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
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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:

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