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Deadline: Saturday @ 19:00CST before GCARC Meeting. The K5GCC Newsletter will be published ~36 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 – November 2009

Greetings,

There were a couple of events going on since our last meeting.

Texoma Hamarama: This ham fest was held at the Ardmore Convention Center. Turn out was good. All tables were full and the aisles were packed. I estimate over 100 cars in the parking lots. Hams from our area that attended were: Steve- K5ZYZ, Ron- W4RJE, Willie- WB5JCT, Rod- KD5HQF, Linda- W5ULY, Bob- KC5ZFX, and Donald -W5DWH. Gordon-N5TPO had his “hardware store” there.

Halloween Mall Watch: On Halloween evening we provided support to the mall security to ensure that all trick- or treaters had a safe event. Paul -K1PKZ was our net control. Other hams participating were: Wilmer- WB5DCU, Donald -W5DWH, John -WD0FIN, Bob- NJ5A, Bob -W5DSA, Jack -N5MME, Brad- KE5UMJ, Sarge- KE5YPB, Linda- KE5YUC, Alan- KC5KNV, Michael- AE5LR, Gracie- KF5AHW and Moe-NT7C

Texoma Red Cross 2nd Annual Ride for the Red poker run & chili cook off: The event was held on Sunday, November the 8th. Tammy- KD5NIB and Johnnie - KD5NIC served as net control at Loose Wheels. Wilmer -WB5DCU provided technical support. Bob -NJ5A and Donald- W5DWH manned the VFW rest stop on Lake Bonham. Brad -KE5UMJ and Jim- N5COP manned the rest stop at the Longhorn Ranch Store and Grill in Whitesboro. John- WD0FIN and Richard- N5GLN manned the rest stop at Western Land and Leather in Sherman. Jack -N5MME and David -KC0EHR assisted with traffic control and parking. Approximately 150 bikes participated.

Some event photos are on page: 5

This month's meeting:

Speaker: The program for the November club meeting will be about the new Texoma Medical Center and the scheduled move from the old building to the new building. Donna Glenn, RN, Director of Infection Prevention and Control for Texoma Medical Center will present the program.

Election for club officers: At this month's meeting we will elect next year's officers.

Christmas Party: We will discuss our plans for our annual Christmas party.

If you have any suggestions or comments, please 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

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GCARC and Surrounding Area Event Calendar

Grayson County Amateur Radio Club (GCARC) Meeting

November 20, 2009 @ 19:30CST

Sherman Municipal Airport

1200 S. Dewey Ave

Sherman TX 75090

<http://www.k5gcc.us>

Program: Donna Glenn, RN, Director of infection prevention and control of Texoma Medical Center will present the transition of the new Texoma Medical Center from the scheduled move from the old building.

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

November 21, 2009 @ 09:30CST for the FCARC Meeting.

November 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 @ 07:30CST.

Contact: Roger Ashcroft, President

<http://www.k5frc.org>

Grayson County Amateur Radio Club (GCARC) VE Test Session

December 03, 2009 @ 19:30CST (First Thursday of every EVEN month – Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct, Dec)

Sherman Municipal Airport

1200 S. Dewey Ave

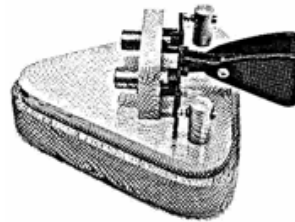
Sherman TX 75090

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.

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.

The 1 October 09 VE session had four persons taking exams. All four individuals passed their exams. Evan (who will be ten next month) passed his Technician license, two individuals – including our own Wade – KF5AUD – upgraded to General and one individual upgraded to Extra. Thanks to all VE's who helped out. Leo, Johnnie, and Bob, I really appreciate your support; without you it wouldn't be possible. There are no new classes scheduled at this moment. Wilmer and I were disappointed in September when nobody showed up for the Technician class. We have cancelled the follow up class for October. I am working on a new class for upgrading from Technician to General. If you would be interested in this class please let me know. It is probably a year out before I have everything ready.



McKinney Amateur Radio Club (MARC) Meeting

December 08, 2009 @ 19:00CST <http://www.mckinneyarc.org>

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

December 12, 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

December xx, 2009 @ xx:xxCST

No meeting – just a Christmas dinner with fellowship. Time and place TBA.

Amateur Radio News Around the County

Belton Hamfest - parking lot spotting

Grayson and Fanning Counties were represented at the October '2009 Belton Hamfest by several local amateur radio operators.



Gary (Willie) – WB5JCT, Brad – K5AR, Glen – WV5Q, Bob Shires – KC5ZFX, Wilmer – WB5DCU, Tammy – KD5NIB, Alan – KC5KNV, Johnny – KD5NIC

Grayson County Code Red Program at the Grayson County Fair

The URL link to the Grayson County CodeRED web page: <http://www.co.grayson.tx.us/EM/CodeRED.htm>



Wilmer – WB5DCU, Tammy – KD5NIB (aka 911 – Red e Fox), Johnny – KD5NIC, Gary (Willie) Spicer – WB5JCT

Texoma Red Cross 2nd Annual Ride for the Red Poker Run

November 8, 2009 <http://www.texoma.redcross.org>

Grayson County amateur radio operators assisted with communications for this fund raiser event.



N5MME, KD5NIC, KD5NIB, KC0EHR, WB5DCU
at Loose Wheels, Sherman Texas



Bob – NJ5A at the Bonham TX rest stop.

Also helping at some of the checkpoints were:
Donald – W5DWH, Bob – NJ5A,
John – WD0FIN, Richard – N5GLN,
Jim – N5COP, Brad – KE5UMJ



Buy- Sell-Trade Net 11/08/2009

FS – Yaesu FT-250r Hand Held w/desktop charger, 1400maH battery.
Contact: Dwain, N0WDH, 580-847-2585

FS – Unadilla KW-17 Reyco 17 meter coils. Add 17 meters to your existing wire dipole or aluminum tubing antenna (<http://www.unadilla.com/?cat=6>). Contact: James, KI5DQ, 903-891-1701.

FS – 3 - Mini Ham Stick antennas, 40 meter, 20 meter and 17 meter, all have 3/8" threaded mount.
1 - Regular size Ham Stick antenna for 75 meters
1 - 3/8" to MNO mount adapter
5 - 3/8" Ham Stick antenna mount adapter
Contact: Tom, N5XBR, Home - 903-892-0249, If he is not home, leave a message.

FS – 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 – Yaesu FL-2100B Linear Amplifier Cover 80, 40, 20, 15 & 10 Meters - \$350.00
DOES NOT COVER 30, 17 or 12 Meters
Contact: Wilmer – WB5DCU, 903-893-5872 wb5dcu1@verizon.net

FS – Heathkit SWR and Power meter \$25.00
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Free/Give Away – 1 to 2 years of QST magazines
Contact: Gene – W5DPS, 903-892-9945

FS – Heathkit SWR and Power meter -\$25.00
Contact: Wilmer – WB5DCU, 903-893-5872 wb5dcu1@verizon.net

FS – Rohn 25G - 70' tower for sale, located by Pottsboro Texas. This tower is still standing and will have to be taken down by the purchaser.
Contact: Jim Speers at jspeers@se.edu for details.

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.

Ladies Net – every Thursday

Ladies Net every Thursday @ 20:00CST on the 147.000+ (100.0 PL) repeater.

Linda, KE5YUC Net Control Operator.

Grayson County ARES Net

2nd/4th Sundays @ 21:00CST on the 147.000+ (100.0 PL) repeater.

This is a directed information net. Wilmer

Kinsey, WB5DCU, Net control

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 10/30//2009

Starting Acct. _____	\$ 1,747.23
Deposits _____	\$ 12
Expenses _____	\$ 302
Account Balance of 11/15/2009 _____	\$1,457.23

NOTES:

Deposits:

\$ 12 Dues

Expenses:

\$300 non-profit filing

\$2 Shirt refund

Updated 11/15/2009

Ross Chlapecka, KE5NAV

GCARC Treasurer

Grayson County RACES and ARES

Wilmer Kinsey, WB5DCU
EC Grayson County

Midway Mall Halloween Watch

We were invited back to Midway Mall this year by the new manager to continue our mall watch program. Danny Monk who works for Mall Security called me and told me that he thought the previous manager had the mall maintenance crew remove our j-pole antenna. I went out to the mall on Friday, 10/30/09 went upon the roof, not only had the antenna been removed, but they cut the PL259 connector off of the coax. I went back out that afternoon, put a new PL259 on the coax and put a mag mount 2 meter/70cm antenna on top a air conditioning unit. That worked well the first evening out so we will just use the same antenna when we are out on the mall watch.



Our first night out was Halloween Saturday, October 31st. Started at 6:00 PM and went until 8:00 PM. I think the most serious incident was someone got so excited about free candy that they forgot to close their car door. I think everything went quite well.

I want to thank following hams who participated in the Halloween Mall Watch Program and Paul, K1PKZ, who did a very good job as our Net Control Operator.

Paul, K1PKZ
Donald, W5DWH
John, WD0FIN
Moe, NT7C
Bob, NJ5A
Bob, W5DSA
Jack, N5MME

Brad, KE5UMJ
Sarge, KE5YPB
Linda, KE5YUC
Allan, KC5KMV
Michael, AE5LR
Grace, KF5AHW

We will continue the Mall Watch Program on Friday November 27th and Saturday November 28th. Those are the two big shopping days after Thanksgiving. We will likely start at 6:00 PM and run until 9:00 PM both evenings. We could quit earlier depending on the number of shoppers each evening.

We will then go back a few evenings just before Christmas. Those times and dates are yet to be determined.

Red Cross "Ride for the Red"

On Sunday November 8, 2009 from 10:00 AM until 4:00 PM we provided communications for the Red Cross's fund raiser "Ride for the Red". This was a Motorcycle Poker Run that had a start/finish point plus three check points. The registered motorcycle rider drew a card at the start point, then one card at each check point and the last card at the finish point. If they had the right five cards, and I don't know what that had to be, they could win a new Harley Davidson Motorcycle.

I would like to thank the following hams for helping with this event.

Net Control at Loose Wheels Bar & Grill: Tammy, KD5NIB and Johnnie, KD5NIC.

Check Point 1: VFW on Lake Bonham, Bob, NJ5A and Donald, W5DWH.

Check Point 2: Western Land & Leather, 212 N Crockett, Sherman, John, WD0FIN and Richard, N5GLN

Check Point 3: Longhorn Ranch Store and Grill, US HW 82, Whitesboro, Brad, KER5UMJ and Jim, N5COP.

There were approximately 150 motorcycle riders that participated in the "Ride for the Red".

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 11/22/2009

Sherman Warning Siren Test Net for December 2009

The next warning siren test will be on Wednesday December 2, 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!!!!

Grayson County LEPC

The Grayson County Local Emergency Planning Committee meets the first Thursday of each month at 8:00AM at the Grayson County Courthouse, Second Floor, Assembly Room. This meeting is open to the public.

<http://www.co.grayson.tx.us/EM/lepc.htm>

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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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 16 October 2009 Meeting

Call to Order by Donald Hofmann – W5DWH – 1932 hours

Introductions were made and roll sheet passed around (18 members & visitors).

Treasurer's report (August & September) approved as printed in newsletter.
Minutes approved as printed in newsletter.

Nominations for 2010 Officers

Treasurer – Jerry Bylander – KE5GPH
Secretary – Rick Simmons – K3ECX
Vice President – Moe Knight – NT7C
President – David Compton – KC0EHR

Old Business

- Some club members may have a refund coming for the purchase of club shirts. Please see Ross to find if you are owed a refund.
- Reports were given by various members on
 - Grayson County Fair participation
 - Paris Hamfest
 - Belton Hamfest
 - October VE test session
 - Ladies Net Out
 - Simulated Emergency Test

New Business

- Red Cross is holding a Poker Run on Sunday, 8 November 2009. More info and request for volunteers will come via email.
- We have been asked to participate in a "Mall Watch" on Halloween night at Midway Mall.
- TMC is moving to their new facility either the 27th or 28th of December. We will be participating in case additional communications are needed.
- 501(c)3 Franchise Tax IRS filing is coming up
- Discussion of web site maintenance
- It was decided to grant Jim Hubble – N5COP – free club membership as long as he is web master.

Next meeting 20 November 2009.

Meeting adjourned at 2119 hours

Respectfully submitted,
Moe Knight - NT7C –Secretary