

The President's QSO – January 2018

By Trevor Reed

Hi everyone! It is my pleasure to serve the club as president for this year. At the meeting on Friday we talked about many things that we have planned for the club. We discussed the tower project that we have been planning for the past year. Mark KF5UZW is the head of that project. Also, in the not too distant future, there will be classes available that will be held at the Grayson County College by Lee, N5SLY that will help people figure out the basics of radios and “what does all these buttons and knobs do?” We also discussed adding more events that pertain to public service, such as the bike rally and hopefully we can get more events on the calendar other than just the bike rally. If you see or hear of an event that you think the club could participate in, please get in touch with me and we can look into it. We also talked about changes to the newsletter and website that James KW5CW is taking over. He will demonstrate the new website at the March meeting now scheduled on March 16. We also as a club decided to move the club information nets to the 444.750 PL 100.0 + 5.00 W5RVT repeater due to the repeater having a better range and is not “frying bacon” like the 147.280 is. As of right now the 147.000 is located at Tom Bean’s residence, operating in low power mode. We do not know a time frame for when it will be back up at the water tower off Gallagher street in Sherman. Another item that treasurer Marvin KG5GMA brought up is that he is the only officer presently that can sign club checks at this time, and this is something that needs to be changed. It was decided that a minimum of two people, the treasurer and a regular member of the club needs to be able to sign the checks. With having only one person to sign checks, that can be dangerous. If Marvin is not available to sign a check because he is not available at that time, it could create an issue that would put the club in a bad situation. Finally, the last topic discussed was about maybe moving the club meeting night from a Friday night to a different night during the week. There was good discussion on this topic and I personally feel for the future of the club that this is something that needs to be done. I know that there are ‘bad’ nights for most all members, and if I could, I would add a new day to the week called “Ham day” that's dedicated to ham radio, but obviously that's not possible. I want everyone to understand that if we do change meeting nights it will be months down the line and **NOT** something that will happen immediately. We have some awesome things and events planned for the club this year. Also, we would love to have help with the classes and events we have planned. I truly believe the GCARC will be getting better. There will be some hard times but we will adapt and overcome. It's going to be an awesome and fun year!!

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