

## The Presidents QSO – April 2018

By Trevor Reed

Hi all,

Since February we have had some very exceptional meetings. To top it off, everyone should agree that our April meeting was one of the very best, thanks to a very special guest speaker – Jason Johnston – KC5HWB, author of Ham Radio 2.0 which is an ongoing YouTube presentation found at [www.LiveFromTheHamshack.TV](http://www.LiveFromTheHamshack.TV). There are presently 135 episodes to watch so far. Below is a picture from Episode 135. Interest is up as we continue to have record turnout at our meetings. If you didn't know previously about DMR (Digital Mobile Radio), you do now if you attended our last meeting. That's why you need to attend each month. Make your membership count. Look for Jason at HamCom in Plano on June 8-10 with more presentations and special deals. Jason also owns and manages Grapevine Radio, and you can find a link on our website to his store website. A special thanks to Jason for visiting us and giving a very informative presentation.



Jason Johnston KC5HWB – Ham Radio 2.0 Episode 135

To top it off, less than 48 hours after our April meeting, a new DMR repeater was born in Sherman, owned by Rod – KD5HQF. The new 70 cm digital repeater is located at 440.200 with a + 5MHZ offset.

Jim – K5QOI gave an excellent presentation for NVIS (Near-Vertical-Incident-Skywave) antennas. Everyone is invited to have fun at Herman Baker Park in Sherman this Saturday, April 28th with NVIS low-band operations starting with

setup at 9:00AM. Bring your own NVIS antenna along for testing. The event will run until 4:00PM then it's time to picnic with the family. Everyone is invited to bring a dish along and share with everyone. Details of the event is also announced on the website.

Our Grayson County ARES Coordinator – Wade Graves – KF5AUD also visited us at the meeting and will now start providing articles for our newsletter. He mentioned about an upcoming ARES operating event to be announced soon. Grayson County ARES has two new mobile repeaters that can be used in the field in case of an emergency. A complete list of these repeaters is detailed in another article in this newsletter by Wade Graves himself. Also, there will be updates on our website containing this information.

David – WA0URJ from Ham Radio Outlet graced us with his presence at the April meeting. If you need to purchase ham radio equipment or accessories, contact him. His contact numbers are in the website announcements. James – KW5CW gave an update on the website.

Lee – N5SLY gave an update on ‘Rent a Radio’ and the program should begin at our next meeting.

Our first Club operating event – (Perrin Field Special Event) using our special call W5I will start a day after our next meeting on May 19th. Lee also mentioned that he and others plan to operate from home during the week of the event and reminded all of us that it is important to only use the special call within the band-plan supported by your operating license.

Last but not least, Roy Reed – AF5VA provided an update on the 2nd Special Committee meeting that took place on April 12, 2018. There will be a club vote to amend the bylaws of the constitution and pending the outcome of that vote in a second vote, the May meeting day may change from the third Friday of the month to another day of the week that is more convenient to members. So all members need to come to the next club meeting and vote. Let your membership be heard.

So yes, there is alot going on with our club, and I would encourage you to ask your ham-buddy friends to also join the club if they do not belong and get in on the fun.

The bottom line, our club is just alot of fun to belong to and let's do our best and continue to enjoy it.

73,

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