

The President's QSO – May 2018

by Trevor Reed

Hi all,

I would like to thank everyone who attended the last general club meeting at the Grayson County Courthouse this month. There wasn't allot on the agenda for the month, but one very important item was addressed, which was a change that was made in the By-Laws of the Constitution. An updated version of the By-Laws will appear on the club website, located at www.graysoncountyar.org very shortly. The change of the meeting day was voted on and approved by a majority in attendance at the regular meeting. The new meeting day for the GCARC monthly general meeting at the courthouse is now set for Tuesday nights at 7PM, and that makes the next meeting date to be June 19th, 2018.

A complete list of dates for upcoming meetings can be found on our website at:

<https://www.graysoncountyar.org/index.php/gcarc/gcarc>

Please mark those dates on your calendars.

The membership also voted that Associate Club members can also receive a club email address. These are members that are still not hams, but are members of the club. A member of their family who is a ham must also be a member of the club in good standing.

On another note, the club is in the middle of its operating events for this year. Presently, we are participating in the Perrin Field Special event that began the night of our club meeting, with participation of the event at the Air Force base on Saturday 5-19. There were 2 stations setup, one on 20-meter phone and the other on 40-meter CW. Our 'Rent-A-Radio' was used for the 20-meter phone station, as no member requested the use of it at the last meeting so the radio is still available for rent at a very minimal cost of just \$10 a month. The program is designed for members of the club that do not have equipment of their own and trying to get their feet wet on the low bands. All members still have a chance to use the 1 X 1 special event call - W5I in the Perrin Event, as this event lasts until May 27 at 2359 UTC. You can use this call from the comfort of your own home as long as you are a club member. The only requirement when using the call would be that you must ONLY use the privileges associated to your own license class. Please keep an updated log of your contact, which should contain the date and time, call of the station worked, his location - city and state and send your log immediately after the event to our vice-president - Lee at n5sly@k5gcc.org. Encourage your contacts

to view the update about the special event that is located at QRZ.com, callsign W5I. It is not a contest, so you are encouraged to commence with your standard casual conversation as you normally would.

The next operating event coming up is the 'crown jewel' of events for all amateurs, and that would be the 2018 ARRL Field Day, that takes place the weekend after our next club meeting - June 23 and 24th. The club will be operating the event from the Grayson County Municipal Airport, located at 1200 S. Dewey Street in Sherman. All hams are invited to participate in that special event, held for all amateurs. More info on Field Day - 2018 can be found at the ARRL website page - www.arrl.org/field-day. The club call - K5GCC will be used for Field Day. If you would like to bring out your own radio and antenna for Field Day, please contact the club events coordinator - Andrew Bentley - at kg5skm@k5gcc.org so that our operating class can be determined before the event.

There is another upcoming area event called HamCom 2018 which runs from June 8th through the 10th. That's just a little over 21 days from now, so I'm hoping to see you there and also test the GCARC DMR simplex channel at the event. DMR radios will be available by Grapevine Amateur Radio at this event, and you will be able to meet our last month's special guest speaker, KC5HWB Jason, who also has several video podcasts available under HAM Radio 2.0. He is scheduled to give another fine presentation on DMR radios and explain operations on this mode at Hamcom, so if you missed him at the April meeting, you can attend his seminar at Hamcom. You can find a link to Grapevine Amateur Radio and his podcasts on the club website at www.graysoncountyar.org. The direct URL to his podcasts can be found at www.livefromthehamshack.tv.

The ranks of club membership were increased by one as KF5WAW - Aloysius Grotheer from Sherman Texas who holds the Technician license class paid his dues. Also, this is a reminder that some previous members still must pay their dues for 2018. Membership dues should be received by February 1 of that participating year.

Club email addresses ending in @k5gcc.org are being created for current members of the club and our webmaster James is still in the process of creating some of them, so if you haven't received a notice from him indicating the creation of your new club email address, then please contact him via email, at

kw5cw@k5gcc.org. There are also other features to the newsletter up and coming, so please be patient for those new features. Also, if you are using a regular address that is related to Outlook such as a hotmail.com and other Outlook email addresses, there is an issue forwarding to those addresses, but hopefully that will be resolved soon.

Members of the club also participated in the ARES Special Event on Tuesday, May 22nd, that was setup by our ARES Grayson County Emergency Coordinator - Wade Graves, and executed by Rich, K5ECX who piloted his airplane. Along for the ride was Moe, NT7C. They controlled the operation of a UHF repeater located on the airplane while flying at 1500 Feet. Some pictures of the event will be posted on the Grayson County webpage as soon as possible and this newsletter next month.

That's it for now, but I hope that all can see that allot is happening in our hobby and each and every one of us has a chance to contribute in it.

See y'all on the Perrin Field Event, also at Hamcom and Field Day.

73,
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