

## The President's QSO – June 2018

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Hi all,

The long-awaited Field Day has now come and gone. On Saturday, June 23rd starting at 1:00PM, the club commenced with FD operations using the club call-sign K5GCC. Several people came out to witness the event and some participated. There were three radios running on emergency power, running with the exchange of 3A NTX during the event. Special thanks go out to a fellow member, Mark KF5UZW who provided his generator for the use of the club. I might add that Mark has donated the use of his generator for several events throughout the last couple of years and it is graciously appreciated. Thank you Mark!

Lee - N5SLY conducted a Ham Radio 101 class which started at 1:00PM on Saturday, and there were at least 5, maybe 6 people in attendance. The class is a basic course on instruction on how to use a radio. Food was plentiful, as there were hamburgers available with all the trimmings, cake, cookies, and all water and soft drinks you could consume.

Special thanks also go out to Doug - KG5QPI who was the resident cook for the dinner on Saturday and the breakfast on Sunday. Food was plentiful, as there were hamburgers available with all the trimmings, cake, cookies, and all water and soft drinks you could consume. Thank you, Doug,!

Special thanks also go out to a fellow club member - Jim - K5QOI who spent time setting his station up, but then was instructed to take it down by the Airport manager as he didn't like the sight of Jim's antennas on the lawn. He still hung around and operated on 20 and 40-meter SSB. This incident made several members realize that maybe it's time to find another Field Day location for next year. More space is definitely needed to put up antennas.

During the week prior to Field Day, the club sponsored its first Tuesday night regular meeting, moving it from the third Friday of the month to the third Tuesday of the month. It turned out to be a great success, with 21 people in attendance. The meeting was short, but the final preparations regarding Field day were spelled out, with Andrew - KG5SKM, taking the reins as the events coordinator to make it work.

Now is no time to rest, as now it's time to prepare for our next operating event. The Red River Bridge War event will commence on July 14, prior to our

next club meeting on Tuesday, July 17 at 7:00 PM at the Courthouse and ends on July 22nd.

Details on the event can be found on the GCARC website located at [www.graysoncountyar.org](http://www.graysoncountyar.org). Again, it is not a contest, so everyone who participates in the event can have some operating fun and go at their own speed. You can work SSB, FM, CW, or digital, whatever you would like to operate. The idea is to have some operating fun. You can assist with putting up antennas as early as 8:00 AM at the Air Force base. The special 2 x 1 callsign - W5I will again be used. The operating event officially starts on July 14th at 9:00 AM until about 4:00 PM at Perrin AFB Museum, 436 McCullum Ave., Denison, TX, 75020. The event will continue to run for the next week, as participants of the club can operate the event from home, using the W5I callsign. Remember, you can only work frequencies that are supported by your personal license class. It is advised that an accurate log be kept and then sent to Lee - N5SLY after the event.

Everyone is invited to come to the next meeting and compare notes on both events, Field Day and The Red River Bridge War event. Hopefully, we may have more news on the Bike Rally that is targeted for August 11. In October, we have the Eisenhower Special Event, and more fun using the W5I call.

The Club 'Rent-a-Radio' will also be available for all events, so you can come out and use this radio to prove to yourself that you learned on how to operate the radio from attending Lee's class. The radio was used at Field Day this year, and it works great.

Well that's it for now. See y'all at the next meeting on Tuesday, July 17.

73,

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