



GRAYSON COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB NEWS

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THE PRESIDENT'S QSO

Hi All,

Oh boy has it been a busy month. The Main Street Festival in Denison on the 5th went very well considering the cold wet weather. It dried up by around 10 am and everyone came out as planned. We met tons of great people that are interested in getting involved in ham radio, and several old timers that are interested in joining the club.

The next event was the Eisenhower special event station we had on Saturday the 12th. This event also went very well. We set up our new vertical antenna that was donated to the club and it worked flawlessly. Very easy to set up and take down. Only took 2 people 15 to 20 minutes to set up. We also set up a G5RV near the trailer and had absolutely no interference between the two stations. It was nice to be able to move around the bands for a change rather than being stuck on one band. Thanks to everyone that helped make these events possible.

The World Aerobatic Championship special event station on October 19th will be next followed by Ride for the Red on the 20th. We still need volunteers for the special event, so if you'd like to come out and help please let us know. I believe we have plenty of people for Ride for the Red, but the more the merrier.

I want to thank Bill Hickman (W5ITE) for his generous donation to the Grayson County Amateur Radio Club of several antennas including a Hy-Gain DX77 vertical. Thanks again Bill!!

Please visit the Grayson County Amateur Radio Club Calendar to stay in the loop of the different activities.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the next club meeting on October 18th at the Grayson County Courthouse where Bob Robertson (NJ5A) will do a presentation on Repeaters, and we will be accepting nominations for the 2014 club officers.

If you have ANY comments, questions, concerns, or ideas, please contact me at bencsly@gmail.com.

Thank You
Ben Sly (KF5OEB)



"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

CLUB INFORMATION

2013 OFFICERS

President: Ben Sly KF5OEB
Vice President: Harold Peeples KF5IPP
Secretary: Brad McMillon KE5UMJ
Treasurer: Brad McMillon KE5UMJ
Activity Director: Jeannie Dopson KF5PDM
Trustee: James Hunt KI5DQ

MEETINGS

When: 3rd Friday of each month
Time: 7:00pm (1900 hours)
Location: Grayson County Courthouse
2nd Floor Assembly Room
100 W. Houston Street
Sherman, TX 75090
GPS: 33.38.18N, 96.36.59W

MAILING ADDRESS

Grayson County Amateur Radio Club
718 Highway 82 E, # 198
Sherman, Texas 75090

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WEBSITE

Address: WWW.K5GCC.US
Webmaster: Jim Hubbell N5COP

GCARC, ARES, AND SKYWARN PATCHES

GCARC club patches are available and may be purchased from Brad KE5UMJ at each club meeting; cost is \$5.00 each. These are round patches with the club logo, and are great for wearing on vests and other non-club clothing, placing on equipment bags and go-kits, etc.

ARES and SKYWARN patches may also be purchased from Brad at each club meeting; cost is \$4.00 each. If you choose to wear patches on your club shirt or jacket, the ARES patch should be placed on the right shoulder and any other patch (SKYWARN, RACES, CERT, etc.) should go below it. Since some members have tactical shirts with pen pockets on the left sleeve we do not recommend placing any patches on that side.

CLUB CLOTHING ORDERS

Several times each year, members have the opportunity to purchase club-related clothing (shirts, caps, jackets, etc.). These items have the GCARC logo and the member's name and callsign embroidered on them. An order form with instructions will be included in the newsletter each time orders are being taken.

GCARC TREASURER'S REPORT

Starting Balance 8/31/2013	\$631.90	NOTES:	
Cash On Hand	\$0.00	<u>Deposits:</u>	None
Deposits	+ \$0.00	<u>Expenses:</u>	None
Expenses	- \$0.00		
Ending Balance 9/30/2013	\$631.90		

Brad McMillon KE5UMJ
GCARC Secretary/Treasurer

GCARC MEETING MINUTES

GCARC Meeting, 20 September 2013

Call to order by president Ben Sly KF5OEB at 1903 hours. Motion made by Bill KK5RW, second by John WD0FIN to approve last month's meeting minutes and Treasurer's report. Brad KE5UMJ read Treasurer's report. Motion passed.

Old Business:

- Denison Main Street Festival. October 5. Ben KF5OEB gave update.
- Eisenhower Special Event Station. Status of trailer availability but if not available the tents will be used. Update given by Ben KF5OEB.
- World Aerobatics Championship. Ben KF5OEB gave update.
- Ardmore Hamfest. Ben KF5OEB gave update.

New Business:

- Items donated to club. Inventory will be taken of the items that were donated. Ben KF5OEB gave update.
- Proposed change in Club Bylaws. Clarification of how officers will be elected. Ben gave update. Club discussion. Motion made by David W5COP, second by John WD0FIN to have a committee review bylaws. Motion passed.
- William KF5ISC has a Kenwood TS520s for sale.

Presentation by Mark KF5UZW on D-Star. Questions and answers followed.

No further business presented to the club and motion moved to adjourn at 2002 hours by Jeannie KF5PDM, second by David W5COP. Motion Passed. Meeting adjourned.

Next Club Meeting will be October 18, 2013 at 1900 hours at the Grayson County Courthouse, 2nd floor assembly room.

Respectfully submitted,
Brad McMillon
KE5UMJ
GCARC Secretary/Treasurer

ATTENTION FACEBOOK USERS!

BE SURE TO VISIT THE GCARC FACEBOOK PAGE AT
[HTTP://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/GROUPS/K5GCC/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/K5GCC/)

CLUB MEETINGS, LOCAL ACTIVITIES, AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Club Meetings

Grayson County Amateur Radio Club (GCARC)

3rd Friday at 7:00pm CT

Grayson County Courthouse 2nd floor assembly room, 100 West Houston Street, Sherman TX

<http://www.k5gcc.us>

Cooke County Amateur Radio Club (CCARC)

2nd Thursday at 7:00pm CT

Cooke County Library, 200 S. Weaver Street, Gainesville TX

<http://www.gainesvillehamfest.org/ccarc.htm>

Durant Amateur Radio Club (DARC)

3rd Tuesday at 7:00pm CT

Bryan County Emergency Management, 2808 Enterprise Drive, Durant OK

Fannin County Amateur Radio Club (FCARC)

3rd Saturday at 9:00am CT

First Presbyterian Church, 818 North Main Street, Bonham TX

<http://www.k5frc.org>

McKinney Amateur Radio Club (MARC)

2nd Tuesday at 7:00pm CT

Spring Creek Barbecue, 1993 North Central Expressway, McKinney TX

<http://www.mckinneyarc.org>

Quarter Century Wireless Association (QCWA) Chapter 41

1st Saturday at 11:00am CT

Midway Point Restaurant, 12801 Midway Road, Dallas TX

<http://www.texasqcwa41.org>

ARES® / SKYWARN®

Grayson County ARES® Training

4th Tuesday of each odd-numbered month (Jan / Mar / May / Jul / Sep / Nov) at 7:00pm CT

Sherman Municipal Airport Terminal Building, 1200 S. Dewey Ave., Sherman TX

<http://www.tecoares.org>

GCARC Club Events

World Aerobatic Championships Special Event Station

October 19, 2013

North Texas Regional Airport, Denison TX

American Red Cross “Ride For The Red” Bike Rally

October 20, 2013

License Training Classes

Technician License Training Class

One class held in two sessions to prepare students to take the Technician License exam.

Session 1: Saturday, November 16, 2013 8:30am-12:30pm

Session 2: Saturday, December 7, 2013 8:30am-5:00pm (at the end of this session the Texoma

VE Team will administer the Technician exam)

Grayson College Center For Workplace Learning, Seminar Room C, 6101 Grayson Drive, Denison TX

Contact: Moe NT7C (903) 564-7115 or nt7c@arrl.net

VE Testing Sessions

Texoma VE Team – Bi-Monthly Testing

1st Thursday of each even-numbered month (Feb / Apr / Jun / Aug / Oct / Dec) at 7:00pm CT

Sherman Municipal Airport Terminal Building, 1200 S. Dewey Ave., Sherman TX

Contact: Moe NT7C (903) 564-7115 or nt7c@arrl.net

Durant Amateur Radio Club – Monthly Testing

3rd Tuesday at 8:00pm CT (following the DARC monthly meeting)

Bryan County Emergency Management, 2808 Enterprise Drive, Durant OK

Contact: Jim Harmon (jharmon@netcommander.com)

Texoma Amateur Radio Association – Monthly Testing

Per Dave K5YM no more testing sessions are scheduled for the remainder of 2013
A new testing schedule will be published in 2014

Fannin County Amateur Radio Club – Appointment-Only Testing

First Presbyterian Church, 818 North Main Street, Bonham TX
Contact David WA0URJ (wa0urj@yahoo.com) to schedule a session

Hamfests

Texoma Hamarama (Ardmore)

October 25-26, 2013 (Friday 5:00pm-8:00pm, Saturday 8:00am-1:00pm)
Ardmore Convention Center, 2401 North Rockford Road, Ardmore OK
Talk-In: 146.970 (no PL)
Public Contact: Henry Allen W5TYD (214) 673-7942 or w5tyd@arrl.net
Website: www.texomahamarama.org

Contests

ARRL Rookie Roundup - CW

December 22nd, 2013 1800 UTC – 2359 UTC (12:00pm – 5:59pm CT)
The Rookie Roundup is a contest aimed at Amateurs licensed for three years or less. This six-hour event is held three times per year (April, August and December). Rookies can contact anybody, while Old Timers make contact with only Rookies. Mentoring is a big part of this event!

Check the [Grayson County Amateur Radio Club Calendar](#) for additional contests and activities.

CLUB ACTIVITY REPORTS AND PHOTOS

Denison Main Street Festival - October 5, 2013



Eisenhower Special Event Station – October 12, 2013





SWAP MEET

(Disclaimer: This section is provided for hams to list items they wish to buy, sell, or trade. GCARC will not be responsible for the accuracy or completeness of any descriptions, will not guarantee any items function as described, and will not participate in any transactions. The individual buyer and seller are responsible for all discussions, negotiations, and resolving of differences.)

FOR SALE: Cushcraft ASL-670 Log Periodic Antenna

The Cushcraft ASL-670 is the ultimate multi-use antenna. Since the antenna is a log periodic, it offers continuous coverage through the 2 and 6 meter bands as well as 220 and 440 MHz. So while being a terrific antenna for operating those bands, it's also a great aviation and public safety band monitoring antenna.

Use the antenna for contesting and mountain topping if you like. The antenna is compact and easy to assemble and disassemble with no tuning required. Yet it is rugged enough for permanent installations.



This antenna has excellent gain f/b with good VSWR bandwidth to boot. Enjoy the fun of high performance operation *and* multi-frequency.

\$190 Pick Up Only in Bonham, TX
Contact: David Reeder WAØURJ
E-mail WAOURJ@yahoo.com
Home 903-583-1023 – Cell 972-658-6773

FOR SALE: Mobile 10 Meter Radio and Amp

Mobile Palomar 300 watt amp and RCI 2950 10 meter radio. Asking \$300 for both but will take offers.
Contact: Tim KB5SSQ 903-816-3100

AMATEUR RADIO NEWS OF INTEREST

Army MARS Seeks Partnership With ARRL, ARES

Representatives of the US Army Military Auxiliary Radio Service (MARS) met with ARRL staff at League Headquarters October 2 to discuss ways the two organizations might collaborate in emergency response activities. Army MARS Region 1 Director Bob Mims, WA1O EZ, headed the delegation. Mims, who is also manager of the Army MARS National Net, said most of the discussion centered on how ARRL Headquarters and the Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) could interact with MARS during its national-level test of backup communications set for early November, and going forward.

“For the exercise the ARRL Headquarters expressed interest in activating their MARS station at W1AW -- AAN1ARL,” Mims said. Discussions are still underway regarding the role AAN1ARL and ARES would play in the November exercise. Army MARS has invited Air Force and Navy-Marine Corps MARS to take part in the joint national communication exercise that will measure the auxiliary force’s capabilities, should normal communication systems be disrupted throughout North America.

Joining Mims were MARS Southern New England Emergency Operations Officer John Weinland, N1ATB, and MARS members Jon Perelstein, WB2RYV, and Matt Hackman, KB1FUP. The MARS contingent met with ARRL Emergency Preparedness Manager Mike Corey, KI1U, ARRL Emergency Preparedness Assistant Ken Bailey, K1FUG, and W1AW Station Manager Joe Carcia, NJ1Q.

Mims relayed to Army MARS Headquarters at Fort Huachuca, Arizona, Corey’s suggestion that local ARES nets could provide assistance during the November exercise by generating and relaying messages. Army MARS says the exercise is aimed at demonstrating conventional traffic-handling abilities. The test will run November 3-5, and a joint Army/Air Force/Navy-Marine Corps team responsible to the US Department of Defense for homeland security will monitor the 48 hour exercise.

Army MARS Program Manager Paul English, WD8DBY, says that while Army MARS is the lead service in the exercise, it is looking forward to participation from the other MARS services as well as from the Canadian Forces Affiliate Radio System (CFARS).

“In order to properly evaluate our ability to provide this coverage,” English explained, “there will be a series of messages sent from DOD and the Army MARS Headquarters, Network Enterprise Technology Command (NETCOM), to MARS members requesting various pieces of information such as weather observation reports from airports around the country, requesting local news items of interest from areas around the country, and also requesting information on the status of utilities around the area.”

The exercise would culminate a year-long series of escalating preparations by Army MARS for responding to complex emergencies -- a natural disaster or terrorist attack -- that might crash or compromise the Internet, telephone, and national news and media networks across the US.

ARRL has asked the MARS contingent to provide points of contact at least within each of the FEMA regions or possibly a couple of different contacts in the various MARS groups.

Subsequent to the meeting at League Headquarters, ARRL Southwestern Division Vice Director Marty Woll, N6VI, paid a visit on October 8 to Army MARS Headquarters in Fort Huachuca, Arizona. Woll says he enjoyed an extended conversation with Army MARS Chief of Operations David McGinnis, K7UXO.

“David was very complimentary of the radio amateurs who work at the station,” Woll said, “and he expressed great interest in opportunities for MARS and ARRL to work more closely together.”

Woll points out that the MARS HQ station can handle nearly a dozen simultaneous HF links, “and we employed one of them to hold an impromptu 18 MHz contact with W1AW,” he added. He arranged the contact via more conventional means -- the telephone -- adding that he and W1AW Station Manager Joe Carcia, NJ1Q, enjoyed a brief conversation on the air as the staff looked on. Woll said McGinnis expressed interest in possibly arranging such contacts on a periodic basis and said he’d like to better acquaint the amateur community with the role and functions of Army MARS.

McGinnis recounted that he and Woll discussed conducting regular checks with W1AW, using both Amateur Radio and MARS circuits, and quarterly drills on both circuits. Woll, who’s also an ARES assistant District Emergency Coordinator, was in Arizona to speak to the Cochise Amateur Radio Association (CARA).

MARS is a US Department of Defense-sponsored program with Army, Navy, and Air Force branches. The program consists of Amateur Radio operators who are interested backing up the US Department of Defense’s communication requirements when normal channels are disrupted in disasters or emergencies.

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Scouting’s Jamboree on the Air 2013 Will Be the Last for HB9S



The 2013 running of Scouting’s Jamboree on the Air (JOTA) will take place the weekend of October 19-20, from 0000 local time Saturday to 2400 local time Sunday. JOTA gives members of the Boy Scouts of America a chance to experience Amateur Radio firsthand, perhaps planting the seed for a lifetime of hamming. But this year’s 56th running of the world’s largest Scouting event will be the last for the crew at HB9S at the World Scout Bureau, which plans to move its headquarters next year. JOTA 2013 will be a farewell party for HB9S, with a special QSL card (QSL via HB9AOF). An international team of Scout operators, including PA3BAR, the World JOTA Organizer, will be at the station for the occasion.

JOTA attracts nearly 750,000 Scouts, participating from 6000 stations in 150 countries. JOTA’s goal is to foster Scout-to-Scout communication across borders, to allow as many Scouts as possible to talk to each other and learn about one another’s activities and interests. The JOTA guidelines offer suggested frequencies and additional information.

Licensed mentors often open their stations to Scouts on JOTA weekend, serving as control operators. Radio operation will be on 80 through 6 meters and 2 meters and 70 centimeters FM simplex, all modes. Last year more than 18,500 US Scouts took part in JOTA from more than 200 stations -- up by nearly 500 percent from a year earlier.

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LOCAL RADIO NETS

Weekly

Durant ARC Weekly Net

Tuesdays 7:00pm CT on the 147.390+ (118.8 PL) repeater.
No net on the 3rd Tuesday of each month due to the DARC monthly meeting.

Scout Ham Net

Tuesdays 8:00pm CT on the 147.000+ (100.0 PL) repeater. This net is designed for all Scouts, Adult Leaders, and active Merit Badge counselors who are Amateur Radio operators.

Fannin County ARC Weekly Net

Tuesdays 9:00pm CT on the 145.130- (no PL) repeater.
This is an informal information net.

McKinney 6 meter AM Net

Wednesdays 10:00pm CT on 50.400MHz

Ladies Net

Thursdays 8:00pm CT on the 147.000+ (100.0 PL) repeater.
Net Control Operator: Linda KE5YUC

McKinney ARC Info Net

Sundays 8:00pm CT on the 146.740- (110.9 PL) repeater.

Semi-Monthly

Grayson County ARC Information Net

1st & 3rd Sunday at 8:00pm CT on the 147.000+ (100.0 PL) repeater.
This is an informal information net and Buy/Sell/Swap net.

Grayson County ARES Net

2nd & 4th Sunday at 9:00pm CT on the 147.000+ (100.0 PL) repeater.
This is a directed information net used for training.

RACES Command Net Check

2nd & 4th Sunday at 2:00pm CT on 7.255 MHz LSB
This is a RACES Command Net check for statewide RACES Command Net members ONLY. All other Amateur stations are welcome to listen, but DO NOT check in!

Monthly

North Texas ARES HF Net

2nd Wednesday at 8:30pm CT on 3.860 MHz LSB
This is an information net open to all ARES members in the ARRL North Texas (NTX) Section.

McKinney ARES Net

2nd Sunday at 9:00pm CT on the 146.740- (110.9 PL) repeater.

AREA REPEATERS

Sherman TX

147.000+ MHz (100.0 PL) W5RVT
147.280+ MHz (107.2 PL) W5COP
444.750- MHz (100.0 PL) W5RVT

Bonham TX

145.470- MHz (no PL) K5FRC
145.130- MHz (no PL) K5FRC
443.750+ MHz (no PL) K5FRC

Durant OK

147.390+ MHz (118.8 PL) K5KIE
147.255+ MHz (114.8 PL) K5CGE

Gainesville TX

147.340+ MHz (100.0 PL) WB5FHI

McKinney TX

146.740- MHz (110.9 PL) W5MRC
145.350- MHz (100.0 PL) N5GI

Melissa TX

443.200+ MHz (100.0 PL) W5MRA

Rosston TX

145.490- MHz (85.4 PL) WD5U

Van Alstyne TX

443.800+ MHz (103.5 PL) W5VAL

GRAYSON COUNTY ARES AND RACES

Sparks, Crackles, and Other Random Thoughts

By Rick Simmons K5ECX
Grayson County ARRL EC

Hello!

It's been a long summer and fall is finally in the air. There have been lots of Ham activities to participate in and still some to go for October.

I am a little late with writing this as I got sidetracked. You see, I recently traded cars and am now the owner of a new pickup. The "silver bullet" HHR is gone. I pulled the mobile rig out of the car and was in the process of trying to figure out how to get it into the new ride when I remembered this note needed to go out.



It seems there is a lot of planning to putting a radio in a new vehicle. Power source, wire routing, antenna location, coax routing... where and how to mount the radio (and in my case the head of the 710), and as it's all coming together there are new possibilities that pop up, even though it's nearing completion.

Our ARES operations are like that, you know. We plan and practice and review and discuss, but when it's time to really operate the event it's always a new creation of its own. Oh, we go along the familiar trail of following a SOP but the real issues that come up are "way better" than we could plan and test for. But, because we have learned from the past and practiced procedures, our confidence in the ARES team will carry us thru every time.

Jump in and join us for our Face-to-Face training session coming up (check out the calendar on the TECOARES website) and thanks for everyone that checks into the training nets.

Speaking of learning, Moe NT7C is in the middle of a class with a group of folks about to try for their General license. Classes are going well and he speaks well of the group's attention and capabilities. I think they will do well in the future. There is also an opportunity for a Tech class coming up. If you know someone interested or considering Amateur Radio, check the website (<http://www.tecoares.org>) for more details and help them get on board.

Well, I need to dig into the parts box to find some powerpoles and a crimper... catch you next time.

73
Rick K5ECX

