

The Hertzian Herald



Hello again fellow members and guests. I expect some missing members at our next meeting as they will be attending Dayton Hamvention May 19,20,21. You could still join them. Info for the bus trip below.



The Toledo Mobile Repeater Association will be sponsoring a round trip bus to the Dayton Hamvention on May 21, 2022. Cost for the trip will be \$40 per person with payment due in advance of the trip. The bus will leave from the Scott Park Campus of the University of Toledo at 05:30 sharp. If you wish to make a reservation, please contact Dave WA2DHG at the TMRA monthly meetings or by email at buses12@accesstoledo.com. Non TMRA members are also welcome.

I learned some things about propagation and working DX from Tom and thanks again for the good information and resources.

The sun has been throwing us some good and bad conditions lately. If the bands are lousy, try again in a few hours things can change quickly!

I've been thinking that I should get additional insurance on my ham radio equipment. I'm not sure I'd be happy if I had to file a claim with my homeowner's insurance and deal with them to be made whole. That's why I went to arriinsurance.com to check it out. It looks like their fee is 1.4% of the insured value. (\$20. min) Example \$1500 equipment insured for \$21. \$2500. insured for \$35 etc.

This insurance has a lower deductible and has more flexibility to cover your equipment than a home-owner policy has. Your home policy won't say this: " Insurance for your Ham Radio affiliated equipment is available on a replacement cost basis. Coverage is all risk with few exclusions"

Quick reminder:

June 10 Erie Race For Kids - June 18 Ham-fest - June 24 Field Day

See you Thursday the 18th at the Red Cross location

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MCRCA Meeting Minutes for April 20, 2023

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm, by Keith KJ8H.

Pledge of Allegiance

Introductions: No new members, no upgrades and two guests.

New License KE8WYY Brian Paules

MINUTES: Motion by Mike N8KUF, supported by Don N8BZN, to approve as written in the Herald. Approved.

TREASURER REPORT: Motion by Dale WA8EFK, supported by Paul W8PI, to approve the treasurer's report as passed out to the membership. Approved.

DX REPORT: Tom KG8P, 4W1A - Timor Leste on air very active now – bigger operation coming in the Fall. Clipperton – much needed, is on the air now (#38 World Wide List) It is out there, propagation is varying, some good, some not so good.

CONTESTING: Paul W8PI, Several QSO parties happening, Florida / Section 7 / Indiana / Delaware / New England / Arkansas.. VOTA all year long. MI QSO Party – N8DXR – 33,592 / W8PI – 33,026 / Club total 71874. Band conditions were poor – thus lower numbers this year

TESTING: Paul - Next session - Sat. June 17, 2023. **Appointments Preferred - FRN and email req'd**

CLASSES: Sat. June 10, 2023 contact Don N8BZN – Had one of the last members of the last class here. Don showed us what he sends out to those who pass the test. (packet)

HAMFEST: Paul W8PI, 40 tables / 6 trunk spaces reserved, ahead of typical reserved. Don will look for a new food vendor

FOX HUNT: Mike N8KUF, Second Saturday in May / July / Sept. for hunt dates. Recommend all try it out – a lot of fun. Showed examples of club projects (attenuator / antenna) to support for hunt.

ARPSC: 1) June 10th Erie run for kids – Erie Fire Department – see ARPSC website for details.
2) May 4th 7:30pm will have a guest speaker – Mike (Regional Manager) will speak about traffic management.

ARRL: Dale WA8EFK, One director resigned – Hudson Division, replaced by ???
West MI Aviation School connected with ISS today – went very well – all questions were answered.

RRRA: Mike N8KUF, May 6th 10 am meeting at the Red Cross.

OLD BUSINESS: Need a program director – anyone interested?
Field Day will again be at Vienna Park, reservations have been confirmed.

NEW BUSINESS: The lending library – new books have been added

DOOR PRIZE DRAWING: Jim WD8NWF and John WA8YZB
50/50: Brian KE8WYY – Donated back his winnings

ANNOUNCEMENTS: RRRA annual meeting Sat. May 6th. – First Fox Hunt Saturday May 13th. Mike last DXCC to be added to board, others may be coming soon.

PROGRAM: Propagation program – Cycle 25, Tom KG8P

ADJOURNED: 8:41 pm

Committees

Club Station

Wes Busdiecker KC8SKP

DX Net

Soon

Field Day

Jeff Breitner KA8NCR

Finance

Paul Trouten W8PI (chair)
Fred VanDaele K8EBI
Dale Williams WA8EFK

HamFest

Fred VanDaele K8EBI

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River Raisin Repeater Association, Inc.

May 12, 2023

The RRRRA thanks all members very much for your participation in the River Raisin Repeater Association. **We need and appreciate your continued support!!!**

As many already know, the RRRRA is an association of ham operators that initially gathered in 1971 and formed an association for the expressed purpose of promoting FM and repeater operation, offering a technical base on the subject, providing a useful communications facility for emergencies, and to develop friendships through a common goal. The same mission statement applies to this day as the association strives to accomplish the above stated goals.

At the 5/6/23 Annual Meeting RRRRA officers were established as follows: Mike Karmol N8KUF (Pres), Don Fritz Jr N8BZN (VP), Rodney Haddix KD8ZNZ (Sec/Treas), Paul Trouten W8PI (Director), Dale Williams WA8EFK (Director/ Trustee). Summary of Association business was reported, and updates were given regarding efforts completed as well as development projects currently underway.

During this past year, efforts were focused on resolving technical issues and implementation of some performance upgrades. The transmission lines were replaced and repairs were made to the 146.72 repeater after the December windstorm. The February ice storm caused power failure at the Ida site, placing it on generator power. The generator sensor, (installed the previous year), was able to alert low fuel supply. The fuel was refilled and no interruptions or damages occurred. The 146.72 Monroe-Ida crosslink was upgraded. The DC power cabling was reconfigured for the 72 Monroe repeater. Echolink was upgraded. The Digipeater was converted from JNOS to AX-25

Thank you for your continuing support and encouragement. Additional information can be found on <http://www.mcrcra.org/RRRA/Index>

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For Sale

In the May issue of the Long Path, I had inadvertently posted the WRONG Pete having the rotators for sale.

The correct Pete is W8PD in Wyoming Michigan. He has performed a lot of tower work for some of the SEMDXA members and the rotators are surplus to his needs. Al, K8SIX says that Pete is on FB too if anybody wants to check him out.

Here are the rotators which he has for sale. Asking \$1500 each. Totally rebuilt.

ALSO: Chet VE3CFK has an M2 6M7JHVHD for sale for \$500. Works 100%. Disassembled and ready for transport. I will deliver to your QTH free of charge.



MCRCA Foxhunt #1 May 13, 2023

Paul W8PI fulfilled the Fox Duties

The FOX was located near the rear of the Red Cross Building 1645 N. Dixie

Shortest possible route per Google Maps = approx. 7.6 Miles

Hunters

Team 2 – First Place

Fred K8EBI and Brenda KB8KQZ

Fox found at Approx.. 10:23

Miles = 8.6 (nicely done)

Team 1- Second Place

Mike N8KUF, Dale WA8EFK, Glen K8GO

Fox found at Approx. 10:15

Miles = 11.0

Team 3 – Third Place

Peter KC8AZZ and Debbie KC8CCR

Fox found at Approx. 10:48

Miles = 20.0

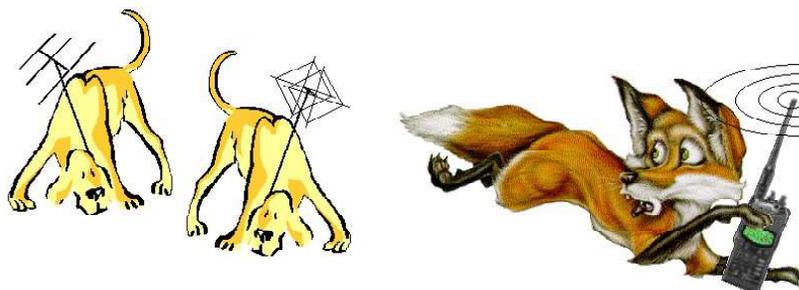


The weather started out a bit rainy, but the rain dissipated shortly after 09:00 and the rest of the hunt was under a mostly cloudy sky with temperatures near 70 with occasional threat of light sprinkles.

Thanks to everybody who was able to attend and participate. Everyone located the fox for this hunt which is not ALWAYS the case. Congratulations to all hunters.

This was the first scheduled hunt for 2023. We'll look forward to much more fun, challenges, and participation in the remainder of the 2023 hunt season.

Respectfully submitted – Mike N8KUF – 2023 Foxhunt Chair



DLARC Radio Library Surpasses 75,000 Items of Ham Radio, Shortwave History

Posted on [May 3, 2023](#) by [kaysavetz](#)

Internet Archive's [Digital Library of Amateur Radio & Communications](#) continues to expand its collection of online resources about ham radio, shortwave, amateur television, and related communications. The library has grown to more than 75,000 items, with new resources including newsletters, podcasts, and conference presentations.

DLARC has recently added [hundreds of presentations](#) recorded by RATPAC, the Radio Amateur Training Planning and Activities Committee, and [dozens of talks](#) given at the MicroHams Digital Conference.

DLARC is adding newsletters from amateur radio groups around the world: the latest additions include 1,400 news bulletins from [Irish Radio Transmitters Society](#) going back to 1998, and more than 600 [newsletters from the Worldwide TV-FM DX Association](#), a hobby club devoted to long-distance television and FM communications. The library has also added newsletters from regional groups across the United States, including the [Anchorage \(Alaska\) Amateur Radio Club](#), [Indianapolis \(Indiana\) Radio Club](#), the [Pikes Peak \(Colorado Springs, Colorado\) Radio Amateur Association](#), and a dozen other organizations. Many of these newsletters have never been posted to the Internet before. All are full-text searchable, and can be read online or downloaded.

Internationally known radio host Glenn Hauser has allowed decades of his radio content to be archived in the DLARC library, including 1,200 episodes of [World of Radio](#), which explores communications from around the world, especially shortwave radio; [Informe DX and Mundo Radial](#), Spanish language translations of World of Radio; [Continent of Media](#), a program about media around the American continent; and [Hauserlogs](#), shortwave listening diaries.

[International Radio Report](#), a program about radio in Montreal Canada and around the world, has also been archived in the library with episodes going back to 2000. Many of these episodes, spanning May 2000 through March 2005, have not been available online for more than a decade, restoring access to important contemporary reporting.

DLARC continues to expand its collection of ham radio e-mail and Usenet [conversations from the early days of the Internet](#), with the addition of nearly 3,500 [QRP-L Digest](#) mailings spanning 1993 through 2004. QRP-L was an early Internet e-mail list for discussion of the design, construction, and use of low-power radio equipment.

The collection of ham radio-related podcasts has reached 5,500 episodes with the additions of [100 Watts and a Wire](#), [The World According to Elmer](#), and 30 episodes of [The Rain Report](#) that were thought to be lost.

The Digital Library of Amateur Radio & Communications is funded by a grant from Amateur Radio Digital Communications ([ARDC](#)) to create a free digital library for the radio community, researchers, educators, and students. DLARC invites radio clubs and individuals to submit material in any format. To contribute or ask questions about the project, contact:

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The American Radio Relay League's round-up of the forthcoming week's DX activity on the amateur radio bands

This week's bulletin was made possible with information provided by The Daily DX, 425 DX News, DXNL, Contest Corral from QST and the ARRL Contest Calendar and WA7BNM web sites. Thanks to all.

KENYA, 5Z. Vladimir, UA4WHX is currently QRV as 5Z4/UA4WHX. Activity is on the HF bands. His length of stay is unknown. QSL to home call.

WEST MALAYSIA, 9M2. Team 9M4KI is QRV from Pulau Songsong Island, IOTA AS-058, until May 14. Activity is on 40 to 10 meters using SSB. QSL via 9M2YGF.

RWANDA, 9X. Harald, DF2WO is QRV as 9X2AW until May 15. Activity is on 40 to 6 meters using CW and FT8. QSL via M0OXO.

PHILIPPINES, DU. Look for DV1ODC to be QRV on May 14 from the Makiling Forest Reserve Laguan Park, DU-0036. Activity will be on 40 and 15 meters using SSB. QSL via bureau.

ARMENIA, EK. Abie, AB1F is QRV as EK/AB1F from Stepanavan, Lori Marz. Activity is on 20, 15, and 10 meters, and possibly on 80 and 40 meters using SSB. QSL via LoTW.

POLYNESIA, FO. Didier, F6BCW is QRV as FO/F6BCW from Huahine Island, IOTA OC-067, until October 25. Activity is on 80 to 6 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via F6EXV.

LIECHTENSTEIN, HB0. Look for stations HB0/PH0NO/p, HB0/PE5TT/p, and HB0/PD7YY/p to be QRV on May 13 and 14 from at least four different nature reserves. Activity will be on 80 to 6 meters using CW with two stations active. QSL via bureau.

GUINEA BISSAU, J5. Carlos, CT2GQA is QRV as J5JUA until the end of May. Activity is on 15 to 10 meters using mostly FT8. QSL to home call.

BELGIUM, ON. Members of UBA Mechelen are QRV with special event station OS23SOM until May 31 in celebration of the Special Olympics Belgium's annual National Games being held this year in Mechelen. QSL via OQRS.

NETHERLANDS, PA. Special event call signs PA100K, PA100M, and PA100PCG are QRV until June 30 to commemorate the two-way telegraph service that started up from Radio Malabar to Radio Kootwijk. QSL via bureau.

PALAU, T8. Operators JA6EGL and JH6HZH are QRV as T88SM and T88ZH, respectively, from Koror Island, IOTA OC-009, until May 17. QSL to home calls.

AUSTRALIA, VK. Members of the Wireless Institute of Australia are QRV with special event call sign VI2023HRH until May 31 to celebrate the coronation of King Charles III. QSL via operator's instructions.

INDONESIA, YB. Special event station 8A100K is QRV until May 13 to commemorate the 100 years of long-range telegraph communications in the Netherlands. QSL via operators' instructions.

GIBRALTAR, ZB. Special event station ZQ2HRH is QRV until May 31 to commemorate the coronation of King Charles III. QSL only direct, see QRZ.com .

THIS WEEKEND ON THE RADIO. The NCCC RTTY Sprint, NCCC CW Sprint, K1USN Slow Speed CW Test, Portuguese Navy Day Contest/CT1DBS Memorial, VOLTA World Wide RTTY Contest, CQ-M International DX Contest, SKCC Weekend CW Sprintathon, FISTS Saturday CW Sprint, Canadian Prairies QSO Party and the 50 MHz Spring Sprint are scheduled for this upcoming weekend.

The 4 States QRP Group Second Sunday Sprint, K1USN Slow Speed CW Test, ICWC Medium Speed CW Test, OK1WC CW Memorial, Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest, Phone Weekly Test, A1Club AWT, CWops Test, VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest, Mini-Test 40, Mini-Test 80 and the RSGB 80-Meter Club Data Championship are all on tap for May 15 to 17.

Please see May QST, page 73, and the ARRL and WA7BNM Contest web sites for details.



Amateur Radio Examinations Monroe, MI

Monroe County Radio Communications Association Amateur Radio examinations are held the 3rd Saturday of every even numbered month at:

American Red Cross Chapter Bldg.
1645 North Dixie Highway
Monroe, MI 48161

Registrations preferred
Call for information.
email address and FRN required

2023 Schedule:
February 18 April 15
June 17 August 19
October 21 December 16

TESTING BEGINS PROMPTLY AT 9:00 AM

Applicants are expected to have all forms filled out and be ready to take tests at that time. Coffee and doughnuts are available at 8:30 AM. For more information or to make reservations, call Paul Trouten - W8PI at 734-854-2224

Join us at the next meeting

May 18th at 7:30 pm
American Red Cross Chapter Bldg.
1645 North Dixie Highway
Monroe, MI 48162

Local Net

ARPSC Net - Every Monday evening on '72-Monroe (146.72 Mhz) starting at 8:00pm.

ARPSC Meeting first Thursday of every month at the EMD office on Raisinville Rd.. 7:00 PM

One Day Bi-Monthly Technician classes

Next class will be June 10, 2023

The Monroe County Radio Communications Association (MCRCA) is offering a one-day Amateur Radio course for the entry level Technician class license. The class will run from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM on the **second Saturday of every even numbered month**. The cost is \$10 and includes lunch, snacks and beverages. The test will be conducted immediately following the class and has a separate fee of \$14. These classes will be held at the Red Cross building, 1645 N Dixie Hwy, Monroe, MI 48162.

There is a maximum class size of 10 people on a first come first served basis and you should sign up no later than 1 week before the class. All study material and testing paperwork will be provided at the time you sign up and you should plan on doing some pre-class studying to make things easier in the class.

If you are interested in becoming a Ham Radio Operator, please call or email me to get signed up for the next class.

N8BZN Don Fritz / (419) 345-4495 after 6PM / Donfritz56@gmail.com

New MCRCA Members

Please welcome recent new members to the club.