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Hello Everyone,

The weather has been nice and dry with many days to enjoy the outdoors. I hope we are so blessed for our Hamfest and Field Day too. I didn't attend Dayton Hamfest this year and I'm looking forward to hearing about what I might have missed. Hope to hear about it at our June 15th meeting.

You may not be seeing anything happening from where you are but I assure you this is a busy month for active club members.

Tomorrow (6/10) there is the Race for Kids, Don and company will be giving classes for licenses and testing follows that. Preparations are also well under way for our hamfest Sunday June 18 with setup the Saturday before. ARRL Field Day June 24th and 25th.

We're still looking for someone to take over as program director, hey you maybe? I'll help! I hope all is well in your life and see you at the meeting!

Keith KJ8H



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HAMVENTION 2023 ATTENDANCE

The 2023 Hamvention attendance was 33,861, which is more than 2,000 greater than last year and even surpassed the previous pre-pandemic attendance record at the Greene County Fairgrounds and Expo Center of 32,472. General Manager Jim Storms said, "Things went very smoothly due to the dedication and hard work of close to 700 volunteers."

Silent Key

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of Fred E. Lux WD8ITZ, a past president, Hamfest chairman, radio class instructor, and all around pillar of the club. The club has made a donation to Friends of Companion Animals in his honor.

Scholarship

Congratulations go to Seth Hendrick a student from St. Mary's High School that graduated with high honors and is a very qualified student. He has been awarded the Chuck DeWilde Scholarship for 2023 and will join us at Field Day to discover what ham radio is all about and what we do with it. So welcome him when you see him.

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MCRCA Meeting Minutes for May 18, 2023

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Introductions: No new members, upgrades, and one guests. Karl from Temperance

MINUTES: Motion by Don N8BZN, supported by Wes KC8SKP, to approve as written in the Herald. Approved.

TREASURER REPORT: Motion by Wes KC8SKP, supported by Don N8BZN, to approve the treasurer's report as passed out to the membership. Approved.

DX REPORT: Tom KG8P, None

CONTESTING: Don N8BZN, QSO Parties, AR, KY, WV. Field Day, and VOTA all year.

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

CLASSES: Sat. June 10, 2023 contact Don N8BZN. Don is planning on adding General and Extra classes.

HAMFEST: Fred K8EBI, everything is going to plan. We have some jobs that need to be filled.

FOX HUNT: Mike N8KUF, we had three teams plus Paul was the fox. Fun was had by all. Next hunt July 8th.

ARPSC: Terry N8NYP, we are trying to entice more members. Come down at least once to a meeting, first Thursday of the month at the EMD. – June 10th is the Erie Race for the Kids, 2214 Manhattan St. Fire Dept. Still need more help. – July 4th. The Dundee parade set up with BBQ to follow at American Legion. – Luna Pier Fireworks.

ARRL: None, Dayton weekend

RRRA: Mike N8KUF, At the annual meeting there was a slight change in officers. – A new repeater for Dundee coming in the future. – We need more members. Sign up form is online at: <https://mcrca.org/RRRA/Index>

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Scholarship – one applicant, Seth Hendrick from St. Mary's High School. He is a very qualified student and we will invite him to Field Day.

DOOR PRIZE DRAWING: Tony KE8NSU, and Mike N8KUF

50/50: Tony KE8NSU, donated some to scholarship.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Still need a program chairman.

PROGRAM: Mike N8KUF, showed an old video on RDF.

ADJOURNED: 8:14 pm

ATTENDANCE: 12

KE8PUN Aaron	NM8I Barbara	KE8WYY Brian
N8BZN Don	K8EBI Fred	WD8NWF James
KJ8H Keith	N8KUF Mike	KA8PQH Neil
N8NYP Terry	KC8SKP Wes	Karl from Temperance

Committees**Club Station**

Wes Busdiecker KC8SKP

DX Net

Soon

Field Day

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Finance

Paul Trouten W8PI (chair)

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Dale Williams WA8EFK

HamFest

Fred VanDaele K8EBI

Hertzian Herald

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Program Chairman

WANTED

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Property Custodian

Paul Trouten W8PI

Monroe Hamfest 2023

It's time for our annual Monroe Hamfest. As in years past, it will again be held at the Monroe County Fairgrounds at M-50 and Raisinville Road, on Father's Day, June 18, 2023.

Set up will begin on Saturday morning June 17th at 9 AM. The fair people are setting up and taking down the tables again this year which will greatly reduce the heavy labor of years past. We still need to label all of the tables with numbers and vendor names, align them properly and string up 4 electrical cords so the vendors in the center can have electricity. We will need to spread chairs out according to the diagram so that each vendor that wants one will get a chair or two. Dale WA8EFK, will also need help running wires and installing the PA system throughout the trunk sales area and inside the building.

The fair people usually put the handicap parking signs out in the parking lot and since we allow them to park inside we need to cover 14 signs in the parking area with brown bags. There are other miscellaneous jobs such as putting up banners and flags, and putting up signs. This usually is all accomplished by lunch time if we get enough help.

Sunday morning the early workers will enter through the Raisinville Road gate. It will be opened by 6:00 AM so that we can get in place in time to start letting trunk sales people in at 6:30 AM. Building captain, trunk sale guides and ticket sellers need to be in place by 6:30 AM. We will use **446.600 simplex** during the Hamfest but please don't announce this on the 72 repeater as the trunk sale people will harass us to no end.

After the Hamfest, about 1 PM we need people to go around and police up the area. We must clean up the fairgrounds and the building or they will charge us if they have to do it. If we get lots of help this won't take long.

Still Needed

We need about 8 to 10 people to sign up for ticket sales Sunday Morning hourly from 6:30 to Noon, so people won't have to spend all day out standing in the sun. If you can help out selling tickets, please contact Rodney Haddix KD8ZNZ as soon as possible.

We still have a few job openings that I would like to fill.

Overnight Security, someone to spend the night from 8:30 pm to 6:00 am in case of any emergency.

Building Captain, someone to help vendors find their tables from 6:30 am to about 9 am and also collect from any vendors that have not paid in advance, or buying any empty tables Sunday morning.

Saturday Trunk Registration, someone to ride around on a golf cart and help Saturday night trunk sales people find spaces and collect for tickets and spaces, also if they are spending the night collect for camping.

We have a new food vendor since the previous one couldn't get enough help to do the job. Don N8BZN found us a new food vendor.

As of June 10th we have 75 tables reserved leaving only 5 unspoken for. We have sold 56 tickets, 13 trunk spaces and 2 camping spots. A little better than last year.

If we get enough help and good weather, we should have a pretty nice Hamfest again this year.

Fred K8EBI, Hamfest Chairman for 29 years.



June 2023 Tech class

ARPSC Report June 2023

We had 8 operators participate in the Race for the Kids Erie 5k Saturday June 10th. The weather was perfect for our 2nd assist, cool, sunny and a light breeze. Operators monitored checkpoints along the race route to watch for medical issues, and track the end of the race. Big thanks to Ed WS8Y, Jim WD8NWF, Mark W8MCW, Rodney KD8ZNZ, Larry KE8HCD, Keith K8JH and Mike KE8UWZ.

There are several upcoming Public Service Events that we need help for, descriptions can be found on our webpage under the "Upcoming Public Service Events" Tab, along with a link to the Google signup form.

-Dundee Independence Day Parade July 4th Dundee High School 9:30am

IMPORTANT DATE CHANGE:

The 2023 Fall Simulated Emergency Test will be Saturday SEPTEMBER 30th. We will be directly participating with Monroe County EMD, Southeast Michigan Incident Management Team along with several Fire Departments. We will need lots of folks to help on this, both in the field and relays from home stations. More info to come - Keep your eyes Open!! This will be an excellent training and an opportunity to work with our Served Agencies and to show off our skills and abilities!!

Speaking of S.E.T, in the upcoming issue of QST (July Issue), not only will we see where Monroe County placed against the rest of the Division and the Country, but the press release we sent out to local media is going to be featured in the article about the S.E.T!!!! I am humbled that effort our team puts into participating in this event is being showcased nationally amongst our peers! The July issue should be arriving in your mailboxes soon if it already hasn't.

If you are interested in honing your skills or building new ones, please feel free to stop in to any of our meetings or training sessions, or participate on our nets. We are here to help every operator learn and perform better. It doesn't matter if your call sign was just posted on the FCC database or you have had your ticket for decades, we are always looking for additional operators.

ARPSC meetings are the first Thursday of every month at 7:30pm at the EMD on Raisinville Rd. Next meeting is Thursday July 6th

NOTE: *There WILL be an August meeting at the EMD even though it is fair week.*

As always Thanks to the club and the club webmaster for linking our FB and webpage, and to Fred for his time getting this newsletter out.

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Lance Charter
Emergency Coordinator
Monroe County Amateur Radio
Public Service Corps



Not Pictured Ed WS8Y



Lewis and Clark Trail on the Air

The Lewis and Clark Trail on the Air special event is an on air activity that commemorates the historic Lewis and Clark Trail. The trail covers 4900 miles through 16 states. This includes the disembarkation from Camp Dubois and what is referred to as the [Eastern Legacy](#). The event is sponsored by the [Clark County Amateur Radio Club](#) with support and participation from clubs in all 16 states along the historic trail.

Event Summary

Date: June 3rd, 2023 to June 18th, 2023 (June 2nd, 5pm Pacific - June 18th, 5pm Pacific)

Time Start: 0000 UTC

Time Ends: 2400 UTC

Operating Hours: 24 hrs/day for duration of the event

Simple Rules: Contact one club in each of the 16 states on the historic Lewis and Clark Trail. Operating modes include SSB Phone, FM Phone, CW, and FT8. Any combination of modes towards working all 16 states is allowed. A schedule for planned operations for each state will be posted on this web site.

Certificate: Certificates can be requested for two classes of participation:

- **Expedition Partner Certificate:** Any station working all 16 states is eligible for the Expedition Partner Certificate. [Example](#)
- **Trail Companion Certificate:** Any station working 1-15 states is eligible for a Trail Companion Certificate. [Example](#)

Participants making contact with activating stations from one or more states will be able to purchase a certificate after the event. Certificates can be delivered either as an emailed PDF, or printed on high-quality paper and shipped. If you purchase a paper certificate, we will also send you the PDF version. The certificates will cost \$5 for the PDF version, or \$10 for both the PDF and the paper versions.

On the Air Exchange: The on-air exchange will include call sign and state for CW and Phone. FT8 will be the standard exchange: call-sign, signal report, and grid square.

Logs: Only the activating stations in each of the 16 states along the trail will submit logs. Logs are not required from hunting stations. However, it is courteous to submit your personal log to Logbook of the World or other logging entity. Please submit your request for a certificate by August 31st of the activation year.

History: 2022 was the inaugural event for this activity.

Information: For more information, please send us a message at info@lctota.org.



Hams start going to Dayton for the technology.

They keep going for the people.

Dayton, Ohio becomes the center of the amateur radio universe every third weekend in May. That's when the Dayton Amateur Radio Association holds Hamvention, the largest gathering of radio amateurs in the world. This year, approximately 30,000 converged for the event.

Most people start going to Hamvention for the technology, and there was plenty of that this year. All the major manufacturers were there, including (in alphabetical order) Elecraft, Flex, Icom, Kenwood, MFJ, and Yaesu. There were some less well-known manufacturers there, too, including Alinco, HobbyPCB, QRPLabs, and QRPWorks. They were joined by a host of niche suppliers, who make and sell everything from antennas to Morse Code keys to batteries. And, of course, there's the flea market, where you can find all kinds of weird and wonderful electronic stuff.

People come for the forums, too. The theme for this year's Hamvention was Innovation! and many of the forums emphasized this aspect of amateur radio. This year's forum lineup included presentations on digital communications, software-defined radio, fast-scan TV, and Linux-based ham radio software.

People over technology

Technology was certainly the initial draw for me, but it's not why I keep returning. I didn't buy a single thing this year. What keeps me going back are the people. Every year, I meet old friends, hams who I've only met on the air, and make new friends.

Last year, for example, I had dinner on Saturday with a fellow with whom I'd had many CW contacts, but never met in person. In fact, because we were operating CW, I'd never even heard his voice. We hit it off so well, that we again met for dinner this year. Not only that, we expanded our circle to include several other hams who we've worked before.

Here's another example. On Friday, an old friend came up to the booth to say hello. As it turns out, he was recently elected to the board of directors of the Quarter Century Wireless Association (QCWA). About 15 years ago, I was a member of QCWA, but let my membership lapse when I became disenchanted with the organization.

One of the reasons for my departure was that they actively discouraged me from starting a chapter here in Southeast Michigan. Their reasoning, as I recall, is that there was already a chapter in Michigan, even though its activities were mostly on the west side of the state. That made no sense to me at all.

This didn't seem to make much sense to my friend—the newly-elected QCWA board member—so we plan to explore this further at a later date. Who knows? We may yet form a SE Michigan chapter of QCWA.

This is just a small sample of the people I met this year. I also got to talk to some podcasters and YouTubers, a couple of fellows who recognized me from reading my blog or listening to me on the ICQ Podcast, and hams out in the flea market who had some interesting stories about the stuff they had for sale. You never know who you'll run into, what stories they'll tell you, and what you'll learn from them.

It's meeting people that keep me returning to Hamvention. If you've never been to a Dayton Hamvention, I'd encourage you to go at least once. If you do, I'm going to guess that you'll go back, and it won't be for the technology, but for the people.

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Dan Romanchik, KB6NU, is the author of the KB6NU amateur radio blog (KB6NU.Com), the "No Nonsense" amateur radio license study guides (<https://KB6NU.Com/study-guides/>), and often appears on the ICQPodcast (<https://icqpodcast.com>). When he's not at Hamvention, he teaches ham radio classes and operates CW on the HF bands.





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 XQ7UP, The Daily DX, 425 DX News, DXNL, Contest Corral from QST and the ARRL Contest Calendar and WA7BNM web sites. Thanks to all.

EQUATORIAL GUINEA, 3C. Ersoy, TA2OM is QRV as 3C3CA from Malabo and here for another two months. Activity is on the HF bands and 6 meters using FT8. QSL to home call.

MALDIVES, 8Q. Kasimir, DL2SBY will be QRV as 8Q7KB from Maafushi Island, IOTAAS-013, from June 13 to 21. Activity will be on 12, 10, and 6 meters. QSL direct to home call.

PAKISTAN, AP. Mubeen, AP2AJM is QRV on 10 and 6 meters using FT8 and SSB. QSL to home call.

EASTER ISLAND, CE0. Operators XQ3PCN, CA3YMR and CE3KEY will be QRV as CE0Y/XQ3PCN from June 12 to 18. Activity will be on 40 to 10 meters using SSB and FT8. QSL via operators' instructions.

IRAN, EP. Hassan, EP5CHD has been QRV on 17 meters using FT8 around 0200z. QSL direct to home call.

ETHIOPIA, ET. Ulli, DL9WVM is QRV from club station ET3AA in Addis Ababa until July 14. He is active between 0630 and 1400z. QSL via N2OO.

FRANCE, F. Michel, F8GGZ will be QRV with special event call sign TM400BP from June 14 to 21 to commemorate the 400 years since the birth of the French mathematician and physicist Blaise Pascal. QSL to home call.

MAYOTTE, FH. Marek, FH4VVK is here until June 2024 and QRV on the HF bands and 6 meters using SSB and FT8. He may soon be active using RTTY. QSL to home call.

PAPUA NEW GUINEA, P2. Gio, ZL3SSB will be QRV as P29VBR from Port Moresby from June 11 to 21. Activity will be in his spare time on the HF bands.

SWEDEN, SM. Lars, SM6CUK is QRV as SA6G/7 from Ven Island, IOTA EU-137, until June 11. Activity is holiday style on 40 to 10 meters using mainly CW. QSL to home call.

CENTRAL KIRIBATI, T31. A group of operators are QRV as T31TT from Kanton Island, IOTA OC-043, until June 14. Activity is on 160 to 6 meters using CW, SSB, and with seven FT8 stations in DXpedition mode. QSL via OQRS.

GABON, TR. Roland, F8EN is QRV as TR8CR until August 12. Activity is on the HF bands using CW. QSL via F6AJA.

MARSHALL ISLANDS, V7. Bob, N7XR is QRV as V7/N7XR from Kwajalein, IOTA OC-028, and is here until June 20. Activity is in his spare time on 160 to 10 meters using CW, SSB, and FT8. QSL via LoTW.

DUCIE ISLAND, VP6. A group of operators will be QRV as VP6A from June 11 to 24. Activity will be on 160 to 6 meters, with five stations active, using CW, SSB, and FT8. QSL via HA7RY.

LAKSHADWEEP ISLANDS, VU7. Yuris, YL2GM is QRV as VU7W from Minicoy Island, IOTAAS-106, until June 18. Activity is on the HF bands and 6 meters using CW, SSB, and FT8. QSL direct to home call.

VIET NAM, VX. Gran, UA3AA is QRV as XV9G from Mui Ne and here for an extended period of time. Activity is on 40 to 6 meters using CW and SSB. QSL via LoTW.

MYANMAR, XZ. Akio, JE2QIZ is QRV as XZ2B from Yangon until the end of September. Activity is on 15, 12, 10, and 6 meters using CW. QSL via JH3SIF.

THIS WEEKEND ON THE RADIO. The ARRL June VHF Contest, NCCC RTTY Sprint, NCCC CW Sprint, K1USN Slow Speed CW Test, VK Shires Contest, Asia-Pacific SSB Sprint, SKCC Weekend CW Sprintathon, Portugal Day Contest, AGCW VHF/UHF CW Contest, Batavia DX Contest, GACW WWSA CW DX Contest and the REF DDFM 6-Meter Contest are all 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, NAQCC CW Sprint, Phone Weekly Test, A1Club AWT, CWops Test, VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest, Mini-Test 40, Mini-Test 80 and the RSGB 80-Meter Club CW Championship are on tap for June 12 to 14.

Please see June QST, page 69, 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

June 15th 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 August 12, 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.

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New MCRCA Members

Please welcome recent new members to the club.