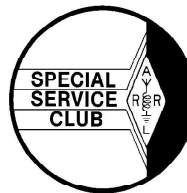


The Hertzian Herald



November 2023 • Volume 47, Issue 11 • Monroe, Michigan, U.S.A.

Hi all.

Our next meeting is Nov 16th at the Red Cross. This is the last regular meeting of the year. The December meeting is the "Christmas Party" held at the same place as last year. More details Thursday at the meeting.

Don N8BZN is offering a General license class December 9th with testing to follow. I hope to see you there. More info at the meeting or MCRCA.ORG. You can do it! We can help.



<http://mcrca.org/>

[www.facebook.com/
groups/
1643856795878368/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/1643856795878368/)

Club Officers

PRESIDENT

Keith Hutchinson KJ8H
keithhutch999@gmail.com

VICE PRESIDENT

Don Fritz N8BZN
donfritz56@gmail.com

SECRETARY

Brenda VanDaele KB8KQC
ka8ebi@yahoo.com

TREASURER

Fred VanDaele K8EBI
ka8ebi@yahoo.com

DIRECTOR

Paul Trouten W8PI
ptrouten@bex.net

DIRECTOR

Mike Karmol N8KUF
mikarmol@bex.net

DIRECTOR

STATION TRUSTEE
Wes Busdiecker KC8SKP
busdiecw@netscape.net

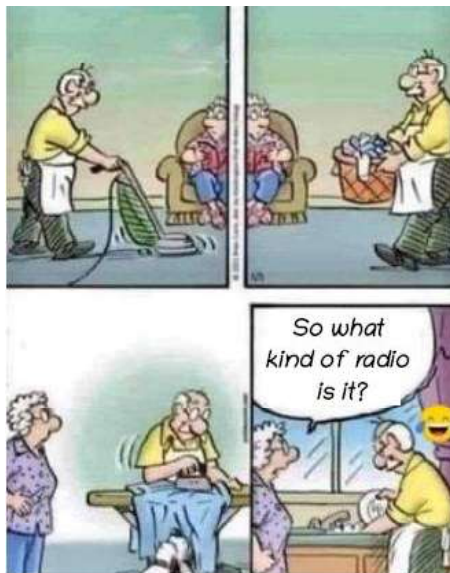
The next big contest is the **ARRL Sweepstakes Contest, SSB** Begins 2100 UTC Saturday 18th and runs through 0259 UTC Monday.

Thursday's meeting might be a good time to talk about NETS. If you have a favorite "net" share the info with us. You do know what a net is, don't you? What is traffic?

Nets get points for us checking in? HF and local nets. We hope to catch you in a net. Play radio!

See you soon & 73

Keith KJ8H



Inside This Issue

Minutes.	2
ARPSC Report . .	3
WAS- 33m band .	4
Ft Wayne HF. . .	5
Renewal form. . .	6
ARRL DX News . .	7

MCRCA Meeting Minutes for October 19, 2023

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

Pledge of Allegiance

ntroductions: No new members, upgrades and one guest. Chuck WJ8J

MINUTES: Motion by Don N8BZN, supported by Dale WA8EFK, to approve as written in the Herald. Approved.

TREASURER REPORT: Motion by Don N8BZN, supported by Dale WA8EFK, to approve the treasurer's report as passed out to the membership. Approved.

DX REPORT: Paul W8PI, Bands have been good, W8S Swains Island was easy to get on FT8. 10m has been great – much out there to get. Paul got PA on 20m – out of the normal.

CONTESTING: Paul W8PI, QSO Parties are here: NY / IL / CQ WW DX SSB / ARRL Sweepstakes CW and SSB / CQ WW DX CW. VOTA all year long. Bands have been very good – good chance to get stuff.

TESTING: Paul - Next session - Sat. Dec. 16, 2023. **Appointments Preferred - FRN and email req'd** One General / one Extra confirmed to be testing, maybe one more General.

CLASSES: Sat. December 9, 2023 contact Don N8BZN – **GENERAL class** Anyone interested please contact Don, he will provide a study guide.

ARPS: Spook Patrol in Dundee, time is 6:00 to 8:00 pm. Mobile units meet at 5:00 pm in Burger King. Finish at 8:00 pm and meet back at Burger King for follow up. First Thursday of the month meeting at EMD Monroe at 7:00 pm all are welcome.

ARRL: Next Monday, all day, web site will be down for upgrades. Please vote for new GL Division Director! Log Book of the World will be up next Monday; it has already been upgraded. VOTA – please work / points vary depending who you work – Dale is worth a lot of points – try to work him.

RRRA: DMR – Repeater still a work in progress – all others are up and working.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Membership – time for a new mailing – been over 5 years – so it's time again. Vote – all to look into it. – Christmas Party – Paul will talk to Fred and start the ball rolling. – Club T-shirts – we do not have any, like to look into maybe some, or other similar thing. Please speak to Fred about it.

DOOR PRIZE DRAWING: John WA8YZB

50/50: John WA8YZB, returned all to scholarship fund.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Jamboree-on-the-Air (JOTA), the largest Scouting event in the world, takes place on the third weekend of October (10/20 - 10/22).

PROGRAM: Video – DXpedition at Comoros

ADJOURNED: 8:38 pm

ATTENDANCE: 14

NM8I Barb	WA8EFK Dale	WD8NWF James	N8BZN Don
WA8YZB John	KJ8H Keith	KA8PQH Neil	W8PI Paul
KE8YQE Phil	KE8OSX Ron	N8NYP Terry	N8OSC Tom
KC8SKP Wes	WJ8J Chuck		

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

Hertzian Herald
Fred VanDaele K8EBI

Historian
Paul Trouten W8PI

Public Relations
Terry Kolton N8NYP
Tom Imlach KE8KNZ

Scholarship
Fred VanDaele K8EBI

Program Chairman
WANTED

Membership
Terry Kolton N8NYP
n8nyp@arrl.net

Property Custodian
Paul Trouten W8PI

ARPSC Report

The totals for the 2023 Simulated Emergency Test

******DRUMROLL******

2023 SET ARES (Part A)

836

Score from 2022

678

2023 SET NTS (Part B)

263

Score from 2022

231



A huge Thank You yet again for all those who participated, ARPSC member or not. Now we wait until the July 2024 issue of QST comes out so we can see how we measure up to everyone else.

I would also like to Thank the following operators and their navigators for their participation during the Dundee Spook Patrol on Halloween:

Dale Williams WA8EFK

Fred K8EBI and Brenda KB8KQC VanDaele

Rodney KD8ZNZ and Yvette Haddix

Jay WB8TKL and Mary Anne W8VWY Nugent

Jim Toomey WD8NWF

Phil Bardoni KE8YQE

And my navigator, Lisa Charter



Another successful event, even with the snow... Looking forward to next year.

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 usually the first Thursday of every month at 7:30pm at the EMD on Raisinville Rd. The next meeting is Thursday November 7th, This is our annual planning meeting, we would like to see everyone there to submit your ideas for next years training and events.

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.

Happy Thanksgiving to everyone and their families!

73

Lance Charter

KE8BYC

Emergency Coordinator

Monroe County Amateur Radio Public Service Corps



L'Anse Creuse Hamfest

My name is Russ, call sign is N8HAR and I am the swap chairman for the L'Anse Creuse Amateur Radio Club (LCARC) 2023 hamfest/swap & shop.

Our 2023 swap will be at the same location as last year: The Balkan American Community Center (BACC) in Troy. The address is: 1451 E. Big Beaver Road, Troy, Michigan.

Our radio club is looking forward to seeing you all again on **Sunday, December 3rd, 2023**.

If you would like to purchase vendor tables and/or admission tickets in advance, please print the registration form and follow the instructions on the form.

I have attached the flyer to this email, and it is also available from our website here: [2023 Swap Flyer](#)

Thanks, 73

Russ – N8HAR
LCARC Swap Chairman

The First Worked All States Certificate Awarded for the 33-Centimeter Band

11/09/2023

On November 4, 2023, Al Ward's, W5LUA, 38-year quest to contact all 50 states on the 33-centimeter band ended when he received the first-ever Worked All States (WAS) certificate for (902 - 928 MHz). Ward started collecting states on the band shortly after it was opened in 1985.

"I am extremely grateful to Peter Van Horne, KA6U, for his EME [Earth-moon-Earth] efforts. I was able to work Wisconsin for my last state [on] the 33-centimeter band on October 21. At the end of September, I was sitting at 32 states confirmed with cards and/or the Logbook of The World (LoTW), when Van Horne went on a 25-state expedition providing my last 18 states," said Ward. In recent expeditions, Brian McCarthy, NX9O, and Jason Baack, N1AV, also provided several states that were needed.

Ward's station consists of a 5-meter dish with 400 W of power obtained from two 300 W Motorola amplifiers in parallel. His feed is a dual polarity patch feed.

ARRL Radiosport and Regulatory Information Manager Bart Jahnke, W9JJ, was one of the first people to congratulate Ward on his accomplishment.



Jahnke stated, "Hearty congratulations! It's my privilege to confirm the ARRL Awards Department has received your WAS application, plus Card Checker document, and we have issued the 33-centimeter (902 - 928 MHz) Worked All States Award number 1 to you in culmination of your 38-year quest to contact all 50 states on the 33-centimeter band."

Other stations on the hunt for the 33-centimeter WAS certificate that are nearing completion include AC0RA, K0DAS, and N1AV.

In 1985, the Federal Communications Commission allocated the frequency band between 902 and 928 MHz to Part 18 industrial, scientific, and medical (ISM) equipment. In that proceeding, the band was also allocated to the Amateur Radio Service on a secondary basis, meaning amateurs could use the band if they accepted interference from and did not cause interference to primary users.

51st FORT WAYNE HAMFEST & Computer Expo

ARRL Central Division Convention



ARRL Forum - Saturday 10:00 AM

Josh Johnston KE5MHV

ARRL Director of Emergency Management

Carl Luetzelschwab K9LA

ARRL Central Division Director

Bob Burns AK9R

ARRL Indiana Section Manager

Mike Alley W9MSK

ARRL Indiana Section Emergency
Coordinator

Thom Beebe W9RY

ARRL Illinois Section Manager

Robert Littler W9DSR

ARRL Illinois Section Emergency
Coordinator

Ham Radio License Testing All Classes (\$14)
9 AM till 12 PM Saturday

WAS & DXCC Card Checking and CQ Awards

Youth Lounge (under 12 accompanied by adult)

New & Used Ham Equipment Dealers
Main & Hourly Door Prizes

2 Rooms of Special Interest Forums All Day Saturday

Talk-in Radio Frequency 146.880 (-)

Tables: \$30 Regular, \$50 Premium, \$33 Electricity
Drive Directly to Your Table for Setup

**November
18 & 19
2023**

**SAT 9 AM to 4 PM
SUN 9 AM to 2 PM**

**Admission: \$8 Sat &
Sun**

**\$4 Sun only
Children under 12 free
(with adult)**

**Allen County
War Memorial Coliseum
4000 Parnell Ave
Fort Wayne, IN
73,000 sq. ft. all indoors
(Coliseum Parking \$8 per vehicle)**

Get the latest information at

www.fortwaynehamfest.com

www.facebook.com/FTWAYNEHAMFEST/

Contact (260) 579-2196 , PO Box 10342, Fort Wayne, IN 46851

Monroe County Radio Communications Association

Dues run from January 1st to December 31st of each year. As a current / Past Member, you are invited to attend our monthly meetings to find out the latest plans for our club. You may pay your dues at any regular meeting or by filling in the form below and mailing it to:

MCRCA, 4 Carl Dr, Monroe, MI 48162.

Your membership and support will help with the continued success of our club. Thank you.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL FORM

Regular – \$10 — Add'l Family – \$5 each

DATE _____ ARRL MEMBER? Y _____ N _____ RRRRA Member? Y _____ N _____

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

CALL _____ CLASS _____ E-MAIL: _____

ADDITIONAL Family Members: _____

Please Circle All That Apply:

Active Bands: 160 80 75 40 30 20 17 15 12 10 6 2 220 440 higher

Modes: CW - SSB – DIGITAL - PACKET - RTTY - FM - DX - MOBILE - EME - SAT - ATV - SSTV

Interests: Traffic - DX - Contests - Foxhunts - Satellites - Nets – Antennas - Computers
Emergency - ARES/RACES - Skywarn - Classic Radios (circle all that apply)

Do you plan to upgrade your license? Y _____ N _____ If yes, what class? _____

What kinds of meeting programs would you like to see?

Other activities you would like to see the Club offer _____

General Comment's _____

Signature _____ Date _____



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.

TIMOR LESTE, 4W. A large group of operators will be QRV as 4W8X from Dili until December 5. Activity will be on the HF bands using CW, SSB, RTTY, FT8, and FT4. This includes being entries in the upcoming WAEDC RTTY and CQ WW DX CW contests. QSL via DJ4MX or Clublog OQRS.

BOTSWANA, A2. A group of operators are QRV as A25R until November 12. Activity is on 160 to 6 meters using CW, SSB, and FT8 with several stations. QSL via Club log.

MARQUESAS ISLANDS, FO. A group of operators will be QRV as TX7L from Hiva Oa, IOTA OC 027, until November 19. Activity will be on 160 to 6 meters, with four stations, using CW, SSB, RTTY, FT8, and FT4. QSL via Club Log.

CAMEROON, TJ. A large group of operators will be QRV as TJ9MD until November 15. Activity will be on the HF bands, and possibly 160 and 6 meters, with multiple stations. QSL via IK2VUC

SINT MAARTEN, PJ7. Chris, N0UK expects to be QRV for the CQWW DX CW contest as PJ7/G4JEC.

INDONESIA, YB. Burkhard, YB9/DL3KZA is QRV on Flores Island, OC-151, until November 17, operating holiday style, using FT8.

TANZANIA, 5H. Maurizio, IK2GZU will be active until December 8, signing 5H3MB on 20 to 10 meters. QSL via home call (d/B), LoTW or eQSL.

OMAN, A4. A43ND celebrates the 53rd Omani National Day during November. QSL via EC6DX, LoTW, eQSL, qrz.com.

BAHRAIN, A9. Members of the Bahrain Radio Amateur Society (BARS) join the Omani celebration with the call sign A91OMA from November 12 to 18. QSL via EC6DX, LoTW.

NETHERLANDS, PA. PF23MAX celebrates Max Verstappen's Formula 1 World Championship 2023 title during November. They will be QRV on HF and via QO-100. QSL via bureau or direct.

POLAND, SP. SN15AXI honors the memory of Janek Bonikowski, SP3AXI, a scout leader and amateur radio elmer, who died in 2008. The station will be QRV until the end of January 2024. QSL via bureau or eQSL.

ALBANIA, ZA. Ron, NS5K will be active as ZA15K until November 15.

ANTARCTICA, LU/Z. Esperanza Base is now active on PSK31 using the call sign L36Z, celebrating the station's anniversary. Look for them to be using FT8 also.

OGASAWARA, JD1/O. Looks for JD1YCE to be QRV from December 8 to 19. Operators are expected to be JA1CJA (JH3LSS), JA3ARJ, JA3AVO, JA3IVU, JA3UJR, JA3HJI, JI3DNN and YL JH3PBL. QSL via JA3AVO, LoTW, direct with SASE or to Club Log OQRS.

LIECHTENSTEIN, HB0. HB0/HB9RB will be in the CQWW DX CW contest as a single op classic. He will be QRV from November 24 to 29, on 160 to 10 meters using CW and FT8, before and after the contest.

GEORGIA, 4L. 4L2M will be in the CQWW DX CW contest, single op single band 40 meters high power. QSL via EA7FTR. Also, 4L5O, will be single op single band 160 meters high power. QSL via N3SL or LoTW.

CURACAO, PJ2. PJ2T will be a multi-multi operation in the CQWW DX CW contest. The operator list includes W0CG, K8ND, W5MJ, NA2U, W8WTS, N7IR, VA7DX, VE7KW and WI9WI. QSL direct to KU9C.

BARBADOS, 8P. Tom, W2SC will be at 8P5A for the CQWW DX CW contest. He will be single op all band high power. QSL via HA1AG or use LoTW.

BERMUDA, VP9. AB2E/VP9 will be active from November 23 to 27 as VP9GE for the CQWW DX CW contest. Before and after the contest he will try to work the low bands and newer bands, mostly on CW with some FT8. He will upload to LoTW when he's back home.

MONACO, 3A. Gianni, 3A/I1UWF plans to be QRV for one day, November 14, using SSB and possibly RTTY on 40 to 10 meters. QSL direct or bureau to his home QTH.

RODRIGUES ISLAND, 3B9. Kazu, M0CFW will be on the air from November 19 to December 1, including the CQWW DX CW contest, with call sign 3B9KW. QSL through LoTW or Club Log OQRS.

GUADELOUPE, FG. Vaclav, FG/OK6RA will be operating holiday style until November 27, using CW, SSB and FT8 on 40 to 10 meters and possibly 6 meters. During the CQWW CW weekend he will be single op single band on 15 meters. QSL to his home QTH direct or go through Club Log.

COLOMBIA, HK. Eleven special calls will mark the 90th anniversary of the Liga Colombiana de Radioaficionados on November 18 and 19. They are 5K0LR, 5K1LR, 5K2LR, 5K3LR, 5K4LR, 5K5LR, 5K6LR, 5K7LR, 5K8LR, 5K9LR and YL operators on 5J3L. They plan to be on 40 to 10 meters using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL via HK3LRB or use LoTW, eQSL, QRZ.com or Club log.

SURINAME, PZ. Nobu, JA0JHQ plans to be active as PZ5NH from December 7 to 11 operating on 160 to 6 meters, using CW, SSB and FT8. QSL direct or LoTW.

HONDURAS, HR. Alex, K6VHF will be QRV as HR9/K6VHF, from November 22 to 28, on 40 to 6 meters using FT8, FT4, SSB and CW.

CAYMAN ISLANDS, ZF. Stan, K5GO will be QRV as ZF9CW until February 15, on the HF bands, using mostly CW, with some SSB. QSL direct to K5GO.

PANAMA, HP. Hutch, NK0S will be QRV from November 18 to 24 as HP1/NK0S, operating vacation style using mainly FT8 on 20 to 10 meters and possibly 6 meters. Upon return home he will upload all QSOs to LoTW.

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

November 16th 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 General class

Next class will be December 9, 2023

The Monroe County Radio Communications Association (MCRCA) is offering a one-day Amateur Radio course for the **General** class license. The class will run from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM on the **second Saturday of December, December 9th**. 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 general Class 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.