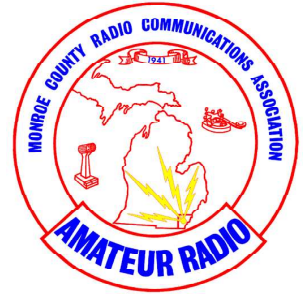


The Hertzian Herald



D Fritz Bitz:



As I am writing this I have one day of vacation remaining. I have been here since Thursday and will be leaving Tuesday. This is the first day I have felt like doing anything since I arrived. So, the week before I left, I was in and out of the hospital a couple of times with a reaction to something either food related or a bug bite. I swelled up like a melon. At that time, I had a house full of relatives in town for a family reunion so while I was in the hospital, they were cleaning out my refrigerator. My sister from Texas apparently brought a bug with her that I thought I had evaded until the day I left on vacation. I have spent most of the vacation sleeping in the car or in the motel room. What fun. Now that I am starting to feel better, I will rest up Monday and drive home Tuesday. Great two weeks.

Not much going on in ham radio right now that I am aware of. The daytime bands have been quiet and I haven't had much time on the weekends for any contesting. The Adrian Hamfest is coming up September 14th if you can make that.

Hope to see you at the meeting.

So, until next month, 73
Don Fritz, N8BZN



August MCRCA program

Perhaps you have wondered about Digital Mobile Radio (DMR), the advantages of this digital mode and the reasons the River Raisin Repeater Association (RRRA) made the choice to implement DMR in Monroe County.

For the August program, the RRRA Tech Team will cover the history of DMR, its unique features and the background that drove the logical choice to implement this digital mode. The talk will cover the fundamentals, unique terminology, the network and some more advanced features offered by DMR.

See you there.

<http://mcrca.org/>

www.facebook.com/groups/1643856795878368/

Club Officers

PRESIDENT

Don Fritz N8BZN
donfritz56@gmail.com

VICE PRESIDENT

Mike Karmol N8KUF
mkarmol@bex.net

SECRETARY

Fred VanDaele
ka8ebi@yahoo.com

TREASURER

Brenda VanDaele KB8KQC
ka8ebi@yahoo.com

DIRECTOR

Paul Trouten W8PI
ptrouten@bex.net

DIRECTOR

Aaron Liske KE8PUN
aaron.liske@gmail.com

DIRECTOR

STATION TRUSTEE
Wes Busdiecker KC8SKP
busdiecw@netscape.net

Inside This Issue

Minutes	2
ARPSC Report	3
Tech article	4
Tech article	5
Tech article	6
ZD9BV Upgrade	7

MCRCA Meeting Minutes for July 17, 2025

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm, by Don N8BZN.

Pledge of Allegiance

Introductions: No new members, upgrades or guests.

MINUTES: Motion by John WA8YZB, supported by Dale WA8EFK, to approve as written in the Herald. Approved.

TREASURER REPORT: Motion by Paul W8PI, supported by Wes KC8SKP, to approve the treasurer's report as passed out to the membership. Approved.

DX REPORT: Tom KG8P, talked about how to get notice of upcoming DX, and swapping cards cheaper. — "Mali Sasuticies island" – owned by Russia, leased by Finland, gave it an Entity status. – DX is out there but bands aren't. Just have fun, you can never tell what's out there.

CONTESTING: Paul W8PI, AL QP – Jul 26, NA QP CW – Aug 2 MDC QP – Aug 9
NA QP SSB – Aug 16 HI QP – Aug 23 OH QP – Aug 23
CO QP – Aug 30 KS QP – Aug 30

TESTING: Paul - Next session - Sat. October 18, 2025. **Appointments Preferred - FRN and email req'd**

CLASSES: Don - Next class - Sat. October 11, 2025 contact Don N8BZN – **Technician class.**
One signed up, now need two more.

Hamfest: Don N8BZN, plans to bring antique radio club in to the hamfest to draw in more people.

Field Day: Paul W8PI, Poor score this year, Best year was 2017. Didn't have enough phone operation. We need a supervisor to schedule op times. John WA8YZB, operated from home 1058 points. GOTA station did very well with 2000 points.

ARPS: Upcoming events: Dundee parade, S.E.T. and spook patrol.

RRRA: The 72 machine is back up – being repaired. The Echo link is being upgraded, and the 220 is on the bench for maintenance.

OLD BUSINESS: Club T-shirts, Barb NM8I

NEW BUSINESS: none

DOOR PRIZE DRAWING: Doug KF8CCH, and Keith KJ8H

50/50: John Turner WA8YZB donated back to scholarship

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Anyone having articles for the Hertzian Herald please email them to Fred K8EBI

PROGRAM: "Ground is a myth", video by ARRL First Vice President' Kristin McIntyre K6WX

ADJOURNED: 8:48 pm

ATTENDANCE: 18

WA8EFK Dale	N8BZN Don	KF8CCH Doug	K8EBI Fred
WD8NWF James	KN8CR Jeff	K8UMF John	WA8YZB John
KJ8H Keith	N8KUF Mike	KA8PQH Neil	W8PI Paul
KE8MFY Steve	N8NYP Terry	KG8P Tom	KC8SKP Wes
K8ZCS Ed	Jill Miller		

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

Scholarship

Fred VanDaele K8EBI

Program Chairman

Dale WA8EFK
dale.wms1@frontier.com

Membership

Terry Kolton N8NYP
n8nyp@arrl.net

Property Custodian

Paul Trouten W8PI

ARPSC Report

August 2025—The back-end of summer and headed into fall headlong....

The summer has been a busy one for the team. 4 Fermi Radiological and Congregate Care Center Shelter drills in June. Multiple requests for assistance from the regional Incident Management Team for assistance as Technical Specialists including 3 Fireworks shows, 2 festivals, and all 7 evenings of the Monroe County Fair. Summer also included the Erie 5k Run and lineup from the Dundee Independence Day Parade! We could not be as successful (and requested) if it was not for the hard work and dedication from all our team members!



Now moving to the fall of the year doesn't mean a slowdown, we have the 2025 Fall Simulated Emergency Test upcoming Saturday October 4th, we will need LOTS of help this year. See separate article in this newsletter.

Speaking of SET, the report numbers came out in the July issue of QST, unfortunately a software glitch prevented Monroe's full score from being reported at that time. We received help from Michigan Section Manager Larry Camp WB8R and Great Lakes Division Director Scott Yonally N8SY in reaching out to staff at QST and an update was posted in the September QST Issue on page 67.

"Update to 2024 ARES SET Results

The following reports should have appeared in the table of results for the 2024 SET Results in the July 2025 issue of QST:

- Monroe County Amateur Radio Public Service Corps, reported by Emergency Coordinator Lance Charter, KE8BYC, achieved 700 points. These added points raise the Michigan Section to second place in the "2024 SET Top Ten" and "ARES Activity" lists and give Monroe County the second-highest ARES Activity score in the country for the 2024 SET."

That's correct, the dedicated Monroe team members powered thru the SET and received 2nd place recognition for it! I cannot express how proud I am to lead this exceptional group of operators and how much I appreciate each and every one of them!!

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 September 4th.

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

73, Lance Charter, KE8BYC
Emergency Coordinator
Monroe County Amateur Radio Public Service Corps

2025 Simulated Emergency Test-Call for Assistance

The 2025 Monroe County Simulated Emergency Test will be held Saturday October 4th starting around 8am and going until around 4pm at Sterling State Park. The format will be a bit different this year and hopefully will provide some excitement, fun and camaraderie.

We will be working with Citizen Emergency Response Team (CERT) from Region 2, led by Frenchtown CERT and the Monroe Squadron Civil Air Patrol (CAP) Watch the ARPSC FB page for info, or make sure I have your email. REMEMBER, you do NOT have to be an ARPSC member to participate, in fact, I encourage you to help out if you are not an ARPSC member. We will need LOTS of operators for this exercise. Just like Field Day, this is an opportunity for EVERYONE to practice and participate.

(Continued next page)

We will be looking for operators to act as search team shadows, staging managers, operators in the trailer and CERT rehab truck, NTS Liaison, WINLINK operators, State and regional liaisons, etc. Whether you are brand new and don't know where to start, or well-seasoned, there will be a spot just for you.

The SET is ARRL's primary national emergency exercise and is designed to assess the skills and preparedness of Amateur Radio Emergency Service® (ARES®) volunteers, as well as those affiliated with other organizations involved in emergency and disaster response.

In 2024, Monroe's team was announced as the #2 scoring team in the USA! Want to be part of the team and make a run for #1 spot in the Nation this year?

The SET encourages maximum participation by all radio amateurs, partner organizations, and national, state, and local officials who typically engage in emergency or disaster response. In addition to ARES volunteers, those active in the National Traffic System (NTS), Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES), National Weather Service (NWS) SKYWARN®, Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), Civil Air Patrol (CAP), Military Amateur Radio Service (MARS) and a variety of other allied groups and public service-oriented radio amateurs are needed to fulfill important roles in this nationwide exercise.

The SET offers volunteers an opportunity to test equipment, modes, and skills under simulated emergency conditions and scenarios. Individuals can use the time to update a "go-kit" for use during deployments and to ensure their home station's operational capability in an emergency or disaster. To get involved, contact me via email at my call sign @yahoo.com, or during a Monday night ARES Net 8pm on the 146.720MHz (72 Monroe) repeater.

If you are interested in participating, please fill out the survey at this link so we can get an idea of those available and their capabilities. <https://forms.gle/Yee7XQNq3zE8J69i9>

This well-written article comes from Ohio SEC Bret Stemen and was printed in the Ohio Section Journal. Bret graciously allowed me to share it with you and the points he makes are as important in Monroe County as it is in Ohio. I did remove a few paragraphs that were geared almost fully to Ohio to save some space. ——Lance KE8BYC

Technology and Reliability

by Bret Stemen KD8SCL Ohio Section Emergency Coordinator from the August "Ohio Section Journal" Reprinted with permission from Author.

These two concepts, each desirable in its own right, can become confusing when applied to planning for emergencies. Each county Emergency Coordinator (EC) is responsible for creating plans to carry his/her ARES unit through an emergency: Alerting and activating the group, organizing a communications network that will be responsive and comprehensive for their agencies, managing the ARES volunteers, maintaining their operation, and successfully demobilizing and reporting both internally and to the Section or League. It's impossible to create a uniform approach- each county's potential emergencies differ, each county's agencies operate somewhat differently, and each county's politics can vary widely. The EC must navigate all those different waters while keeping volunteers interested and trained and avoiding the pitfalls of personalities of 'grumpy old men'.

ARES advertises that we can be a dependable communications ally in many different circumstances. With that in mind, we have the option of trying many of the modes available to us. We've been using fldigi to send IS-213 messages reliably on HF and VHF/UHF, and each county needs to practice that regularly. The use of DMR, Fusion and D-star all can create a dependable, wide-area network!

Another service we should be encouraging is Winlink. It's been a proven performer for years both serving sea going vessels with position and email support, and providing 'last mile' email for large disasters. Previously constrained to expensive packet modems, we can now use WinLink and a sound card! The best thing here is we can originate a normal email from, say, a PC in a vehicle through VHF or even HF onto the Internet. These emails are delivered to anyone, who can respond using their own email system. What a great way to link everyone!

(Continued next page)

Now this is all exciting- but the whole thing depends on one person: the ARES volunteer. If apathy, disinterest and unwillingness to invest time and energy remove our volunteers from being active the whole thing falls apart. You wouldn't join a basketball team without expecting to practice, or a band without spending practice time at home. Likewise, ARES membership involves our time, and energy. We this year have said every member needs to have the four 'magic' NIMS courses. You're all to be encouraged- the numbers look very good! I am extremely grateful for your work!

ARES was organized by the ARRL long before WWII. It has changed names several times, and moved from a message-traffic oriented organization to a service, centered on providing emergency communications. It has remained thus for a number of years. But ARES doesn't 'own' emergency communication. On a wider scale, amateur radio operators have been helping across a broad range of disciplines. There is still message traffic- which has been split down the middle with the lack of positive management from ARRL and the introduction of Radio Relay International (RRI) which has made inroads into amateur message handling. There are other well-established activities, from RACES to specialized nets (Maritime, Hurricane, Salvation Army and many more) all of which serve the 'greater good'. So we always need to remember that the bigger picture is about amateur radio serving the community.

One of the problems with ARES is that in many ways it's been left in a box on a shelf, not changed or updated for a number of years by the League. (That actually could be a good thing!) Even with the League's textbooks on emergency communication the written material is dated, and doesn't have much in it reflecting our new, post-9/11 world. The day is past where hams of any organization sit back with a "call me if you need me" attitude. Many simply relied on the fact they owned a ham license as proof of...something. But the world is different today.

Then came NIMS – and not only the hams but pretty much everyone even remotely connected with the responding world was able to get on the same page.

Across the country, a number of ARES organizations including Ohio, realized that in order to play in this new post 9/11 world, we had to prove we knew what we were doing. In 2016, that was driven home with our participation in the RNC and the other events of that month. In 2017, we began to enforce the need to have the four "magic" NIMS courses (they are IS- 100, 200, 700 and 800.) But there was a large number of volunteers (many well-seasoned and valuable) who weren't on board. The truth is, there is not one question on an amateur exam that proves your ability to operate a radio, especially under emergency conditions. So we NEED the training. In order to create an incentive.

“What does my attitude have to do with emergency communications?”

In a word, everything! It is even more important than your radio skills. Historically speaking, the attitude of some amateur radio volunteers has been our weakest point.

In situations where a professional and helpful attitude is maintained, partner agencies point with pride to hams' efforts and accomplishments. The opposite situation is clearly illustrated in the words of one emergency management official who said, "Working with ham radio operators is like herding cats — get them the heck out of here!" This man was clearly frustrated with the attitude of his volunteers.

Although our name says that we are "amateurs," its real reference is to the fact that we are not paid for our efforts. It need not imply that our efforts or demeanor will be anything less than professional. "Professionalism" means getting the job done efficiently with minimal fuss.

No matter which partner agency you serve — emergency management, the American Red Cross, or others — it is helpful to remember that emergency communications volunteers are like unpaid employees. If you maintain the attitude that you are an employee of the partner you are serving, with all that employee status implies, there is little chance for you to go astray. You are there to help solve their communication problems. Do whatever you can, within reason, to accomplish that goal and avoid becoming part of the problem.

(Continued next page)

Who Works for Whom?

The relationship between the volunteer communicator and partner agencies will vary somewhat from situation to situation, but the fact is that you work for them. It doesn't matter whether you are part of a separate radio group like the Amateur Radio Emergency Service® (ARES®) or part of the partner's regular volunteer force. You still work for them.

Your job is to meet the communication needs of the partners — period. It is not to show off your fancy equipment or to impress anyone with your knowledge of radio and electronics. A “know-it-all” or “I will show you how good I am and how inadequate you are” attitude will end your and our relationship with the partners in a hurry.

It is often said that volunteers don't have to take orders. This is true — we do not. However, when you volunteer your services to an organization, you implicitly agree to accept and comply with reasonable orders and requests from your “employer.” If you do not feel comfortable doing this, do not volunteer.

There may be times that you find yourself unwilling or unable to comply with a partner's demands. The reasons may be personal or related to safety or health, or it may be that you do not consider yourself qualified or capable of meeting a particular demand. On rare occasions, you may be asked to do something not permitted by FCC rules. Regardless of the reason, respectfully explain the situation, and work with the partner or your superiors in the communications group to come up with an alternative solution. If the discussion with the partners becomes difficult or uncomfortable, you can always politely pass the discussion up to your immediate emergency communications superiors so that they can handle it instead.

I sincerely appreciate all you do for your neighbors, and for the Ohio Section!

Bret KD8SCL

Ducting, - Meteorologist Christopher Pipkin

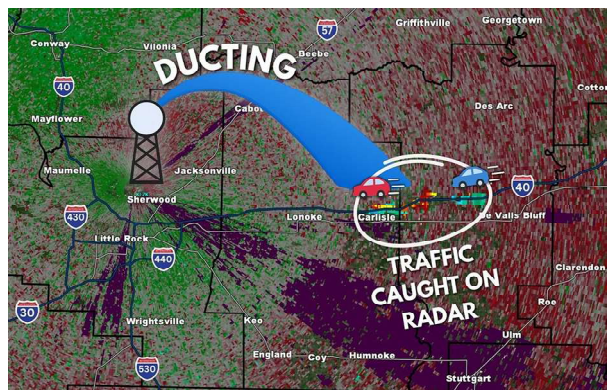
June 10 at 5:33 AM ·

Excuse the extra nerdy post here, but this is too cool! 📶🚗 We were able to spot traffic on radar earlier this morning. What is happening here is called “ducting,” which is rare.

This occurs when a temperature inversion traps the radar beam close to the surface, bending it lower than normal. In this case, it bent just enough to pick up motion along I-40 near Carlisle, and yep, those are likely cars showing up on radar!

Weather radar detected speeds in the 75–85 mph range, which makes total sense for overnight interstate traffic. While it's not directly “seeing” each car, the beam is hitting just the right layer of the atmosphere to reflect motion at ground level, which is often wind or, in rare cases like this, vehicles.

Pretty amazing what our atmosphere can do!



PRESS RELEASE
ZD9BV station upgrade project
By Bob Schenck, N2OO

About six months ago, I was approached by Ken K4ZW (YASME) about the possibility of helping Andy ZD9BV improve his antenna setup on Tristan da Cunha. At that time, Andy's station consisted of a Marine vertical and an IC706MK2G transceiver utilizing the internal tuner. YASME was considering providing Andy with a setup for an RBN. I was asked if INDEXA could assist with the antenna upgrade. Before I could put in a request for INDEXA assistance, I needed to see what might be available that would meet Andy's needs and his property footprint. What evolved was quite a wonderful surprise.

I started by initiating communication with Andy. He had limited space on his property for an antenna. So, compromise rotatable antennas were considered.

I started by contacting DX Engineering. But, while I was at it, I decided to also see if they might consider an improved radio for Andy. They decided to ask ICOM for their help, and a new IC7300 was provided and DX Engineering agreed to add some lengths of coax and cover the shipping of the items to Andy. As for the antennas, they were not available in the USA so they suggested contacting WIMO in Germany to see what they might have. They would also be able to provide a 240vac rotor which was not available in the USA.

Moving on to WIMO.

Next, I approached WIMO about the antenna system desires for Andy. This would include a small mini-beam and an 80-6 meter vertical. In addition, a 240vac rotor, associated rotor hardware, a rotorcontrol cable, and a 240v 12VDC power supply were also requested. My plan was to ask for pricing so I would know how much the project would cost before I moved forward looking for financial support. What followed was another heartwarming surprise. WIMO asked why Andy was not considering a HEX Beam, and I advised them that Andy felt that it would not handle the occasional harsh weather that would be experienced on ZD9. So, WIMO offered to add a HEX Beam to the package. WIMO agreed to provide all of the equipment at no charge but asked if INDEXA would cover the shipping cost which was around \$500 USD.

Moving on to INDEXA.

INDEXA does not normally support private stations. However, in this case we had the only licensed ham on a remote island entity whose population is around 250 people. ZD9 is #55 on the most wanted DXCC list (Club Log) even after some serious activity by ZD9W in 2023. In addition, we already had extraordinary support from ICOM, DX Engineering, WIMO and YASME. So, in the end it was an easy decision for INDEXA to cover the shipping expense. Without the support from ICOM, DX Engineering, WIMO, INDEXA, YASME, N3FJP and UX5UO, I would have needed to run a separate funding campaign of some sort.

Finally, moving on to N3FJP and UX5UO.

Andy was logging using an Excel format and QSLing is all done via direct mail to him on the island. I asked Andy if he would do LoTW uploads occasionally but he did not have regular logging software there. I approached Scott, N3FJP asking if he would provide his software package to Andy which would make uploading the log easier either directly from him, or via an assist from me. Scott quickly obliged. This part will be an ongoing project. I will continue to assist Andy on this. Meanwhile, Andy shared his Excel log with me that goes back a few years, and I am working on it to create an ADIF. After Andy gets his hardware together and operational, we will move forward with logging upgrades and work on how to set up LoTW.

Andy wanted to design a new QSL card that promoted the new sponsors and he asked me for help with the design. He has a local printer in South Africa who prints his cards. So, I asked Gennady UX5UO if he would help design a new card for Andy and I sent him a couple of photos that Andy shared with me. Gennady quickly obliged and provided a professional quality design which Andy will use with his local printer. These will take a while to get printed. But they will be worth the wait.

MCRCA Dues run from January 1st to December 31st.
Please check your name on the sheet below to see where you stand.
You can fill out the form on the next page to pay your dues.

August 21, 2025

Call	Name	Exp date	Call	Name	Exp date
KE8PUN	Aaron Liske	2025	KJ8H	Keith Hutchinson	2025
NM8I	Barbara Wilson	2025	KE8LRD	Ken Grooms	2024
KE8TPU	Bill Mercer	2022	KE8BYC	Lance Charter	2020
KB8KQC	Brenda VanDaele	2025	KE8OTG	Larry Lenhart	2023
KF8AOL	Bob Morrison	2025	KE8QGU	Madonna Burkitt	2024
WB8GUN	Bob Van Klingerren	2025	W8MCW	Mark Wheeler	2027
KE8WYY	Brian Paules	2025	KN6EYQ	Mark White	2022
W8BKT	Brian Tennyson	2020	KE8RCO	Matthew West	2021
KE8RCN	Brody Madlock	2021	KE8UWZ	Mike Courington	2024
WA8EFK	Dale Williams	2025	KE8TYC	Mike Isbell	2022
KC8BUD	Daniel Bain	2024	N8KUF	Mike Karmol	2025
KB8AQJ	Dan Kay	2025	AD8EV	Michael Mc Peek	2021
	Nancy Kay	2025	KA8PQH	Neil Remaklus	2025
AC8SI	Dave Buchko	2026	KF8AYH	Omar Metwally	2025
W8IIE	Dave Benoit	2023	W8PI	Paul Trouten	2025
K8EKG	David Hatfield	2024	KC8AZZ	Peter Forgacs	2025
KE8RXC	Debbie Bardoni	2022	KE8YQE	Phil Bardoni	2025
KC8CCR	Debbie Forgacs	2025	W8NBS	Randy Meyer	2022
KF8DZD	Delmer Taylor	2025	N9PWL	Rick Durham	2027
KE8ZAR	Dennis Hulvey	2025	KE8UNH	Rick Wykle	2022
N8BZN	Donald Fritz	2025	KD8ZUI	Rob Howe	2026
KF8CCH	Doug Orr	2026	K8HV	Robert Lawrence	2022
K8OF	Doug Wherry	2026	KE8OSX	Ron Duvall	2025
WS8Y	Ed Keller Jr	2023	KE8CQO	Ron Hills	2025
KC8RQK	Fred Kinsey	2025	KD8ZNZ	Rodney Haddix	2026
K8EBI	Fred VanDaele	2025	WO0O	Russ DeCrease	2025
KB8OSU	George Low	2026	KD8HYS	Sandra Burr	2026
KE8VTT	Isaac Burkey	2025	W8SMB	Scott Burkey	2025
KE8VLW	James Kiester	2024	WA8PYL	Scott Retzlaff	2025
WD8NWF	James Toomey	2025	KE8MFY	Steve Orlowski	2025
KN8CR	Jeff Breitner	2024	N8NYP	Terry Kolton	2028
K8OLV	Jeff Giles	2026	N8OSC	Tom Cooper	2024
KE8WMY	Jefferson Mathews	2023	KE8UDH	Tom Hughey	2022
K9JP	Jeff Peters	2025	KE8KNZ	Tom Imlach	2022
N8RWI	John Bills	2025	KG8P	Tom Jenkins	2025
N8DXR	John Copeland	2026	KE8NSU	Tony Griffin	2025
K8UMF	John Miller	2025	KC8SKP	Wes Busdiecker	2025
WA8YZB	John Turner	2025	N8MWQ	Woody Kirkman	2023

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 _____ RRRR 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 _____

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

2025 Schedule:

February 15	April 19
June 21	August 16
October 18	December 20

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

August 21st 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 October 11th, 2025.

The Monroe County Radio Communications Association (MCRCA) is offering a one-day Amateur Radio course for the **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.