

The Hertzian Herald



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D Fritz Bitz:



The temperature is going up, the stock market is going up, the flowers are going up, everything is going up but my income. It's a good thing that ham radio is relatively free (after your initial investment). I can have four dollars in my pocket and go to the ham shack and it doesn't care. I can talk all I want and it doesn't cost a dime. CQ's are free. Contests are free. DXing is free. Just sitting and listening to other people chew the fat, costs not one thin dime. I've had other hobbies that I have to buy new supplies for all the time and they nickel and dime me to death. Not ham radio. I still have several nickels and a couple of dimes left.

I know Fred has been hard at work on the Hamfest for a couple of months now. It takes a lot of work to put the hamfest together and we are lucky to have someone who is willing to put so much effort into it. I'm sure that when the time comes, there will be lots of people step up to make the hamfest a great success but if you can help Fred out in the mean time, please talk to him at the meeting to offer your help.

I've been doing the Tech class for 4 years now and just finished my latest one today. The next class will be in August if you know of anyone who wants to get their license. I've had a long day today so I think I'll turn in before my blood pressure goes up, too.

So, until next month, 73.

See you at the meeting.
Don Fritz, N8BZN

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MCRCA April Program

We will take a look at the new FCC allocations for the 60 Meter ham band and how the changes now affect our use of these shared 5 MHz frequencies.

Barb NM8I says she still has some shirts at the Red Cross for club members.
Rodney KE8ZNY - Brian KE8WYY - George KB8OSU - Phil KE8YQE

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MCRCA Meeting Minutes for March 19, 2026

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm, by Mike N8KUF.

Pledge of Allegiance

Introductions: Two new members, no upgrades and no guests.

MINUTES: Motion by Paul W8PI, supported by Dale WA8EFK, to approve as written in the Herald. Approved.

TREASURER REPORT: Motion by Paul W8PI, supported by Keith KJ8H, to approve the treasurer's report as passed out to the membership. Approved.

DX REPORT: Paul W8PI, Sable Isl. – Nova Scotia CY0S, March 19 - 31, 2026. — 3Y0K Bouvet Island DXpedition, February - March 2026. Most remote island, uninhabited. Done now, made 102,292 contacts and cost \$1.7 million dollars.

CONTESTING: Paul W8PI, QSO Parties. VA, LA, MS, NM, MO, ND, GA, MI, ON, QC, NE, AND FL. — CQ WW WPX SSB March 28-29. **MI QSP April 18 – 19.**

TESTING: Paul - Next session - Sat. April 18, 2026. **Appointments Preferred - FRN and email req'd**

CLASSES: Don - Next class - Sat. April 11, 2026 contact Don N8BZN – **Tech class**

ARPSC: Jim WD8NWF, Skywarn training Wednesday, register online. Next meeting Thursday April 2nd. Following Saturday meeting on Skywarn training.

RRRA: Mike N8KUF, All repeaters on the air and functional - Echolink is doing good - Annual RRRA meeting first Saturday in May, 2nd.

OLD BUSINESS: NM8I Barb has shirts at the Red Cross for KE8ZNZ, KE8WYY, KB8OSU, and KE8YQE. If anyone else wants to order one, contact Barb NM8I.

NEW BUSINESS: Find **Hamfest Chairman**, Monthly snack person, Field Day food person, and Christmas Coordinator. — Barb brought in a 2m full wave directional antenna she made.

DOOR PRIZE DRAWING: Steve KE8MFY, Tony KE8NSU, Mike KF8FXU, Barb NM8I

50/50: Ron KF8FYP

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

PROGRAM: Overview of how the US government's GPS Navigation system works.

ADJOURNED: 8:45 pm

ATTENNDANCE: 20

NM8I Barb	KF8AOL Bob	W8PH Brian
WA8EFK Dale	KF8DZD Delmer	K8EBI Fred
WD8NWF James	KJ8H Keith	N8KUF Mike
KA8PQH Neil	KF8AYH Omar	W8PI Paul
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KE8NSU Tony	KC8SKP Wes	W8HEJ Joe
KF8FYP Ron	KF8FXU Mike	

Committees**Club Station**

Wes Busdiecker KC8SKP

DX Net

Soon

Field Day

Jeff Breitner KA8NCR

Finance

Paul Trouten W8PI (chair)
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Dale Williams WA8EFK

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The "Every Ham" Radio Contest

I love the concept of radio communication; from playing with 27mhz "walkie talkies" as to kid, to CB and LMR as a teen, and then finally licensed amateur radio as an adult.

I'm just a nerd; learning about and experimenting with radio frequencies is just plain fun.

The Ragchew

The fact that I can communicate with stations across the country and around the world is fascinating... But I've found that I just don't like actually talking on the radio. It's not that I'm anti-social, I just find the conversation style itself to be very tiring.

I've noticed that a conversation on a radio (a "ragchew QSO") tends to consist of dueling monologues; that is, one station talks for a solid minute or more on one or more topics, then the receiving station responds with their own minute or longer transmission. As someone who has a hard time remembering a name or callsign that I just heard, trying to mentally store and then form a response to the verbal equivalent of an entire page of a novel is incredibly draining.

Combine my poor recall with the fact that I never became particularly proficient in writing, yet alone shorthand, and these conversations turn radio into a chore rather than a joy.

Contests

"Contests" are antithesis to ragchew-style QSOs, and I quite like them for that fact, but they also come with their own issues. In a hobby filled to the brim with nerds, it's unsurprising that these little contests are packed with pages of arcane rules. When you start talking about classes, grid-squares and station points, one could reasonably question whether you're discussing amateur radio or D&D2.

That's not the problem, though, I've DM'd TTRPGs and the Field Day rules are still way simpler than the tomes of Pathfinder. For me, the problem is that I don't have (and likely never will have) the space and money that would be required to construct a competitive station.

Field Day

Looking at a previous Field Day contest I participated in as an example, even within only my specific class, my score of just under 200 was the 7th lowest in the class, with the top station in my class scoring over 3,700. The top score in the entire contest that year was over 32,000.

Some of the contest is absolutely skill, but a lot of it comes down to logistics. The top scoring stations had teams of operators, and resources like commercial canopy tents (think outdoor wedding), power distribution networks, dozens of PCs and radios, multiple radio towers, porta-potties, and even catering... all in a contest that's supposed to be about "field-expedient" operations. Compared to my single, battery-powered HF radio and a wire antenna I tossed into a tree, I didn't stand a chance.

I absolutely don't object to those teams, though. I think it's awesome that they've got a team of committed folks who can spare the time and money, and at least one or two with the experience and know-how to coordinate all of the logistics that goes into such a set-up (even if it maybe misses the spirit of the event a bit). It's a seriously impressive effort ...But it's also little discouraging.

The other discouraging aspect of the bigger contests is scheduling. Radio contests are what a gamer might call "a collectathon speedrun." The objective in most contests is to collect as many "contacts" (two-way communication with another station) as possible in finite amount of time. Depending on the contest, contacts might be worth different points based on a number of factors, but the general idea is the same: whoever has the most points at the end of the contest wins. For a big contest like Field Day, the contest period stretches out over days. Big teams can cycle operators over the entire period, like shift workers at a 7-Eleven. Even if a solo station treated a contest like a job and put in 8+ hours a day, they'd still be at a significant disadvantage.

On the other hand, some contests are very quick, lasting only an hour. These don't require multiple shifts, but missing even 5 minutes of the contest can set a station back in their rankings and that one-hour period might fall early in the morning, late at night, or in the middle of a work day depending on your location. Low-power stations might be ignored entirely, too, since any extra time trying to hear them takes time away from potential points.

Either way, I can't help but feel like winning, or even ranking, is entirely unachievable for an "average" ham.

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The EveryHam Contest

For me, I'd like to see some sort of "every ham" competition. Set a power limit that is widely accessible, like 25 watts, and set the time period to 24 hours. Multipliers are determined by band and mode, and points are based on distance.

This sounds typical enough, but here's the catch: you can only submit 5 contacts.

Now the contest is focused on really pushing that 25 watts and digging into the noise. You could blast out RF for the entire 24 hours and collect hundreds of contacts, but you're still only submitting five. Someone who carefully chooses their frequency and greylines could potentially work their radio for only 30 minutes and still win. Longer hours certainly increases the chances that you'll get a high-scoring contact, but it doesn't make you unbeatable. Same goes for team size: running several operators at a time gets you more contacts to choose from, but you're still only submitting your best five.

I think this would help address a lot of the "issues" I have with most contests. Money and resources might help you score higher, but they don't determine the winner. With a 24-hour window, almost anyone, regardless of location or occupation, can turn their radio on an hour (or even 30 minutes) and still have a chance for a competitive score. The extra time also allows stations to try to pull in those weaker signals.

In my opinion, this better captures the magic of amateur radio, gives stations of all sizes a fair competition, and allows operators to plan their radio time around their schedule instead of the other way around.

Does such a contest exist?

Let me know.

Until next time netizens!

k3can blog

"Every Ham" Radio Contest - The Rules

Following up from my previous post, here's the first draft of the "Every Ham" contest rules.

Objective

The Every Ham Contest is designed to be a highly accessible amateur radio contest, emphasizing operator skill, knowledge, and technical efficiency over high-speed throughput.

To achieve this:

- stations are only permitted to submit a small number of contacts,
- a station earns points based on the distance of a contact, and
- difficulty multipliers are applied based on the band and mode used.

Contest Period

The contest runs for a single 24-hour block, beginning at 00:00 UTC Saturday and ending at 23:59 UTC Saturday.

Power Limit

Maximum Power: 20 Watts PEP output.

Exchange

Callsign

Signal report

6-Character Maidenhead grid (preferred)

- For Participating Stations: You are encouraged to give your 6-character grid as part of your standard exchange.
- For Non-Participating Stations: If the station you work does not know or provide their grid square, you may determine it after the contact using reputable sources (QRZ.com, online callbooks, or postal address-to-grid converters).

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Scoring

- Stations may only submit a maximum of FIVE (5) contacts.
- A station's total score is the sum of the score of all submitted contacts.
- Only simplex operation is allowed (no repeaters or other forms of assisted propagation may be used).
- Submitted contacts must be unique stations (cannot claim the same station twice, regardless of band/mode used).

Distance Points: 1 Point per 100 Kilometers

Band Multipliers:

Band Group	Multiplier
160m – 10m	1x
6m – 2m	20x
1.25m – 23cm	50x
=>13cm	150x

Mode Multipliers:

Mode Group	Multiplier
Digital Data	1.0x
CW/Morse	1.5x
Digital Voice or SSTV	3.5x
SSB Voice	4.0x
AM/FM Voice	6.0x



March Puzzle Answers

Logging and Submission

A station may submit up to FIVE (5) contacts for scoring.

Logs must be in ADIF format and must include the following fields: call, qso_date_off, band, mode, gridsquare and my_gridsquare.

Philosophy

To achieve the objective of the, Every Ham contest, bands and modes are heavily weighted in an attempt to award points based on the typical difficulty of a contact. The 20w maximum power restriction aims to be achievable by both fixed and mobile/portable stations. The 24-hour period combined with the low number of submitted contacts aims to provide opportunity for a station to participate competitively in the contest, regardless of their time zone, occupation, or personal schedule, and encourages taking the time needed to complete a quality contact.

Comparison of example scores:

Band	Mode	Distance	Score
20m	FT8	10,000 km	100 pts
40m	SSB	2,500 km	100 pts
2m	SSB	125 km	100 pts
70cm	FM	33.3 km	100 pts



Tech Trivia 31 Field Day Follies — A Fiction

The only thing that saved me from death by boredom that June of 1962 was the fact that I had stumbled onto a local teenage radio club. I was 18, and my family was visiting relatives I didn't know in the foothills of Georgia. When the last Saturday of June arrived, I assured mom once again that it was my civic duty to participate in the emergency preparedness exercise, and that I would be back Sunday around midafternoon.

The Field Day site was a sandy clearing in a State forest, apparently frequented by the boy scouts, for there was a fine tall flag pole in the middle, much sought after as an antenna support by the dozens of us who showed up. By early afternoon we had climbed the necessary trees (and the flag pole), pitched the tents, and fired up the generator — when the army showed up.

It was a reserve unit — weekend warriors — on maneuvers. Along with jeeps and other vehicles they had a thing that must have been the inspiration for today's monster trucks: BIG tires. They wanted to check it out in a sand pit at the edge of the clearing, so they had to ask us to move some guy wires.

While they were running it through the pit, a friendly argument broke out between the hams and the soldiers over whether that truck really could get through anything, the hams maintaining that if somebody just dug a little depression at the edge of the pit, the thing would bottom out and get stuck. The only way to resolve the dispute was to try it, so a number of idle hams set to digging, while the troops left, promising to return Sunday morning and drive right through it.

As the evening's activities heated up, it became clear that a major rivalry was developing between the guys in my tent, working 40 meter CW, and the guys in Denny's tent, on 20 side -band. Denny was quite the showman, and had taped a pair of two-foot fluorescent tubes to the ends of his dipole. As it grew darker it was quite an eerie sight to see those two blinking eyes, 30 feet apart and 40 feet in the air, against the black shapes of the trees. Rather put you in mind of Godzilla.

Along with the darkness came the revelation that the road leading up to our clearing was something of a local lovers' lane, for we saw several cars pull to the side and turn out their lights, and we very much suspected that the people in them were doing that which their mothers had told them they must never do.

I guess it was about 11 o'clock when, feeling the call of nature, I began making my way a few feet into the woods behind Denny's tent. From somewhere in front of me I heard a car door shut, and someone with a heavy southern drawl said, 'Get back in the front, and be ready to go.'

Behind me, Denny was running quite a pileup, picking off stations in their turn, and I heard a sidebender with a distinct New England twang say from the speaker, 'I finally got you, old man. Whiskey Four X-ray Zulu Yankee this is ...' Then the generator coughed and died, and the woods went pitch black and strangely quiet.

I moved around uncertainly for a minute, for I was no longer perfectly sure which was the way back to the clearing. Then there was a rustling in front of me, and immediately I was con-fronted with the owner of the southern drawl. 'We'd better get out of here,' he said. 'I think it's the Federals. They've got

a big x-ray machine. I saw it flashing and snuck up and heard them talking. There's stills back in these woods, and they got an old man and his whiskey. There's Yankees and Zulus mixed up in it somehow too, so it don't sound good.'

With that, he turned and fled into the woods. I heard the car door again, and then the engine revving up, and the headlights knifed into the woods. Well, he forgot to turn around, so instead of heading back to the highway he drove straight into our clearing and pancaked into the sand pit.

They stayed locked in there for a good ten minutes before we could convince them that, in spite of my northern speech, we weren't Yankees or Federals, and we didn't have any sinister x-ray machines, and we weren't after anybody's whiskey. But there was no way we could make them understand what a radio field day, or a phonetic alphabet was.

Finally, they came out, a fellow of about our own age, and a shy girl with the sweetest Dixie accent. So we got the generator gassed up again, and got some lights back on, and with all of us pulling we got the car out rather easily. But when the lights caught them Denny and I nodded knowingly at each other, because we had seen at the same moment that both the guy and the girl were wearing one black sock and one pink one.

Until next month, 73 de Dan, K8JWR

by Chris Codella, W2PA

8/14/2008

Alphas and IOTAs

Across

1. Swiped
 6. GM OM
 10. Tuvalu IOTA
 14. KH6 IOTA
 15. If's partner (to a programmer)
 16. Get one's ducks in ___
 17. ___nito
 18. Stage part
 19. Poor QTH, say
 20. Foot covered?
 22. Means justifiers
 23. Amplifier knob
 24. Softrocks, e.g.
 26. Murphy, e.g.?
 30. OA denizens, once
 33. Mother ___
 34. W4 Beach
 36. Xmtr pwr plus all following dBs
 37. 3B6 IOTA

39. 6Y IOTA
 41. Where you might get a 5-down - or maybe five, 5-down's down
 42. November honorees
 44. Multiple Elvises?
 45. F capital bisector
 47. Carefully did 23-across, with the big knob probably.
 49. CW
 51. Hero
 52. They're turned on by a positive base
 54. Two cartons of ice cream?
 60. Kind of IC
 61. Word often found in IOTA names
 62. Possible Northern UK prefix

63. IRE descendent, in 1963
 64. Zig or zag
 65. Where the HV goes
 66. Western DL river
 67. Blunders
 68. Church assembly

Down

1. Narrow opening
 2. Trig function
 3. How many times a grid can be grossly overdriven
 4. XW land
 5. Brewski, to a ham?
 6. Pacific
 7. Zoomed in
 8. LA city
 9. The 18 and 21 MHz bands?

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63					64						65			
66					67						68			

10. See 41-across
 11. What a K2 can do
 12. Harry Chapin's callsign?
 13. Is in the red
 21. Power problem
 25. Result of key down amplifier, possibly
 26. Smooth transition
 27. Borders both VU and A4
 28. RTTY char
 29. G rule in VU
 31. (The amp.) made an untoward noise
 32. Hot Springs and others
 33. Manipulates a key
 35. Small pet
 38. Opposite of amp.
40. Worked ___ Continents
 43. Drinker
 46. More meddlesome
 48. Types of gears
 50. North Cook IOTA prefix
 52. Cloud burner sig.
 53. "Guilty," e.g.
 55. ___-friendly
 56. Easter flower
 57. Possibly needed to purchase an IC-7800
 58. Not taken in by
 59. The last one for DXCC #1, say

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.

June 18, 2026

Call	Name	Exp date	Call	Name	Exp date
KE8PUN	Aaron Liske	2025	KE8BYC	Lance Charter	2020
NM8I	Barbara Wilson	2026	KE8OTG	Larry Lenhart	2023
KE8TPU	Bill Mercer	2022	KE8QGU	Madonna Burkit	2024
KE8KQC	Brenda VanDaele	2026	W8MCW	Mark Wheeler	2027
KF8ACL	Bob Morrison	2026	KN6EYQ	Mark White	2022
WB8GLN	Bob Van Klingerren	2026	KE8UWZ	Mike Courington	2024
KE8WYY	Brian Paules	2026	KE8TYC	Mike Isbell	2022
VA8EFK	Dale Williams	2026	N8KUF	Mike Karmol	2026
KO8BLD	Daniel Bain	2024	KF8FXU	Mike Ebbs	2026
KE8AQJ	Dan Kay	2025	KA8PQH	Neil Remaklus	2026
	Nancy Kay	2025	KF8AYH	Omar Metwally	2025
AO8SI	Dave Buchko	2026	W8PI	Paul Trouten	2026
V8IE	Dave Benoit	2023	KC8AZZ	Peter Forgacs	2027
KF8DRN	Dave Grassley	2026	KC8CCR	Debbie Forgacs	2027
K8EKG	David Hatfield	2024	KE8YQE	Phil Bardoni	2025
KE8RYC	Debbie Bardoni	2022	W8NBS	Randy Meyer	2022
KF8DZD	Delmer Taylor	2026	N9PWL	Rick Durham	2027
KE8ZAR	Dennis Hulvey	2026	KE8RUJ	Rich Spackey	2027
N8BZN	Donald Fritz	2026	KE8UNH	Rick Wykle	2022
KF8COH	Doug Orr	2027	KD8ZUI	Rob Howe	2026
K8CF	Doug Wherry	2026	K8HV	Robert Lawrence	2022
WS8Y	Ed Keller Jr	2023	KE8OSX	Ron Duvall	2027
KO8RQK	Fred Kinsey	2025	KF8FYP	Ron Guyer	2026
K8EBI	Fred VanDaele	2026	KE8CQO	Ron Hills	2025
KE8OSU	George Low	2026	KD8ZNZ	Rodney Haddix	2026
KE8MLQ	Gregory Milatz	2026	WO0O	Russ DeCrease	2025
KE8VTT	Isaac Burkey	2026	KD8HYS	Sandra Burr	2026
KE8MLW	James Kiester	2024	W8SMB	Scott Burkey	2026
VD8NAF	James Toomey	2026	WA8PYL	Scott Retzlaff	2026
KN8CR	Jeff Breitner	2026	KE8MFY	Steve Orlowski	2026
K8OLV	Jeff Giles	2026	N8NYP	Terry Kolton	2029
KE8WMY	Jefferson Mathews	2023	N8OSC	Tom Cooper	2024
K9JP	Jeff Peters	2027	KE8UDH	Tom Hughey	2022
W8HEJ	Joe Hays	2026	KE8KNZ	Tom Imlach	2022
N8RW	John Bills	2025	KG8P	Tom Jenkins	2026
N8DXR	John Copeland	2026	KE8NSU	Tony Griffin	2027
K8UMF	John Miller	2025	KC8SKP	Wes Busdiecker	2027
WA8YZB	John Turner	2027	N8MVQ	Woody Kirkman	2023
KE8HOD	Larry Van Belle	2021			
KE8LRD	Ken Grooms	2024			

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**

2026 Schedule:
February 21 April 18
June 20 August 15
October 17 December 19

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

March 19th 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 8th, 2026.

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

Ron Guyer KF8FYP and Michael Ebbs KF8FXU