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D Fritz Bitz:



I have not been very active in Amateur Radio the past few months so I'm not sure just what I want to talk about today. I did have one interesting email the other day. I took third place in the New Hampshire QSO party for Michigan in 2025 so that was cool. I've only done a couple of contests in '26 so I probably won't win anything this year. Never know. I have been working on another project on the computer in the ham shack so I have been listening a little bit and the bands appear to have been open a little lately so that's good. I did work several Parks On The Air when I was in the UP last month from my car on 20 Meters. That's always fun.

I think it's time to get my old separates fired up again. I have a 1956 Eldico transmitter and a 1959 Hallicrafters receiver that both need a little work but I do enjoy running them. That will be my fall project. That and painting 3 rooms in my house. The radios will obviously have to come first so when I get tired of painting I will have something else to do.

The Findlay Hamfest was this weekend. I hope you picked up some neat stuff if you went. Adrian is the 20th so plan on going to support them. I am a member of the Adrian club so I will be there selling tickets as always. It's a neat little hamfest and I have found several unusual things there in the past that I will probably sell at a future hamfest if I ever decide to sell anything. Sell something? What a crazy notion.

So, until next month, 73.

See you at the meeting.
Don Fritz, N8BZN

September MCRCA program

We all have asked the question: "Which coax cable should I use?". There is a very wide selection of cables on the market and selecting the one most suitable for installation can be a daunting task.

This month's program will provide some insights into answering that question and some sound reasons for making specific choices.

It should be especially helpful, as we enter the fall season when everyone has spent the summer pondering what and how much hardware we need to get in the air before winter sets in.

Join us and gather some coax facts.

<http://mcrca.org/>

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Sorry, I didn't get a chance to type up the minutes yet for last month.

I will get them out ASAP.

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ARPSC Report

Fall is knocking at our door, and that means..

Annual Simulated Emergency Test Saturday Oct 3rd 8am-Noon-ish

You do NOT have to be an ARPSC member to participate. Just like Field Day, this is an opportunity for everyone to practice and participate. The format will be a bit different this year and hopefully will provide some excitement, fun and camaraderie.

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.



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), and a variety of other allied groups and public service-oriented radio amateurs are needed to fulfill important roles in this nationwide exercise.

This year we will have a larger need for stations that can deploy with go kits to a served location (Mostly parking lots) and handle message traffic. We are also planning on deploying the 58Com1 trailer. Most of the operations will take place "in the field" at some simulated locations and a few agency locations. We hope you take advantage of the chance to get out once more before the weather gets cold and snow piles up and operate from the field.

In 2025 we ended up 3rd NATIONWIDE for the SET, for the 7th year in a row 1st place in Great Lakes District which is Michigan, Ohio and Kentucky and #1 for the Michigan State scoring. Please consider participating with us for a few hours on the 3rd to bump that National rank and continue being the best in 3 states...Let's make that hard push and be #1 nationwide!

We will start the process around 8, be operational by 8:30am and then after the drill ends we will have everyone report for a debrief and discussion.

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 callsign @yahoo.com, There is a Google form sign up on the ARPSC web page or go to the link directly <https://forms.gle/xMQfKTZRn1rG9tA19>

Thursday October 1st 7:30pm ARPSC Meeting—SET Information—Please plan on attending if you wish to be part of the Simulated Emergency Drill

Saturday October 3rd 8am-12pm Fall Simulated Emergency Test

Upcoming Events:

- Tuesday October 20th 8am-4pm EVENT FERMI Exercise-MUST have REP101 Training
- Saturday October 31st 4-8pm(?)—Dundee Spook Patrol—We will need at least 6 teams to cover the area.
- Thursday November 5th Monthly Meeting 7:30pm EMD -Message Passing-Bring an HT
- Saturday November 7th Saturday Training Session 9am-12pm EOC Operations Training
- Tuesday November 3rd 8am-4pm EVENT FERMI Exercise-MUST have REP101 Training and County ID
- Tuesday November 17th 8am-4pm EVENT FERMI Evaluated Drill-MUST have REP101 Training and County ID

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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 October^{1st}.

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.

73

Lance Charter, KE8BYC

Emergency Coordinator

Monroe County Amateur Radio Public Service Corps

Rapid Deployment Amateur Radio Rally

Good evening sir,

I don't know if you are looking for anything to put in the newsletter or if this is even something you want to add to it. There is a Rapid Deployment Amateur Radio Rally (RaDAR) that takes place the first Saturday in November. The goal is to rapidly set up a portable station and make 5 contacts. Then break the station down and move a minimal designated distance to set up again to make 5 more contacts. This occurs a total of 4 locations in 4 hours.

The distance between the locations completely depends on the participant and there are provisions in the rules for everyone.

<https://www.radarrally.info/>

<https://youtu.be/hDh9sdOAX4M?si=IhndYWwPBzZOK0w>

If you do want to put something in the newsletter and would like some more information, I would be happy to do so.

Have a good week,

Bob

WB8GUN

Yes we do want something for our Hertzian Herald, please.



YUDX Contest 2026

Contest Invitation

Dear testers,

We invite you to participate in **YUDX Contest 2026**.

The contest will be held on the last full weekend of September,

i.e. Saturday at **12:00 UTC** up to Sunday at **11:59 UTC (September 26–27, 2026)**.

<https://yudx.yu1srs.org.rs/rules>

Let's meet in YUDX Contest 2026, YUDX Contest Committee

HamRadioWeb Offers Remote FT8 Operation

September 14, 2026

The following is a message from [HamRadioWeb](#):

I wanted to share a new web-based platform for remote digital operations that might be of interest to the DX community and operators managing remote stations or DXpeditions: [HamRadioWeb](#)

HamRadioWeb is designed to streamline remote FT8/FT4 operating directly from any mobile browser or PC without requiring complex setups like VPNs or port forwarding. In addition to remote TX/RX control, it features:

- Live FT8 geospatial heatmaps and signal footprint visualization.
- Grid-level SNR benchmarking against nearby stations.
- Azimuthal radar & path telemetry relative to the shack.
- Automated DXCC and award hunting synchronized with logbook data.

It's built to make remote digital mode operating visual, data-driven, and easily accessible on the go.

Tech Trivia 36 — Please QSL

The walk out to the mailbox this afternoon wasn't even worth the effort. The catch was totally disappointing: a missing children card, two political flyers, the gas bill, a catalog from a local discount store, and a sheaf of pizza coupons.

You know, yesterday there was a QSL card sandwiched in between the junk mail, and it 'saved some part of a day I rued,' as Robert Frost would put it. It had been a rather ordinary QSO, and I hadn't asked for a QSL. But we were both teachers, and we had commiserated about the joys and frustrations of the job. He wrote on the card how much he had enjoyed talking about it. For a twenty-cent stamp he put a much-needed bright spot in my day.

Hey, for twenty cents I can put a bright spot in someone else's day. The group I chat with on two meters nearly every day on the way to work – we've had a hundred QSOs, but we've never exchanged QSLs. Why, I'd not only appreciate a card from some of those guys – I'd post it on my bulletin board. I'll send out a few cards, and I bet some of them end up posted on the walls of my buddies' shacks around town.

And while I'm at it, I'm going to send out a few cards as thank-you notes to some of the hams who have been especially helpful — whether we've QSO'd or not. Let's see, there's the Radio Club president, the newsletter editor, the trustee of the repeater, the VE who gave me my license exam, and the control op for the net I check into once in a while.

And let me not forget to send a QSL as a thank-you to my Elmer who helped me get on the air all those years ago. I haven't even seen the guy for over three years, but I bet it will make his day if I look up his address on the CEnet and send him a card. I'll date it back to April 1958, when he was my first QSO, and remark on the DX of two city blocks.

And the next time I have just an ordinary good QSO, I think I'll send the ham a card. And I won't just put down a signal report and my rig and antenna dope. Heck. One rig is pretty much the same as another these days, and nobody's interested anyway. Instead, I'll put down a little note to remind him of what we talked about, and how I enjoyed chatting with him. Or I'll tell him that he has a good easy-to-copy fist. Or I'll say that I learned something from him. Maybe I'll put down my e-mail address and invite him to e-mail me for a sked, or just to continue the ragchew.

When you think about it where else but in ham radio can you do anything at all for twenty cents? But with a QSL you can put a big smile on somebody's face for just two thin dimes and a few strokes of a pen.

Until next month, 73 es pse QSL, de Dan, K8JWR



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by Chris Codella, W2PA

7/10/2008

Famous Hams**Across**

1. VU metro (not meter)
 6. Call to Bo-peep
 9. T.O.M.
 14. TN made rig
 15. Rear panel label
 16. 7X neighbor
 17. Used before flip tops
 19. More unwet
 20. Infrequent frame rate mode
 21. Major Armstrong, familiarly
 23. Wiring harness parts
 24. IT9 peak
 26. Prefix with -tuner
 28. Kind of drum
 31. Contact plating solution?
 36. Boatanchor unit
 37. Part of ARRL: Abbr.
 39. Enter
 40. Suffix with reson-
 42. In reserve
 44. Produces radiator supports
 45. Giving up
 47. GM monster place
 49. Viking partner
 50. Callsign of 31 across
 52. Overcome utterly
 54. First QTH?
 55. Hand (out)
 57. Small fight
 60. Field unit?
 62. Competent
 66. Loafed around
 68. Nonphysical, say
 70. Met show
 71. Feed lines to
 72. Partner of 9-across
 73. Rocking ham

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74. Hockey's Bobby
 75. DXpeditioner's instruction
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1. Manuals, slangily
 2. Times past
 3. Fuzz
 4. ARRL president, and president's grandson
 5. Rev. of out.
 6. Wound covers
 7. All over again
 8. Of a heart chamber
 9. Cap. unit
 10. Missile type
 11. Ancient WARC band?
 12. Prof. org. with many ham members

13. Elser-Mathes Cup objective
 18. Poetic dusk
 22. Pushes, gently
 25. Leaves in a bag
 27. The one above six?
 28. Two or more yagis, say
 29. Do and so
 30. Tube terminal
 32. Gasket
 33. Possible Congo prefix
 34. ___ alcohol
 35. Malyj Vysotskij prefix
 38. Suffix with electro-fasteners, say
 41. Force-12 element
 43. More lethal
 46. Homer's neighbor
 48. Pre-ham?

51. Int'l org. promoting learning
 53. What the shack might do with the amplifier on
 56. Crew tool
 57. QRS
 58. Between Oscar and Quebec
 59. Kind of antenna aimer
 61. A receiver annoyance, briefly
 63. Arrest
 64. 47-across is one
 65. Exuberance
 67. CW word
 69. Zone type

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	KJ8H	Keith Hutchinson	2026
NM8I	Barbara Wilson	2026	KE8LRD	Ken Grooms	2024
W8WJG	Bill Grimm	2026	KE8BYC	Lance Charter	2020
KE8TPU	Bill Mercer	2022	KE8OTG	Larry Lenhart	2023
KB8KQC	Brenda VanDaele	2026	KE8QGU	Madonna Burkit	2024
KF8AOL	Bob Morrison	2026	W8MCW	Mark Wheeler	2027
WB8GUN	Bob Van Klengeren	2026	KE8UWZ	Mike Courington	2024
KE8WYY	Brian Paules	2026	KE8TYC	Mike Isbell	2022
KF8DKD	Caleb Cameron	2026	N8KUF	Mike Karmol	2026
WA8EFK	Dale Williams	2026	KF8FXU	Mike Ebbs	2026
KC8BUD	Daniel Bain	2024	KA8PQH	Neil Remaklus	2026
KB8AQJ	Dan Kay	2025	KF8AYH	Omar Metwally	2025
	Nancy Kay	2025	W8PI	Paul Trouten	2026
AC8SI	Dave Buchko	2026	KC8AZZ	Peter Forgacs	2027
W8IIE	Dave Benoit	2023	KC8CCR	Debbie Forgacs	2027
KF8DRN	Dave Grassley	2026	KE8YQE	Phil Bardoni	2025
K8EKG	David Hatfield	2024	W8NBS	Randy Meyer	2022
KE8RXC	Debbie Bardoni	2022	N9PWL	Rick Durham	2027
KF8DZD	Delmer Taylor	2026	KE8RIJ	Rich Spackey	2027
KE8ZAR	Dennis Hulvey	2026	KE8UNH	Rick Wykle	2022
N8BZN	Donald Fritz	2026	KD8ZUI	Rob Howe	2026
KF8CCH	Doug Orr	2027	K8HV	Robert Lawrence	2022
K8OF	Doug Wherry	2026	KE8OSX	Ron Duvall	2027
WS8Y	Ed Keller Jr	2023	KF8FYP	Ron Guyer	2026
KC8RQK	Fred Kinsey	2025	KE8CQO	Ron Hills	2025
K8EBI	Fred VanDaele	2026	KD8ZNZ	Rodney Haddix	2026
KS8G	Gaylord Knauss	2026	WO0O	Russ DeCrease	2025
KB8OSU	George Low	2026	KD8HYS	Sandra Burr	2026
KE8VLQ	Gregory Milatz	2026	W8SMB	Scott Burkey	2026
KE8VTT	Isaac Burkey	2026	WA8PYL	Scott Retzlaff	2026
N8ZLQ	Jim Boutain	2029	KE8MFY	Steve Orlowski	2026
WD8NWF	James Toomey	2026	N8NYP	Terry Kolton	2029
KN8CR	Jeff Breitner	2026	KD8KHx	Tim Long	2026
K8OLV	Jeff Giles	2026	N8OSC	Tom Cooper	2024
K9JP	Jeff Peters	2027	KE8UDH	Tom Hughey	2022
W8HEJ	Joe Hays	2026	KE8KNZ	Tom Imlach	2022
N8RWI	John Bills	2027	KG8P	Tom Jenkins	2026
N8DXR	John Copeland	2026	KE8NSU	Tony Griffin	2027
K8UMF	John Miller	2026	KF8BKN	Trafton Davis	2026
WA8YZB	John Turner	2027	KC8SKP	Wes Busdiecker	2027
			N8MWQ	Woody Kirkman	2023

Monroe County Radio Communication Association

Membership Application Form

Time to renew your membership, or to become a new member? Here's the perfect opportunity to do either. Just fill out this form and turn it in, along with your annual dues (see form for amount due) at the next general membership meeting OR mail it in to us at the address shown at the bottom of the form.

Membership has its privileges!

Here are just a few:

...an email subscription to the Hertzian Herald

...an opportunity to do community service through club-sponsored events

...lots of fun activities like Hamfest, Field Day, Fox Hunting and more

...a network of incredibly helpful, friendly, knowledgeable people who share your enthusiasm for amateur radio

And that's just the beginning. As a member, you'll have opportunities to present your ideas, as well. So fill out the form below and get started

NEW MEMBERS and Renewals: \$10.00 for the calendar year. Additional family members \$ 5.00 each

() New Member () Renewal () Address change DATE _____

CALLSIGN _____ LICENSE CLASS _____ LICENSE EXP DATE _____

NAME: _____
(LAST, FIRST, MI)

(Family:) Name: _____ Call _____ Name _____ Call _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home phone: _____ Cell: _____

E-mail Address _____

Comments, Questions or Ideas for Programs: _____

If you wish to submit this form by mail, please remit it, as well as a check for the amount specified to the MCRCRA to the following address:

Monroe County Radio Comm Assoc
4 Carl Drive
Monroe, MI 48162

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

September 17th 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 10th, 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 member to the club.