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Hello and Thank You!,

The two big events of our year are now over and well done to all of you. The big change and test for us was moving to the Red Cross building that featured air conditioning. The antenna situation was below what we are used to but it proved to be good enough to get many contacts. We also had a good pot-luck dinner with a good turn out.



As always, we could have had some more operators to fill in the brief times we had no one transmitting. I'm not sure how tearing down and clean up went because I was all in by 8:30 am. I don't like to drive tired but made it home safely and went to bed. We also missed a threatening storm that went north and faded out.

For HF the conditions have been very good and the world is open to those who tune in. One thing you can count on is change but it's still going to be great for the next few years. Still time to get in on it for those who have given their general license a thought.

Please enjoy your family, friends, community, country, and radio time but not necessarily in that order. It's a pleasure to have so many good people to share a hobby with. I hope to see you at the next meeting,

73
Keith, KJ8H



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MCRCA Meeting Minutes for June 20, 2024

Meeting called to order at 7:31 pm, by Keith KJ8H.

Pledge of Allegiance

Introductions: No new members, or upgrade and 3 guests.

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

TREASURER REPORT: Next month

DX REPORT: Tom KG8P, Islands on the Air – details -

FT4GL – Finishing up an island run (w/ French Legion) Glorioso Island -

6m continuing to surprise operations

CONTESTING: Paul W8PI, Several things happening – Field Day is the biggy. This period (this weekend) – then something each weekend – some QSO Parties – also all Canada next month too.

TESTING: Paul - Next session - Sat. August 17, 2024. **Appointments Preferred - FRN and email req'd** Back to normal schedule in August.

CLASSES: Sat. August 10, 2024 contact Don N8BZN – Technician class - Next class \$10 – Don is looking for folks to take the class – Get a hold of Don.

HAMFEST: Reasonable number of people at the hamfest, seems like we had happy sellers and attendees.

FOX HUNT: No hunt scheduled at this point.

FIELD DAY: This Saturday – setup starts about 9:00 am normal location. All welcome to come and help. Dinner at 6:00 pm Saturday (Pot Luck)

ARPSC: Erie 5k race had had 11 operators – Thanks

County has given a trailer with assets to ARPSC

Dundee 4th of July parade – meet at High School 7-10 operators needed.

July 11, 7:30 next meeting

Scored 3rd and 4th in SET

RRRA: Things good – things on the air

OLD BUSINESS: Club T-shirts next month

ARRL was attacked (website) just before Dayton Hamfest. Logbook of the World still offline – but close to recovery, Law enforcement is involved.

NEW BUSINESS: Scholarship, **winner Vincent Cole** – from Bedford will attend meeting for pictures, Certificate, and check.

DOOR PRIZE DRAWING: Tony

50/50: Ron KE8OSX donated back to scholarship

ANNOUNCEMENTS: John WD8QKJ – SK passed on Thursday

PROGRAM: Antenna basic – from Extra Class Course

ADJOURNED: 8:51 pm

ATTENDANCE: 26

NM8I Barb	KF8AOL Bob	WA8EFK Dale	N8BZN Don	KB8OSU George
K9JP Jeff	WA8YZB John	KJ8H Keith	N8KUF Mike	KA8PQH Neil
W8PI Paul	KE8YQE Phil	KE8OSX Ron	W8SMB Scott	WD8NWF James
N8NYP Terry	KG8P Tom	KE8NSU Tony	KC8SKP Wes	KE8MFY Steve
KD8GIX Frank	KE8YSH Ben	W8RRI Bob	Steve Cole	Vincent Cole
Molly Plock				

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

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ARPSC Report

During the Monroe County Fair July 28th thru August 3rd, we will have an additional need for SKYWARN Operators to be on standby during the day and evening should severe weather threaten. EMD and the fair have asked us to be on heightened alert watching the weather. Having operators available in all areas of the county to give a true Ground Truth picture of storms headed towards the Fairgrounds. Also Mark W, Ed K, Jim T and myself will be rotating staffing in the EOC during the evenings that week and there will be an increased need for Net Control Operators as we do not run a SKYWARN net from the EOC. No matter where you are in the county that week, please make sure you have a charged radio with you in case inclement weather pops up, you can check into SKYWARN and help keep everyone at the fair safe.

We also hope to have the trailer on display at the North end of the Fairgrounds that week behind the First Aid Building along with the Regional IMT Trailer. The trailer will not be open or operational during fair, but will be there to help get our name out to more people. There will be a sign on the trailer with a QR code linking to our website for the public to snap and learn about us. If you are at the fair and see someone scanning the QR code, don't hesitate to talk to them and answer any questions they have about amateur radio.

The calendar for the summer and fall is filling quickly and we have a lot of events scheduled with more in the process being added. Watch the calendar at MCARPSC.org for events and sign up under the "Upcoming Public Service Events" by clicking on the Event Sign up link at the top of the page. Please read description of each event before you sign up as some events may require specific training or authorizations. You will receive an email with the events you sign up for, please save the included link in case you want to participate in additional events or need to withdraw.

Tuesday July 23rd 8am-3pm Fermex Practice Exercise-Need 3-4 Ops MUST have REP101 Training

August 1st ARPSC Meeting ****CANCELLED DUE TO FAIR OPS @ EOC****

August 10th NEW EVENT Dundee Bicentennial Parade 8:30 Briefing 9:10am Line-up 10am Parade——Need 5-7 Operators

Tuesday Aug 13th 8am-3pm Fermex Practice Exercise-Need 3-4 Ops MUST have REP101 Training

Tuesday August 27th 8am-3pm Fermex Federal Evaluated Drill-Need 3-4 Ops MUST have REP101 Training and County ID

Thursday Sept 5th ARPSC Meeting 7:30pm

Saturday Sept 7th Saturday Session 9am-Go Kits w/ Show & Tell

Thursday September 26th 8am-3pm NEW EVENT FERMI Emergency Worker Decon Drill-MUST have REP101 Training

Thursday October 3rd 7:30pm ARPSC Meeting—SET Information

Thursday October 10th 8am-3pm NEW EVENT FERMI Emergency Worker Decon Exercise-MUST have REP101 Training and County ID

Saturday October 12th 8am-12pm Fall Simulated Emergency Test

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. *THERE IS NO AUGUST MEETING DUE TO FAIR.* The next meeting is Thursday Sept 5th

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.

July MCRCA Programs (There are two, both prompted by local happenings).

The first is a brief treatise on how to wind a length of cable so it can be redeployed without tangling. It is a method used extensively in the "Event" industry and can and should be employed to roll up coax, extension cords and even your garden hose. This was prompted by the need to untangle 150 feet of RG8X that was not properly coiled after it was last used.

Number two is Joe Carcia NJ1Q's ARRL presentation on the correct method of soldering a PL-259 onto coax. This was prompted by some club members discovering a loss of about 15 watts across a borrowed 18-inch length of jumper cable because the coax braid was actually not soldered to the coax fittings! Yeah, that is about a watt per inch lost. Joe does a nicely detailed discussion of how to install the connectors so the terminations are clean and electrically sound. It is a good lesson in proper soldering technique.

Both of these topics are well worth viewing and taking the lessons to heart.

Dale WA8EFK

2024 Scholarship winner: Vincent Cole from Bedford High School

12th A.R.R.L. DX Competition — Warning

Rule 11 (Re Disqualifications) Extended and Explained—No Contacts with Countries on European Continent Permitted

THIS notice is addressed to all United States amateurs interested in participation in the Competition for March 15th–17th and 22nd–24th, which was announced in detail on page 38 of February 1940 *QST*. The paramount consideration of our neutrality responsibilities leads the League to rule that no contacts with stations in the European theater of belligerent activities, or with belligerents, or colonies of the belligerents or closed-down neutrals, may be permitted.

Besides reporting on off-frequency stations (all nations), and improper notes, Official Observers this year will report for disqualification, any U.S.A. stations:

- (1) that call or contact *any European station*;
- (2) that call or contact stations in Australia, Canada, India, New Zealand, the Union of South Africa, any British or French colonies or any countries that may be added to the U. S. proclamation of neutrality by Presidential action on or before the contest;
- (3) that call or contact stations in any countries in which amateurs have been temporarily closed down¹ by government edict where amateur licenses were formerly issued in the normal manner.

This self-imposed amateur black-out on Europeans,² and others,² is a precaution necessary in view of the war. Study of the situation with respect to even the European neutrals indicates that so few Europeans could be counted under the rules published last month, that in the general interest of good conduct, to insure complete understanding of this matter by all participants, it was advisable to leave Europe, including European U.S.S.R., completely out of the contest this year. Not only will no credit be allowed for any European contacts or others per (1), (2), (3) above, but calls intercepted and reported as above indicated, will be used to disqualify contestants, if such are made between March 15th and March 24th. We advise amateurs, not only in contest time, but at all times until war matters are again remote from public attention, to adhere strictly to the A.R.R.L. Neutrality Code, and the above recommendations and rules, in the interest of the unrestricted continuance of our amateur radio. Next year, we hope it will be different, and that fewer restrictions will be necessary.

— F. E. H.

¹ Practically every European neutral is such a country, hence blanket prohibition (1).

² Participants will be well advised to identify prefixes carefully before doing any calling. See the Country List, pages 441–442, The Radio Amateur's Handbook, 1940, refer to your A.R.R.L. Amateur Radio Map of the World, or consult the tabulations, pages 84–90, Oct. 1939 *QST* which appeared with the report on the 11th A.R.R.L. DX Competition.

March 1940

August 23, 1943 – June 15, 2024

John C. Krueger, age 80, of Monroe, was welcomed home on Saturday, June 15, 2024.



We're excited to share that the tree memorial you dedicated in honor of **John Krueger WD8QKJ** has been successfully planted at Michigan State Forests in MI.

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 _____



*New
Date!*

The Northeastern Indiana Amateur Radio Association

AUBURN HAMFEST

Saturday, July 20, 2024

Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum

1600 S. Wayne St. Auburn, IN 46706

OPEN 9 AM TO 2 PM • TALK-IN: 147.015 (141.3) 7:00 AM • LOAD-IN: 7 TO 9 AM

FREE Admission

6,000 SQ. FT. INDOOR DISPLAY SPACE (Not counting the huge Museum Area!)



FREE AUBURN CORD DUESENBERG Museum

View an amazing collection of classic motor vehicles.

FOOD VENDOR
on the parking lot.

NEED MORE INFO?

E-MAIL: W9OU@ARRL.NET

FREE Parking

Supervised by the DeKalb County
ARES Team.



Indoor Vendor Tables: \$10 ea.

Order online now at www.w9ou.org

Outdoor Sales - One raffle ticket purchase for each parking space.

Contact: W9OU@ARRL.NET

Raffle Prizes:

1st- Yeasu FTM 500

2nd- Zumspot with MD UV380 DMR

3rd- N3FJP Software (Full Access)

4th- \$50 Gift Certificate, DX Engineering

Ticket Prices \$5.00 - Buy 2, get 1 Free!

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

2024 Schedule:
February 17 April 20
June 15 August 17
October 19 December 21

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

July 18th 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 10, 2024

The Monroe County Radio Communications Association (MCRCA) is offering a one-day Amateur Radio course for the entry level Technician class license. The class will run from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM on the **second Saturday of every even numbered month**. The cost is \$10 and includes lunch, snacks and beverages. The test will be conducted immediately following the class and has a separate fee of \$14. These classes will be held at the Red Cross building, 1645 N Dixie Hwy, Monroe, MI 48162.

There is a maximum class size of 10 people on a first come first served basis and you should sign up no later than 1 week before the class. All study material and testing paperwork will be provided at the time you sign up and you should plan on doing some pre-class studying to make things easier in the class.

If you are interested in becoming a Ham Radio Operator, please call or email me to get signed up for the next class.

N8BZN Don Fritz / (419) 345-4495 after 6PM / Donfritz56@gmail.com

New MCRCA Members

Please welcome recent new members to the club.

Omar Metwally KF8AYH