



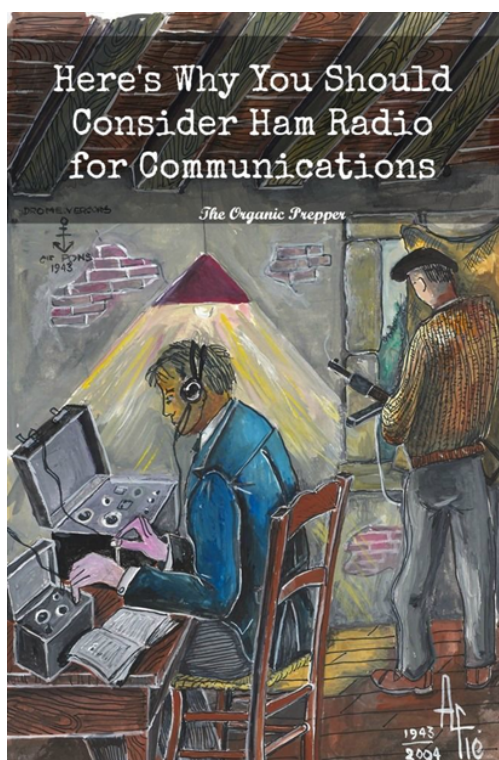
Madison County Amateur Radio Club

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JULY 2022

Next meeting will be July 4nd, at 7pm On The Air 145.390Mhz.



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From the President -

Greetings everyone. Field Day is over for another year. Those who were there had a great time. It's hard to believe it's the 4th of July already. Since the 4th falls on our meeting night I have decided to hold our meeting on the 39 repeater. This way you can still have a great time with family and friends and still get the points. Before you know it will be Nov and nominations will be needed for next year's officers. I will not be seeking re-election for president. I cannot be in two places at once between family and the club. I cannot do justice to either one. Have a safe and happy 4th. 73s Lew

From the Vice-President -

A SLICE OF HAM

Ham radio is a fascinating pastime that provides opportunities for everyone regardless of your personal pursuits within the hobby. Whether it is the appeal of making DX contacts around the world or talking with friends in Madison County, ham radio has something for everyone. We have members who enjoying building antennas, learning CW, experimenting with QRP, and making contacts on FT8. While others enjoy digital modes such as DMR, Fusion, and DStar. We are fortunate to live in a county where the EMA welcomes our club to participate in EMCOMMS. Regardless of your interest, there is a slice of ham for you. If you haven't participated in our club lately, I encourage you to come to our meetings and get connected. You'll be glad you did.

73

Tim

KD9PSR

Don't forget our weekly net Wednesday evenings at 8:00 pm. Thank you to W9GNR (Gary), KC9DJU (Mike), N9OLC (Dale) and W9CGA (Rick) for facilitating the net. If you are interested in running our weekly net, please let me know. You can reach me at kd9psr@gmail.com

W9VCF 145.390 PL 151.4

W9VCF Trustee - Mark W9MWM

"It's Working".

MCARC - Minutes of Regular Meeting

June 6th, 2022

Location: EOC, 200 N. Delaware St. Anderson, IN 46016

President's Call to Order: President Lew - K9LBB called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Motion to accept May minutes: Passed.

President's Comments: Lew said we had a ton of business to discuss and gave the floor to Dennis W9DO after he solicited comments from the Officers. Dennis' research concerning what is a member and what is NOT a member was discussed and what is a Voting Member versus a Non-Voting Member. Also directly connected to both of the above subjects was whether a person is or is NOT allowed to vote based on paid dues versus unpaid dues. Dennis will put it into writing for the By-Laws for discussion next meeting.

Show and Tell: None

New Correspondence: Solicitation mail from the American Cancer Society (third letter) and April bank account letter from Star Bank.

Treasurer's Report: Previous Balance	\$ 2,371.42
Expenditures	\$ 52.00 (American Cancer Society)
Credits	\$ 412.00 (\$283 SK Auction/\$60 Dues)
	(\$17 Patches/\$52 ACS)
New Balance	\$ 2,731.42

Motion to accept Treasurer's report seconded and approved.

VP Tim - KD9PSR said nets are going well.

Media/Newsletter/Awards Gary W9GNR asked members for a moment of silence to remember Veterans for Memorial Day. He stated the points standings for the top five members: N9OLC, W9MWM, W9GNR, K9DYR, W9CTA.

Trustee: Mark - W9MWM, Repeater OK.

Activities: Paula - KD9SZJ mentioned the upcoming Field Day and asked what everyone wanted to eat. Hamburgers and Hot Dogs on Saturday the 25th and Sausage Gravy and Biscuits on Sunday the 26th. Other members asked about coffee. Paula stated Doug N9DR and Charlie KD9RZG are responsible for the radios and set up. Mike KC9DJU will check on the condition of the grass to insure it has been mowed and he discussed whether the alternate site in Lapel should be explored if the grass has not been mowed. Field Day set up will start at 1100 hours on Saturday. Ike N9IKE will bring a generator.

Tech Committee: Doug - N9DR/Jon W2VZ./ Charlie KD9RZG No comment.

EMA Jeff - K9DYR stated. We are OK on frequencies to use for the exercise. He told a story about a guy who works for the state and was supposed to get us the frequencies but the Director has never even heard of him.

New Business: Apparently, someone known to members of the club has the password to the website and will be updating it.

Old Business: Lew will ask Gary to contact George Halverson. Dues report: 28 paid, 14 unpaid.

Sick Report: SK Harold Pete Corbin KC9ORK.

Attendance: There were 19 members present and 1 visitor

Adjournment: President Lew - K9LBB concluded the meeting at 8:07 PM.

P.S. After adjournment, Greg Hunt, KD9UZC, turned in an application for membership and fee to Ike. His application will be new business for the July meeting.

We The People ...



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THE EC SHACK

Gary-W9GNR

FCC TECHNICIAN CLASS QUESTION POOL REVISED JULY 1, 2022

The FCC question pool for Technician Class license examinations has been revised and is effective for exams conducted on or after July 1, 2022.

FCC Proposes Record \$34,000 Fine for Alleged Interference and Unauthorized Transmissions During Idaho Wildfire 06/09/2022

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has proposed a \$34,000 fine against Jason Frawley of Lewiston, Idaho, for allegedly interfering with radio operations of the U.S. Forest Service during firefighting activities for the Johnson Creek Fire near Elk River in July 2021. The FCC issued a *Notice of Apparent Liability for Forfeiture* ([NAL](#)) on June 8, 2022 to Frawley. The FCC states in the NAL that Frawley holds an Extra-class Amateur Radio Service license, WA7CQ, and is the owner/operator of Leader Communications LLC, licensee of eight microwave licenses and one business license.

The FCC alleged in the *NAL* that "On July 17, 2021, using his amateur hand-held radio, Frawley transmitted five (5) times, and on July 18, 2021, Frawley transmitted three (3) times on frequencies allocated and authorized for government use, apparently causing harmful interference with his apparently unlawful transmissions."

The frequencies with which Frawley is alleged to have interfered were being used to coordinate firefighting crews from the U.S. Forest Service and Idaho Department of Land to fight the 1,000-acre Johnson Creek Fire, including the communications between fire suppressant aircraft and ground crews.

The *NAL* includes details of the Forest Service's complaint and the FCC's investigation. On July 18, 2021, the Johnson Creek fire operations section chief drove to the Elk River airstrip and hanger where Frawley, who had disclosed his location, was found holding a radio next to a banner that read, "Leader Communications." Frawley admitted to transmitting on government frequencies and identifying himself as "comm tech." He argued that he was not trying to cause interference but instead was transmitting to provide information to the fire fighters.

"[A]t no time was I trying to disturb any other communications or air traffic. I was honestly just giving them information I had since I have been working on the butte since the early 90's . . . " wrote Frawley in his October 15, 2021 response to a Letter of Inquiry from FCC Special Counsel Laura Smith.

The FCC however concluded that "Frawley's admitted unauthorized transmissions on frequencies for which he did not have a license had the potential to cause substantial harm to life and property."

The FCC held that Frawley, by his own admission, apparently willfully and repeatedly violated the Commission's rules when he made eight separate radio transmissions on a frequency for which he did not have a license. The FCC stated that unauthorized transmissions on frequencies licensed to public safety entities using those frequencies to respond to emergencies also constitutes a violation of Section 333 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

A [news release](#) from the FCC states that the fine is the largest of its kind proposed. "The Communications Act prohibits such interference with authorized radio communications and the Commission takes very seriously any interference with public safety communications," said the FCC. In a separate [statement](#), FCC Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel added, "You can't interfere with public safety communications. Full stop. So today we propose the largest fine of its type for this interference that put fire suppression and public safety itself at risk."

-FOR SALE-

ITEM	ASKING PRICE	SELLER	CONTACT
HAVE AN HAM RELATED ITEM FOR SALE? ADVERTISE HERE!! E-MAIL w9vcf.mcarc@gmail.com with your Item, asking price and preferred contact info!!			

EVENTS

Every Wednesday	MCARC 2M Net 8:00 PM - 145.390 pl 151.4 Followed by an informal ragchew on 28.465
Every Thursday	Donut Meeting 09:00 AM at the EOC
Every Saturday	Breakfast at Anderson Grill 09:00 AM at 2038 S Scatterfield Rd, Anderson
July 4th	MC ARC Meeting 7pm ON THE AIR 146.820, PL 110.9
July 19th	VE Testing at the EOC 7pm
July 17 - 23	Alexandria 4-H Fair Beulah Park
SPECIAL EVENTS	
July 2nd	Colonial Williamsburg 7.265 14.265
July 4th	Independence Day Observation 7.040 7.250 14.040 14.250
CONTESTS	
July 9 - 10th	IARU HF World Championship 1200z - 1159z 160m, 80m, 40m, 20m, 15m, 10m
July 16-17th	CQ Worldwide VHF 07/16 1800z thru 07/17 2100z

Have something to contribute to the newsletter?

- Participated in any recent contest?
- Have an interesting QSO?
- Try an experimental antenna?
- Get a new piece of equipment you'd like to offer a review about?

We'd love to hear about it. You are more than welcome to write a piece about something above or something else you feel worthy of sharing. If you would like to write a piece for the newsletter, please submit your article, along with any pictures that you'd like included to the club email, w9vcf.mcarc@gmail.com.

Also, if you have anything for sale that you would like to advertise in the club newsletter, please send it to the above email.

Thank you, Gary - W9GNR

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Meetings are at the Madison County EOC

200 N Delaware Street
Anderson, IN 46016

HAMFESTS

FREE:

- Parking
- Admission
- Indoor Spaces
- Outdoor Spaces
- Door Prizes

Door Prizes:

Grand Prize: Yaesu FT-891 Mobile Radio

PLUS

- Arrow Antennas Handheld Satellite Antenna
- (2) Yaesu FT-4XR Handheld Radios (details at event)
- Wire and Cable from Belden
- \$100 gift certificate from DX Engineering
- Prizes from MFJ
- and more!

Drawings for door prizes every half hour starting at 9 AM. Grand Prize drawing at 2 PM. Must be present to win any prize. You get one free door prize ticket when you check in at the door and can purchase additional tickets for just \$2 each or 6 for \$10!



EAST CENTRAL INDIANA HAMFEST 2022

Randolph County 4-H Fairgrounds | 1885 South US Hwy 27, Winchester, IN 47394

- Parking & Admission
- Indoor Spaces
- Outdoor Spaces

FREE

Best of Show Awards:

- Emergency Vehicles
- Go Box

PRIZES

Door Prizes Include:

- Grand Prize — Yaesu FT-891 Mobile
- HF and 6 Meter
- 100 Watts SSB/CW/FM—25 Watts AM
- Small Footprint, BIG features!

Plus—TWO chances to win a Yaesu FT-4XR HT!

AND:

Door prize drawings every half hour from our awesome sponsors! See list on reverse side.



Bonus Drawing:

Arrow Antennas Model 146/437-10WBP Handheld Portable Satellite Antenna—a \$170 Value!

EXTRA PRIZE TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR!

Also Available:

- Breakfast \$
- Lunch \$
- Camping w/Electric - \$25
- Showers
- VE Test Sessions—10 AM & 1 PM

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**Saturday, July 30, 2022
8:00 AM to 3:00 PM Eastern**

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We reserve the right to change any of our individual activities. All fees are per person. All shooting sports are subject to change without notice.

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IARU HF World Championship

Contest Objective: To support amateur self-training in radiocommunications including improving amateur operating skills, conducting technical investigations, and intercommunicating with other amateurs around the world, especially IARU member society headquarters stations, using the 160, 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10 meter bands.

Dates: The second full weekend of July (July 9-10, 2022).

Contest Period: Begins 1200 UTC Saturday and runs through 1159 UTC Sunday. Both Single and Multioperator stations may operate the entire 24-hour period.