



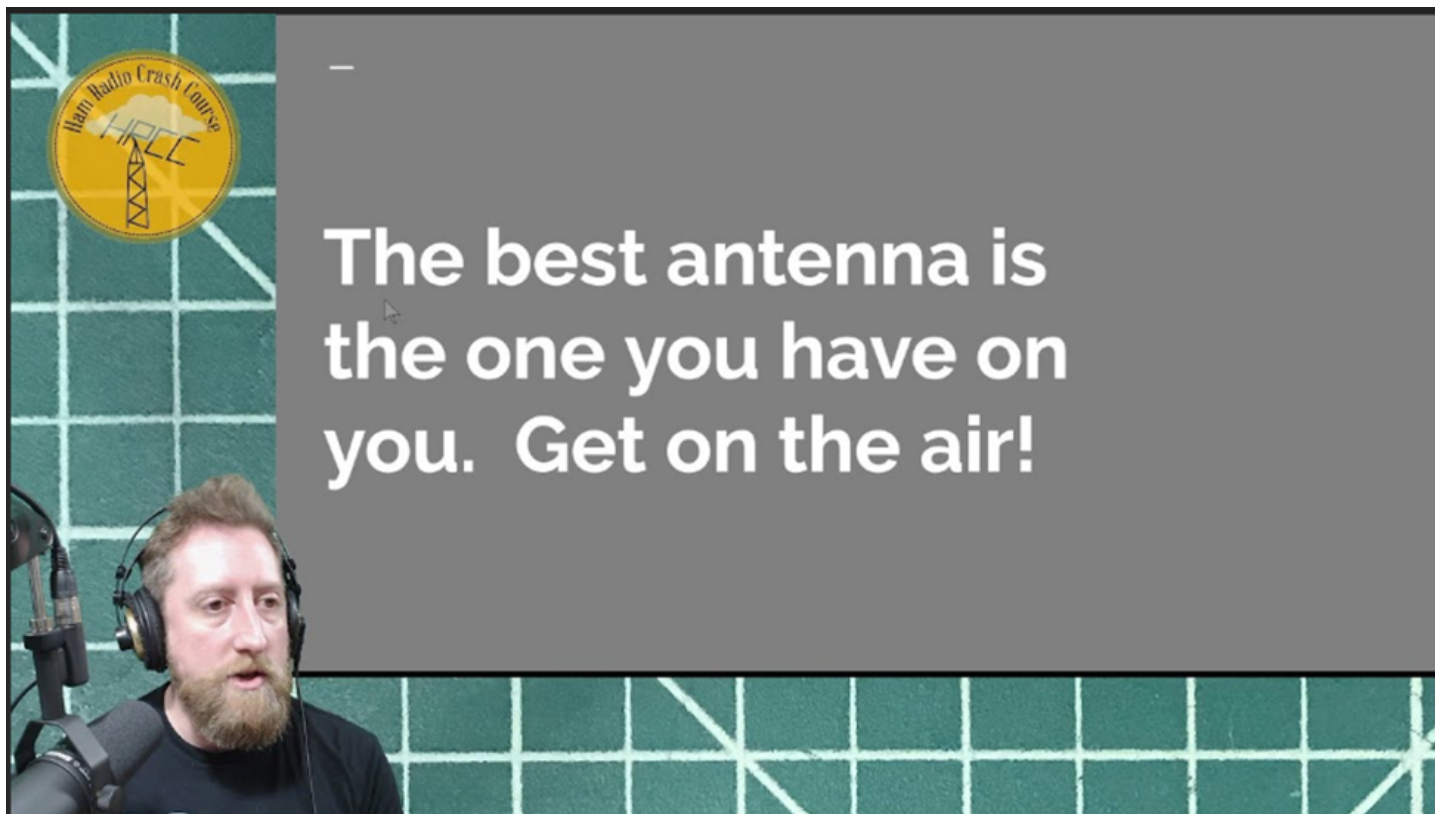
Madison County Amateur Radio Club

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JUNE 2023

Next meeting will be JUNE 5th at 7pm at the EOC



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From the President -

First off I want to congratulate all our newly upgraded general members. WHAT AN ACCOMPLISHMENT!! WAY TO GO! We are all so proud of each of you!

Our little club has exploded over the past few months, we continue to have new members join, members that upgrade, new radio, and lots of possibilities to think about all because of each of you. You all as a club have accomplished so much this year and should be very proud! I loved hearing all the fun stories from many on your trip to Hamfest this year. It sounds like it's an amateur version of a kid in a toy store.

And speaking of Hamvention we have fantastic news to pass along that the club is the proud owner of a brand new Yaesu 991A multi-band radio and even better news it only cost the club a few dollars. We were able to successfully sell the 2 HF radios the club voted to liquidate to purchase a new radio and it was discovered we had a little more money in our account than we thought and thanks to W9DO and K9DYR they got a great deal at Hamfest and were able to buy the new radio the club voted to get.

At Monday night's meeting now let's talk about taking the plunge and look at buying a newer repeater and controller.

Our busy time of the year is HERE! ALL HANDS-ON DECK NEEDED!! TIME TO MAN YOUR BATTLE STATIONS... Starting with the monthly meeting Monday June 5th followed by the start of the June Jamboree on Tuesday June 6th thru Saturday June 10th. Any club member that would like to help in the evening all is welcomed!! We will be using the Outreach Trailer and it's all ready and set to go. We have a few new things this year including a tri-pod mast antenna, the club's 2-meter radio, possibly the new 991A, an additional radio with a PA system so spectators can hear the radio traffic. If anyone wants to bring your go box that would be great but we will have a 2-meter radio already on site in the trailer.

On Saturday June 10th the final day of the June Jamboree, which is also the White River Run Communication Exercise and operators are still needed to assist with that.

Then ARRL Field Day is right around the corner June 24-25, and a HUGE THANK YOU TO W9BLY Don Billey we have a new and different site this year. We will be set up at Main Street Church of God which is an absolutely fantastic place to gather and enjoy radio fellowship. We'll talk more about that at the meeting.

Thanks to EMA for allowing the command trailer to be used as a radio platform which will be ready to go with a couple generators, coolers, water, tables, chairs, etc.

At the meeting we will be discussing having a fox hunt in July, maybe a few different new nets, starting a technician class in the fall and a monthly Saturday Ham Workshop. We are almost halfway through the year and look at everything you have accomplished, what a true blessing for our club.

I know I'm forgetting a lot but this is enough of my rambling for now. Let's keep the momentum going and see what else we as a team and club can do in the second half of the year.

Blessings to all and let's have a great summer..

-73- Lynn Edens

From the Vice-President -

POST DAYTON HAMVENTION HANG-OVER

Although there was a lot of people at the Dayton Hamvention, the crowd did not hinder me from seeing everything I wanted to see. This year I was fortunate to attend both Friday and Saturday. According to my pedometer, I walked over 24,000 steps each day. I drove home exhausted, but it was worth it. Dayton Hamvention is a great venue, and I am looking forward to next year. If you have never attended, I hope you can in 2024. Save the dates; May 17, 18 & 19.

Now it is on to more ham stuff. We have the White River Run exercise June 10th and Field Day, June 24th & 25th this month. In addition, we have some great opportunities for public relations coming up soon. Check the MC ARC calendar for the many summer activities. They are fun learning experiences and as always, there will be plenty of laughter, and we'll make some great memories together. We have an awesome club!

73

Tim

KD9PSR

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Minutes of the May 1st 2023 Meeting

18 May 2023

President Lynn Edens K9RLE opened the meeting at 7:00 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

General Comments by the President:

President Lynn mentioned the UHF net is on the 11th and 25th of May on 443.350 @ 8 pm. He also thanked **Jeff AK9JS** for checking out the radio carts at the hospitals. He asked for a motion to sell 2 older club radios to fund the purchase of a new radio. Motion carried.

Show and Tell: **KE9XF Dave** gave a presentation on GMRS and brought in 6 visitors who are active in GMRS locally.

New Business: It was decided that both Anderson and Madison County club members would be allowed to bid on the 2 radios by auction, to be run online by **Steve WA9CWE**, and the starting bid would be \$450.00 each. Motion carried.

A new club facebook page will be designed and implemented by a committee composed of **Paula KD9SZJ**, **Greg K9ALC**, and **Alan NA9LA**.

Mike KC9DJU mentioned the 200th year Bicentennial events coming up for Madison County on 9 Sept. He also said during the Pendleton June Jamboree, the club would be setting up a ham station at the Pendleton Museum next door. This will be in addition to the EMA tent and trailer set up with the outreach handouts that will be active on the weekend and evenings.

Secretary/Treasurer Report: Previous Balance \$3486.95 includes: \$395.55 for Repeater Fund

Donations	40.00 (AK9JS) (+ 73.56 donations)
	26.56 (N9OLC)
	30.00 (K9RLE)
Dues	46.00
Donuts	17.00
Grand Total	\$3666.51 includes: \$469.11 for Repeater Fund

Vice President Tim KD9PSR: Hamvention coming up with different forums.

Media/Newsletter/Awards Gary W9GNR: Points leaders 1) **KC9DJU** 2)**AK9JS** 3)**W9GNR** 4)**W9MWM**. Past month 137 training, 382 hours (month) and 1340 volunteer hours ytd.

Trustee Mark W9MWM: Repeater working fine.

Activities Greg K9ALC: Calendars in ECC, A lot in May, Indiana QSO Party. Are we going to have food? Maybe order pizza? Indy 500 Special Event on ham radio this month. Multiple freqs for honoring Veterans for Memorial Day.

Tech Committee: Dennis W9DO Steve K9SJH and Jeff AK9JS: Dennis will attempt to buy a Yaesu FT 991A for the lowest price and Ike N9IKE will bring the tax exempt form and blank check to the Hamvention. Motion carried.

EMA Jeff K9DYR and Lynn K9RLE: National Weather Service station prep going well. Station being moved to EOC. Concrete base for new antenna for club going well.

Sick Report: None

Old Business: None

President Lynn adjourned the meeting at 8:07 pm.

Comments: A new application from Ray Stankewitz AG6TH was given to Secretary Ike after the club meeting with a personal check. This applicant will be voted on during the June 5th meeting. We will also recognize Greg Hunt K9ALC (Extra) and Kenneth Olvey WA9QEK (General) who successfully upgraded their amateur licenses on 16 May.

Attendance: 29 members, 6 visitors.

Tech Committee Report -

Tech Committee Report The Tech Committee has been busy this month. The Yaesu FT-920 and the Yaesu FT-897 were both sold at auction. The club raised a total of \$1025 to put toward the purchase of a new radio. A big thank you to Steve, WA9CWE, for running the auction. He does a great job. Per the vote of the membership, we purchased a new Yaesu FT-991A at the Hamvention in Xenia, OH. This radio will replace the two radios sold at auction. It is set up in the Comm Room. Take a look at it when you get a chance. The committee is also working on a different arrangement for the connecting and disconnecting antennas from the radios in the Comm Room. More details on this at the June meeting. That is about enough for now. Thanks to the other Tech Committee members Jeff, AK9JS, and Steve, K9SJH, for their work. 73, Dennis, W9DO

YL - KD9SZJ - Paula

Time to learn something new today...

On a Thursday night net, the question was asked "Have you ever done a fox hunt?" Being verily new to ham radio, I had no idea what a fox hunt was. And being there are several new ham operators, I thought it would be a good post in the newsletter for those who didn't know or forgot. Here is what I have found out. A fox hunting is a popular way to combine outdoor activity with the amateur radio hobby. A fox hunt is a game where amateur radio operators, hunt for a small battery powered transmitter called the "fox" which is hidden in advance. The transmitter sends out a signal for a few seconds at specific intervals. The ham operator uses radio receivers to attempt to locate the fox. I thought this was very interesting. This could be a fun activity or it could be a frustrating one if you are very competitive and can't locate the fox. So as my last post went...learn something new every day.

73,

KD9SZJ

THE EC SHACK

Gary-W9GNR

Amateur Radio Included in FEMA Guide for National Emergency Preparedness

03/22/2023

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has released a final version (March 2023) of the National Incident Management System (NIMS) Information and Communications Technology (ICT) Functional Guidance. The guidance, which provides a framework for communications resources within incident management, officially includes support from amateur radio operators. The expanded Communications Unit (COMU) structure now includes the Auxiliary Communicator (AUXC) role, which covers personnel from services that provide communications support to emergency management, public safety, and other government agencies. This includes amateur radio.

NIMS guides government, non-governmental organizations, and the private sector to work together to prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters and other emergencies. “This is a major step in the recognition of the need and usefulness of amateur radio and other communications services in our national preparedness,” said Josh Johnston, KE5MHV, Director of Emergency Management for ARRL The National Association for Amateur Radio®. “It also gives official guidance to pave the way for future training and education of volunteers in ARRL’s Amateur Radio Emergency Service® (ARES®),” Johnston added.

The NIMS ICT guide (PDF) is available at

https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/documents/fema_ict-functional-guidance.pdf.

Defending Our Frequencies

ARRL staff and volunteers work together in concert to protect Amateur Radio both domestically and internationally. On the home front, this includes working with the US government representing its members' interests by keeping in regular contact with the Federal Communications Commission, with other Executive Branch agencies, and our elected representatives the US Congress. Internationally, they work to defend Amateur Radio interests by interacting directly in the workings of the International Telecommunication

Union--the United Nations agency responsible for managing the radio spectrum and establishing telecommunications standards. International frequency allocations and other international aspects of radio regulations are determined at periodic ITU World Radiocommunication Conferences (WRC).

The Technical Relations team works closely with the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) officials and other IARU national societies globally, working to preserve the Amateur Radio allocations globally. The IARU is a "Sector Member" of the ITU Radiocommunication and Telecommunication Development Sectors. The IARU and its member societies ably defend Amateur Radio through careful planning and coordination for each conference. All hams, whether members of their respective national Amateur Radio societies or not, benefit from this advocacy.

The World Radiocommunication Conference

The ITU convenes a World Radiocommunication Conference (WRC) about every four years to discuss changes to the allocation of frequencies in the RF spectrum. Numerous ITU Working Party and Task Group meetings lead up to this conference. Broadcasters, government agencies, satellite users and emerging technology information providers all want a piece of this finite property. It is imperative therefore that Amateur Radio users worldwide be aware of these proposals and prepare responses that their governments can take to WRC-preparatory meetings. ARRL officials and volunteers actively participate in many of these meetings in defense of Amateur Radio interests.

The International Amateur Radio Union

The ARRL also provides support services to IARU. They include:

- Drafting of input papers to international meetings for approval of IARU officers.
- Distribution of documents to IARU officials from international sources such as ITU, CITEL and other regional telecommunications organizations.
- Providing support to IARU displays at ITU TELECOMs and other international expositions.

CITEL

The **Inter-American Telecommunication Commission**, known by its Spanish acronym CITEL, is an agency of the Organization of American States (OAS). Practically everything that occurs at the WRC is pre-digested in regional organizations such as CITEL. CITEL is among the beats of ARRL Technical Relations Specialist **Jon Siverling**, WB3ERA, our bilingual staff member who maintains liaison with the CITEL secretariat and regularly participates in its Permanent Consultative Committees (PCCs). He also attends many other US meetings relating to ITU preparatory meetings.

The Domestic Scene

Meanwhile, domestic rule-making proceeds at a faster pace. The workings of our Congress are much better reported in the press than are the deliberations of these international bodies. Furthermore US hams can take a much more direct approach in affecting the outcome of congressional deliberations. Recent successes in antenna zoning legislation at the state level are examples of effective ham participation in the political process.

ARRL General Counsel normally takes the lead in ARRL representation before the FCC. Key ARRL staff make frequent telephone calls to several Bureaus and Offices and are at the FCC repeatedly on domestic and international matters. The result is that ARRL has good access and enjoys a professional working relationship with that agency.

-FOR SALE-

ITEM	ASKING PRICE	SELLER	CONTACT
The shelves are empty			
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
June 5th	MC ARC Meeting EOC 7pm
June 8th	MC UHF Net 8pm - 443.350MHz, PL tone 110.9Hz WA9CWE
June 20th	VE Testing at the EOC 7pm
June 22nd	MC UHF Net 8pm - 443.350MHz, PL tone 110.9Hz WA9CWE
SPECIAL EVENTS	
June 1st - 14th	D-Day Commemoration 1300z - 2200z 7.044 7.244 14.044 14.244
June 3rd - 4th	Museum Ships 0000z - 2359z 80m 40m 20m 10m
June 4th - 19th	NLewis and Clarke Trail on the Air 14.074 14.255 14.325 21.040
June 24th - 25th	ARRL Field Day 1400z - 2200z all bands

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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Wh ... what no Hamfests?

Well, there is Field Day

ARRL Field Day

ARRL Field Day is the most popular on-the-air event held annually in the US and Canada. On the fourth weekend of June, more than 35,000 radio amateurs gather with their clubs, groups or simply with friends to operate from remote locations.

