

# *The Smokehouse*

*Where Country Hams Hang Out*

*April 2021*

*President, Larry Brumett, KN4IV*

*Vice President, Tom Buchanan KG4KGY*

*Sec/Treas, Herb Hess, KJ4CMG*



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MCARC Meeting March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2021

The meeting came to order at 7pm in the basement of the City Hall Building located in Glasgow, KY

KC4RGE made a motion, seconded by W4RRK, to dispense with the reading of the minutes. Motion passed.

KD4SS gave the financial report. He reported \$XXXX.XX in the checking and \$XXXX.XX in the savings. There was an expense of \$xx.xx to Lowes for a package of 16 ceiling tiles for the club room and \$xx.xx for renewing the P.O. Box. KC4RGE made a motion, seconded by W4RRK to accept the treasurer's report Motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Repeater Committee: No report. All the repeaters are functioning normally.

Hamfest Committee: Sevier County Hamfest is going to be held this upcoming weekend. The members discussed the possibility of having a tailgating type event at the Pavilion at the Cave City Convention Center sometime in June. KN4IV will check with the representative at the convention center about available dates in June.

Field Day/Special Event Committee: No report.

Webpage Committee: No report.

Old Business: KJ4CMG replaced the damaged

ceiling tiles in the clubroom. Cost was \$xx.xx for the ceiling tiles. Voted on KO4KRL for membership. He was unanimously voted in as the newest member.

New Business: KJ4OR is trying to put on a CW class. The class is currently meeting on Wednesday evenings. KO4MKK was a visitor to the meeting. KN4IV nominated him for membership and we will vote on his membership at the next meeting he attends. KD4SS reported that there is a problem with the rotator on the roof of the City Hall Building.

No further business to come before the meeting, KC4RGE made a motion, seconded by KO4KRL, to adjourn. Motion passed.

There were 8 members and 1 guest present at the meeting.



## NCVEC Question Pool Committee Seeks Input for Updated Technician Question Pool

The National Conference of Volunteer Examiner Coordinators ([NCVEC](#)) Question Pool Committee ([QPC](#)) is requesting input from the amateur radio community on new or modified questions for the 2022 – 2026 FCC Element 2 Technician Pool, which goes into effect on July 1, 2022. This may include suggestions for new questions, changes to current examination topic areas, or changes to existing questions in the current Technician Question Pool.

The QPC offered guidelines that said it's seeking input that focuses on topics that enhance public interest, understanding, and use of amateur radio, or focus on STEM hands-on learning and education, as well as questions on new technology, digital modes, station setup and operation, antennas, and emergency

and non-emergency operation.

To submit suggested questions for QPC review, the committee asks that questions have no more than two 70-character lines, including spaces. Distractors should be no more than 70-character lines long, and shorter if possible. Each multiple-choice question must be accompanied by four possible distractors and only one correct answer. The answer choices may be in any order, but the correct answer must be indicated by the letters A, B, C, or D at the beginning of the question. Those submitting suggestions should provide the resource information that supports the correct answer or the FCC Part 97 rule.

The QPC will accept question comments, revisions, and submissions from the amateur radio community [via email](#) through June 30, 2021. This email address is a bulk forwarding mailbox, so no acknowledgement will be sent by return email. The NCVEC QPC will take all comments into consideration as it updates the Technician Question Pool for 2022 – 2026.



## Celebrate World Amateur Radio Day 2021 on April 18

Sunday, April 18, is World Amateur Radio Day ([WARD](#)). This year marks the 96th anniversary of the International Amateur Radio Union ([IARU](#)), founded at the 1925 International Radiotelegraph Conference in Paris. ARRL cofounder and first president, Hiram Percy Maxim, 1AW, was there, and today, ARRL is the International Secretariat of the IARU. ARRL has [resources](#) that members can use to celebrate WARD, including graphics for social media posts and radio club websites, as well as a printable flyer.

IARU has chosen “Amateur Radio: Home but Never Alone” as the theme for WARD 2021. The theme acknowledges that during our physical distancing to reduce the spread of COVID-19, amateur radio stands out as a welcome respite for its variety of activities and opportunities.

Amateur radio experimenters were the first to discover that the

HF spectrum was not the wasteland experts of that time considered it to be, but a resource that could support worldwide communication. In the rush to use these shorter wavelengths, amateur radio was “in grave danger of being pushed aside,” IARU history has noted, prompting the founding of the IARU. At the 1927 International Radiotelegraph Convention, amateur radio gained allocations still recognized today — 160, 80, 40, 20, and 10 meters. Over the years, the IARU has worked to give all radio amateurs new bands at 136 kHz, 472 kHz, 5 MHz, 10 MHz, 18 MHz, 24 MHz, and 50 MHz, and a regional European allocation at 70 MHz, and IARU defends those allocations.

The 25 countries that formed the IARU in 1925 have grown to include more than 160 member-societies in three regions. IARU Region 1 includes Europe, Africa, the Middle East, and North Asia. Region 2 covers the Americas, and Region 3 is comprised of Australia, New Zealand, the Pacific island nations, and most of Asia. The International Telecommunication Union ([ITU](#)) has recognized the IARU as representing the interests of amateur radio.

On World Amateur Radio Day, all radio amateurs are invited to take to the airwaves to share global goodwill with other amateurs. ARRL encourages members to promote the value of amateur radio to family and friends, and in their communities. Many volunteer ARRL Public Information Officers and Public Information Coordinators throughout the US use the time leading up to WARD as an opportunity to reach out to the media to share information about amateur radio.

“The amateur radio community has a great story to tell on the occasion of World Amateur Radio Day,” ARRL Product Development Manager Bob Inderbitzen, NQ1R, said. “While the pandemic has kept many of us at home, radio amateurs have still been able to get on the air.” In June 2020, ARRL Field Day, held annually as amateur radio’s largest on-the-air operating event and demonstration, included nearly 19,000 participants making more than 1.8 million radio contacts in a single weekend.

“Over the last year, many ARRL-affiliated radio clubs and in-person ham radio events have moved

their group activities online. This has helped to keep radio amateurs active and involved in the common pursuit of skill, service, and discovery in radio communication and radio technology,” Inderbitzen added.

Coincidentally, the SSB running of the [ARRL Rookie Roundup](#) falls on WARD (1800 – 2359 UTC). The event is aimed at hams licensed for 3 years or less. Take the opportunity to wish participants “Happy World Amateur Radio Day 2021” on the air.

### **Some WARD 2021 Activities around the Globe**

**Bahrain:** The Amateur Radio Society of Bahrain will operate A91WARD during April 14 – 18, 2021, using SSB, FT8, and DMR modes.

**Canada:** Radio Amateurs of Canada are sponsoring a “[Get on the Air on World Amateur Radio Day](#)” special event.

**Germany:** The Deutscher Amateur Radio Club is operating DA21WARD for WARD, from April 18 through June 30. QSL to DK5ON.

**New Jersey:** The Fair Lawn (New Jersey)

Amateur Radio Club will operate club station W2NPT on CW and phone throughout the day on April 18. In support of the theme of this year's event, the operators will share information about the Health & Welfare Net that the club is running during the pandemic.

**Alabama:** The Disaster Communication Action Team will operate club station KD1CAT on April 18, in support of WARD. Operation will be on all HF bands.

#### VOIP/ECHOLINK

\*ROC-HAM\* Conference node #531091 April 18 – 19, 13:00 – 05:00 UTC (9 AM EDT – 1 AM EDT) via VOIP/ECHOLINK \*ROC-HAM\* Conference node #531091/Allstar #2585. W2JLD, VO1UKZ, GW8SZL, and 2W0KYH will be net controllers. All stations from around the world are encouraged to check in. A QSL card will be available via SASE.



### March 2021 Volunteer Monitor Program Report

The [Volunteer Monitor \(VM\) Program](#) is a joint initiative between ARRL and the FCC to enhance compliance in the Amateur Radio Service. This is the March 2021 Volunteer Monitor Program Report

The FCC delayed action on the renewal application of a General Class licensee in Quakertown, Pennsylvania, in order to review allegations of repeated transmission of obscenities and failure to properly identify.

The Volunteer Monitor Coordinator issued 14 *Advisory Notices*. An *Advisory Notice* is an attempt to resolve rule violation issues informally before FCC intervention:

An *Advisory Notice* was sent to the owner of a remote amateur station in California, advising him that he is responsible for deliberate interference transmitted by any station over his remote facility.

An *Advisory Notice* was sent to a radio amateur in Ripley, Tennessee, regarding deliberate interference and failure to properly identify on 75 meters.

An *Advisory Notice* was sent to a radio amateur in Jefferson, Georgia, concerning failure to properly identify on 40 meters.

*Advisory Notices* were sent to radio amateurs in Tiburon, Petaluma, and Manteca, California, and Grants Pass, Oregon, concerning interference on 75 meters.

General Advisories were sent to operators in West Virginia, Michigan, Iowa, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Texas, and Wisconsin concerning operation on 7.200, 3.927, and 3.860 MHz.

A *Good Operator Commendation* was sent to a husband-wife team in Perryopolis, Pennsylvania, recognizing excellent net and 2-meter operations.

VM representatives had two meetings with FCC officials. — *Thanks to Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH, Volunteer Monitor Program Administrator*