

The Smokehouse

Where Country Hams Hang Out

April 2022

President, Larry Brumett, KN4IV

Vice President, Roger Given, K8RPG

Sec/Treas, Herb Hess, KJ4CMG



MCARC Meeting March 15th, 2022

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

KY4BC made a motion, seconded by KC4RGE, to dispense with reading the minutes. Motion passed.

KD4SS Gave the financial report. He reported \$XXXX.XX in the checking and \$XXXX.XX in the savings. KY4BC made a motion, seconded by KE4AIE, to accept the report. Motion passed.,

Committee Reports:

Repeater Committee:
KD4SS met with the tower

climber and while he didn't climb the tower, he did analyze the feedline and found a "tremendous noise floor" on the feedlines. He will continue to investigate and will make plans to climb the tower. KY4BC brought up the possibility of moving to a different site on a tower at Pine Ridge off South Fork Rd.

The rotator on the tower on the roof of the City Hall Building needs to be repaired. We think the potentiometer is bad in the rotator. KY4BC made a motion, seconded by W4RRK, to approve purchasing the necessary parts to repair the rotator. Motion passed.

Hamfest Committee: The club members went over a debrief of the recent hamfest. Overall, it was a success with 530 paid admissions and 92 tables sold along with 9 tailgates and \$18 donation to the coffee fund.

Field Day/Special Event Committee: No report

Webpage Committee: No report

Old Business: Voted on KO4UPH and KN4LZS for membership. They were both voted in as our newest members.

New Business: KJ4CMG and KD4SS brought up the revision of the by-laws. The main thing is separating the

offices of Secretary and Treasurer. Discussion ensued about consolidating and deleting some of the different levels of membership, dues, quorums, etc.

K4UOJ brought up hosting the KYQSO party in the clubroom. K4UOJ made a motion, seconded by KC4RGE to have the QSO party at American Legion Park with the clubroom as a secondary site in case of inclement weather.

KN4IV brought up having a free outdoor hamfest in September at the Cave City Convention Center Pavilion and Parking Lot. He was quoted \$1200.00 for a rental fee. He will reach out the director for clarification.

No further business to come before the members, KC4RGE made a motion, seconded by KO4MKK to adjourn. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm. There were 22 members present at the meeting.



Volunteer Monitor Program Cautions against Operating Beyond License Privileges

Many of the Advisory Notices sent out each month by the ARRL Volunteer Monitor Program go to stations heard operating outside the operator's license privileges.

Typical cases often involve operators holding Technician- or General-class amateur licenses being heard on a frequency or band not permitted by their license privileges. Most recent incidents have frequently entailed FT8 digital mode operation by Technician licensees on 20 and 40 meters. Technician licensees do not have any operating privileges on 20 meters, let alone digital privileges, and FT8 is a digital protocol.

Technicians (and Novices) may operate CW between 21.025 and 21.200 MHz on 15 meters, from 7.025 and 7.125 MHz on 40 meters, and from 3.525 to 3.600 MHz on 80 meters, but they do not have *any* digital (data) mode privileges on these bands.

ARRL Volunteer Monitor Program Administrator Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH, said licensees who need a refresher course regarding their operating privileges may refer to Section 97.301 of the rules. ARRL also has a convenient chart on its website that details privileges available to all license classes, from Novice to Amateur Extra.

As monthly Volunteer Monitor reports indicate, some General-class operators have lost their way on some bands too, and Advisory Notices have gone out to those operating outside of the General-class phone subbands. For example, on 20 meters, Generals may operate phone from 14.225 to 14.350 MHz, but

occasionally, General-class operators are heard outside of that subband. On 40 meters, the phone and image subband open to General licensees is 7.175 to 7.300 MHz. Of course, Technician- and General-class licensees may operate CW on any subband on which they have operating privileges, although operation within the CW subbands is preferred by band plan.

On 10 meters, Technicians have RTTY and data privileges — including FT8 — from 28.000 to 28.300 MHz, and SSB phone privileges from 28.300 to 28.500 MHz, and may operate on CW over the entire 28.0000 – 28.500 MHz segment. Technicians may enjoy all operating privileges at 50 MHz and above.

The ARRL Volunteer Monitor program is a formal agreement between the FCC and ARRL. Volunteers trained and vetted by ARRL monitor the airwaves and report evidence that may be used to correct errant operation

or to recognize exemplary on-air operation.



New FCC Application Fee Will Not Apply to Amateur Radio License Upgrades

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) staff has clarified in response to an ARRL request that the new \$35 application fee will not apply to most license modifications, including those to upgrade an amateur radio licensee's operator class and changes to club station trustees. The FCC staff explained that the new fees will apply only to applications for a new license, renewal, rule waiver, or a new vanity call sign. As previously announced, the new fees take effect on April 19, 2022.

"We are pleased that the FCC will not charge licensees the FCC application fee for license upgrade applications," said ARRL Volunteer Examiner Coordinator (VEC) Manager Maria Somma, AB1FM. "While applicants for a new license will need to pay the \$35 FCC application fee, there will be no FCC charge for future upgrades and administrative updates, such as a change of mailing or email address. Most current licensees, therefore, will not be charged the new FCC application fee until they renew their license or apply for a new vanity call sign."

ARRL previously reported that the new \$35 application fee for amateur radio licenses will become effective on April 19, 2022. Further information and instructions about the FCC Application Fee are available from the ARRL VEC at www.arrl.org/fcc-application-fee.



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If you receive an e-mail verification one-time password request instead, you will receive an e-mail

from Personify Identity Provider. Enter the one-time password, which will default your user name to the e-mail you used and prompt you to enter a new password twice. Click “Next.”

This will log you in to **arrrl.org**, which now allows you to renew, donate, and shop all in one transaction.

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World Amateur Radio Day is April 18

World Amateur Radio Day (WARD) is April 18 and is celebrated worldwide by radio amateurs and their national associations, which are organized as member-societies of the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU).

It was on this day in 1925 that the IARU was formed in Paris. American Radio

Relay League (today, ARRL The National Association for Amateur Radio) co-founder Hiram Percy Maxim was its first president.

"On World Amateur Radio Day, all radio amateurs are invited to take to the airwaves to enjoy our global friendship with other amateurs, and to promote our skills and capabilities to the public," said Bob Inderbitzen, NQ1R, ARRL Director of Public Relations and Innovation. "Use the backdrop of World Amateur Radio Day to describe and demonstrate ham radio to family, friends, and co-workers." While WARD falls on a Monday this year, Inderbitzen encourages amateurs and radio clubs to extend the celebration to include the weekend, or even all week. "Some radio clubs will even seek a proclamation from their town or state government, designating the period to recognize the contributions of radio amateurs to our communities, and the overall importance of our

Amateur Radio Service," he said.

Amateur Radio Day, can be found at:

ARRL reports that there are more than 775,000 hams in the US. ARRL also supports a nationwide network of 2,400 affiliated radio clubs. "Radio clubs provide opportunities for newcomers to discover radio and to become ham radio operators," said Inderbitzen. "Clubs develop the personal radio communications capability of their members, operating together or from their home stations, in portable settings, and from nearly anywhere." Inderbitzen also highlighted that among the primary purposes of the Amateur Radio Service is to enhance international goodwill. "Radio amateurs use radio signals, which reach beyond borders, to bring people together culturally while providing essential communication in service to their communities."

More information and resources for participating in and promoting World