

The Smokehouse

Where Country Hams Hang Out

August 2022

President: Larry Brumett, KN4IV

Vice President: Roger Given, K8RPG

Secretary: Herb Hess, KJ4CMG

Treasurer: Chappy Rice KD4SS



MCARC Meeting July 19th, 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 accounts and \$XXXX.XX in the savings. KY4BC made a motion, seconded by W4RRK, to accept the report. Motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Repeater Committee:

Discussion ensued about the recent noise and interference issues on the .940 repeater at the Hwy 63 site. The club members posited several ideas for troubleshooting the repeater and it was finally decided to try moving the .940 repeater out at the Pine Ridge tower site and see if the issue persists or goes away. A tentative date of Saturday, July 23rd at 8am was set to begin the work. The Fusion repeater will be offline during this time.

Hamfest Committee: The hamfest on August 6th is on schedule. Flyers have

been made and distributed via print and electronically.

Field Day/Special Event

Committee: K4UOJ is still compiling logs and paperwork from Field Day and will send that off to the ARRL this weekend.

There will be a POTA activation at Barren River State Park on Saturday, July 30th beginning around 10am at the back pavilion at the front of the park. If that pavilion is unavailable, the setup will be at the Horse Barn.

Webpage Committee:

The ky4x.org website went down again, and it appears to be another billing issue with the Google Account.

KJ4CMG made a motion, seconded by KY4BC, to go ahead and prepay for a year's service with Google Sites. Motion passed. W3JBG is in the process of assigning KC4RGE as an administrator and once that process is complete, KC4RGE and KJ4CMG will try to resolve the billing issues.

Old Business: None to report

New Business: The Glasgow Community Band has started practicing at a new location and is working on sorting out the storage of their equipment in our shared space.

K4RS and K1TS were visitors at our meeting. They are full time RVers and were passing through the area before heading to North Carolina.

August potluck is coming up next month. The club will supply Pork Shoulder and Chicken Tenders and club members are asked to bring sides and desserts.

KE4AIE is compiling a list of licensed amateur radio operators in Barren and surrounding counties. He is proposing to reach out to them and invite them to join in the nightly nets and club activities.

No further business to come before the members, KC4RGE made a motion, seconded by KE4AIE to adjourn. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm. There were 20 members present at the meeting.

Hams Radio Operators Support American Red Cross in Kentucky Flood Response

As the flood waters began to recede following devastating rainfall in Kentucky that began on July 26, the American Red Cross reported that over 400 of their disaster workers were on the ground, as well as dozens more in other locations. They provided shelter,

meals, and other forms of support. Red Cross teams also worked alongside their state and municipal partners among others, including Kentucky Amateur Radio Emergency Service® (ARES®) volunteers.

ARRL Director of Emergency Management Josh Johnston, KE5MHV, was in touch with American Red Cross personnel in the affected area. He said ham radio volunteers were supporting Red Cross damage assessment teams with radio communications. "The rural and mountainous terrain of the affected area adds to the already difficult situation," said Johnston.

Much of the local response effort is being coordinated by Steve Morgan, W4NHO, of Owensboro, Kentucky. The response of radio amateurs throughout the region is under and in cooperation with an existing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

with the Kentucky Chapter of the American Red Cross.

ARES® groups from Ohio and Virginia have also been in touch with hams in the affected areas and have been on standby, ready to respond if needed.



QST Now Offering a Column for Radio Clubs

ARRL invites you to be part of “Club Station,” the newest column in QST. This column is a space for radio clubs to share the different ways in which they’re successful to help other clubs grow. They do this by offering advice, and practical solutions to common experiences and problems.

In each issue, a different club will share how they undertook a specific activity or project, how and why it was successful, and any challenges they may have had to overcome throughout the process. Some examples include,

but aren’t limited to, successful community club projects, innovative ways to attract new members, getting youth involved with ham radio, and developing active hams.

“Clubs are the backbone of the amateur radio community,” said ARRL Field Services Manager Mike Walters, W8ZY. “If your club is doing something that will inspire other clubs, we want to hear from you!”

“In order to help you tell your story, ARRL has published author guidelines that are geared toward ‘Club Station,’ and they include a club profile form,” said QST Editor Leanna Figlewski, KC1RMP. Both of these documents can be found at www.arrl.org/qst-club-station-guidelines-and-profile-form. “You don’t have to have writing experience to be published in QST. If your submission is accepted, our editorial staff will work with you to

get your story ready for publication.”

All clubs are welcome to participate. The first iteration of “Club Station” appeared in the August 2022 issue of QST and includes more information about what members can expect to see from the column.

If you have any questions, contact us at clubs@arrl.org. We look forward to hearing from you about your radio club!

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MFJ to Celebrate 50th Anniversary

08/12/2022 MFJ Enterprises, an amateur radio electronics manufacturer and retailer, will celebrate 50 years in business this October. Martin Jue, K5FLU, founded the company in 1972 after building a CW

filter kit that sold for less than \$10. Since 1990 the company has made five acquisitions, including Hy-Gain and Cushcraft antennas.

MFJ Customer Services and Public Relations Manager Richard Stubbs says the company continues to grow with the popularity of amateur radio and currently manufactures over 2,000 products. "I've been with the company for 28 years and the numbers are good," said Stubbs. "Amateur radio continues to grow worldwide."

Quite a few of MFJ's employees have worked there for years, such as MFJ Product Representative Phyllis Randle, who will be retiring in September after 45 years with the company. She started working there when she was a teenager in 1977, and she is now the Product Representative for all MFJ dealers.

Jue graduated from Mississippi State University with a

bachelor's degree in electrical engineering, and he earned a master's degree in electrical engineering at Georgia Institute of Technology (Georgia Tech). He served as a professor of electrical engineering at Mississippi State University from 1972 until 1979, but abandoned his doctorate in 1977 because of MFJ's growth.

Currently, because of COVID-19 concerns, the company does not have any plans for a special event to celebrate the anniversary, although Stubbs said that may change in the months ahead.



New ARRL Radio Lab Inspires Innovation in the Ham Shack

ARRL has unveiled its new Radio Laboratory, W1HQ. In a new YouTube video, Jherica Goodgame, KI5HTA, a summer intern at ARRL Headquarters,

tours viewers through the station.

"The ARRL Radio Lab is an innovative test space designed to reshape the way we imagine and build a ham radio shack," said Goodgame. The station is intended to inspire members to build, organize, and equip their own stations in innovative ways. "From a decluttered workspace and a digital user interface, to being able to remote into the equipment from anywhere, W1HQ is a step towards the future of amateur radio stations," Goodgame added.

The station includes a new tower and antennas atop the main administrative building at ARRL Headquarters in Newington, Connecticut. Inside the station, three operating positions provide an interface to rack-mounted and computer-controlled transceivers, amplifiers, antenna switches, and rotators.

Goodgame explained that the Radio Lab will also support equipment testing and QST Product Review. "An extension of product reviews in the future will be to take that piece of gear that we're testing, put it on this test bench, and see how it integrates with a station that's already under full automation and control," she said.

The video is published on ARRL's YouTube channel at <https://youtu.be/68BJxGHg74Y>.