

The Smokehouse

Where Country Hams Hang Out

January 2023

President: Larry Brumett, KN4IV

Vice President: Clayton Francis KC4RGE

Secretary: Herb Hess, KJ4CMG

Treasurer: Chappy Rice KD4SS



MCARC Meeting December 20th, 2022.

The members gathered at 6pm for our annual Christmas Potluck. There were 44 people in attendance including members and guests and a great time was had by all with fun, food and fellowship.

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

KY4UE made a motion, seconded by KN4WLS, to dispense with reading the minutes. Motion passed.

KD4SS gave the financial report. He reported \$XXXX.XX in the checking accounts and the

savings remains unchanged. W3JBG made a motion, seconded by KE4AIE, to accept the report. Motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Repeater Committee: Marcus Thurman has started working with another climber and he has done some work on the tower location out at Hwy 63. He reported that our feedline and antennas are in good shape. All four repeater frequencies have been coordinated through SERA.

Hamfest Committee: 40 tables have already been presold. Still on schedule for March 4th, 2023

Field Day/Special Event Committee: No report.

Webpage Committee: No report.

Old Business: KJ4CMG gave a report on the Turkey Trot Race that was held on November 19th. We were on the air for 2 hours and 30 minutes with 10 stations and 13 pieces of traffic. Eddie Furlong was very appreciative of our help with the race.

New Business: KE4AIE has been elected as the new ARRL Section Manager.

Ryan Gledhill KO4IET and Chad Richardson KO4WFO were both voted on for full membership to MCARC

and accepted . The vote was unanimous.

KN4IV requested funds to purchase a new plaque for the Spirit of Amateur Radio award. Motion was passed to allocate the funds. KE4AIE was named as the 2022 Spirit of Amateur Radio Award recipient.

Election of officers: KN4IV was elected as President, KC4RGE was elected as Vice-President, KJ4CMG was elected as Secretary and KD4SS was elected as Treasurer.

No further business to come before the members, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40



Volunteers On The Air

As announced in the January 2023 issue of QST, ARRL is holding the year-long operating event, Volunteers On The Air (VOTA), honoring all ARRL volunteers.

In similar fashion to the 2014 ARRL Centennial QSO Party and the 2018 International Grid Chase, this event will be exclusively driven by contacts uploaded to Logbook of The World (LoTW).

Highlights of the event include:

Earning points for contacting W1AW portable stations: There will be week-long activations of portable W1AW/# stations in all 50 states, and in several US possessions/territories, which will generate on-air activity to earn points. Each state will be activated twice. The schedule of when each state will be activated will be updated as changes and additions occur. See the Points Table at www.arrl.org/volunteers-on-the-air for the full list of points.

Contacting ARRL volunteers or members on the air: ARRL Officers, Directors, Section Managers (and their

appointees), staff, and even domestic and DX members, can be contacted for points.

Using LoTW (<http://www.arrl.org/logbook-of-the-world>) as the contacts data source, the Volunteers On The Air event features W1AW activations from all 50 states (twice) and several territories during 2023. Weeks will begin on a Wednesday and end on a Tuesday. Some weeks will be shown as off weeks to avoid other major operating events.

Participants will work W1AW portable stations and ARRL volunteers to earn contact points.

Participants do not need to upload to, or participate in, LoTW. Uploads to LoTW by W1AW portable stations and by the volunteers will feed the points scoring system.

A leaderboard will be activated after the event ramps up, and certificates will be available during and after the event

concludes. Once the year is completed, an annual summary will be released.

If you review the state activations list and notice your state is not yet indicating a host, and you have interest in activating your state, consider reaching out to your Division Director to express your club's interest.

For information and continued updates, visit the VOTA website at www.arrl.org/vota.

2022 Activity Report For MCARC

Nets 400

Check-ins 7,981

Traffic 445

Hours 182.5



Marines To Gain Radio Op Experience Via Amateur Radio

On Wednesday, December 7, 2022, 22

Communication Officers at the Marine Corps Communication-Electronics School (MCCES) in Twentynine Palms, California, became amateur radio operators. W6BA, the [Morongo Basin Amateur Radio Club](#) (MARC) administered the exams and 21 candidates passed their Technician exam, and one passed their General exam. 14-year-old Kalynn Cossette, KN6WVD, was the youngest candidate who passed her Technician exam.

Retired Marine Corps Warrant Officer 4 Robert Cloutier, WO4ROB, and MARC President says it was a great event and he is excited to see so many new amateur radio operators. So, what drove the officers to want amateur radio licenses? Cloutier pointed out that all of the candidates already have a background in radio administration but not operating experience.

“Chief Warrant Officer (CWO3) Kalem Cossette,

KK4KC, one of the training officers at MCCES, introduced amateur radio to the Communication Officers,” said Cloutier. “Most of the students were curious on how to get their license, so CWO3 Cossette contacted the MARC to schedule an exam session.”

Cloutier said that all new license holders were offered a free club membership but many of them will be deployed to other locations around the world and will be able to join other amateur radio clubs. He said they hope to conduct exams every three months.

Rep. Bill Johnson Introduces Bill to Eliminate Private Land Use Restrictions on Amateur Radio

Congressman Bill Johnson (OH-6) introduced a bill in the U.S. House of Representatives ([H.R.9670](#)) on Thursday, December 22, 2022, to eliminate private land use restrictions that prohibit,

restrict, or impair the ability of an Amateur Radio Operator from operating and installing amateur station antennas on property subject to the control of the Amateur Radio Operator.

The exponential growth of communities subject to private land use restrictions that prohibit both the operation of Amateur Radio and the installation of amateur station antennas has significantly restricted the growth of the Amateur Radio Service. These restrictions are pervasive in private common interest residential communities such as single-family subdivisions, condominiums, cooperatives, gated communities, master-planned communities, planned unit developments, and communities governed by community associations. The restrictions have particularly impacted the ability of Amateur Radio to fulfill its statutorily mandated duty of serving as a voluntary

noncommercial emergency communications service.

Congress in 1996 directed the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to promulgate regulations (Public Law 104-104, title II, section 207, 110 Stat. 114; 47 U.S.C. 303 note) that have preempted all private land use restrictions applicable to exterior communications facilities that impair the ability of citizens to receive television broadcast signals, direct broadcast satellite services, or multichannel multipoint distribution services, or to transmit and receive wireless internet services. ARRL attempts to obtain similar relief for Amateur Radio were rejected by the FCC with a statement such relief would have to come from Congress.

ARRL Legislative Advocacy Committee Chairman John Robert Stratton, N5AUS, noted that Congress, in 1994 by Joint Resolution, S.J.Res.90/H.J.Res.199, declared that regulations at

all levels of government should facilitate and encourage the effective operation of Amateur Radio from residences as a public benefit. He continued by stating that "H.R.9670, the *Amateur Radio Emergency Preparedness Act*, is intended to fulfill that mandate and preserve the ability of Amateur Radio Operators to continue to serve as a key component of American critical communications infrastructure."

ARRL President Rick Roderick, K5UR, and Mr. Stratton both extended on behalf of the ARRL, its Members, and the Amateur Radio community their thanks and appreciation for the leadership of Rep. Johnson in his tireless efforts to support and protect the rights of all Amateur Radio Operators.

For the full text of the bill, [click here](#) (PDF).