

# *The Smokehouse*

*Where Country Hams Hang Out*

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## **43<sup>rd</sup> Cave City Hamfest a Success**

Tnx to all who helped with the Cave City Fest on March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The final results were not available at press but should be available at the March club meeting. A special tnx to Clayton KC4RGE, Nick N4NRC and Roger K8RPG for late night and early morning setup.  
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## **MCARC Meeting, February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019.**

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

KJ4OR made a motion, seconded by N9FXU to

suspend with reading the minutes. Motion passed.

KD4SS gave the financial report. He reported \$XXXX.XX in the checking and the savings remains unchanged. Motion by KJ4OR, seconded by KC4RGE to accept the financial report. Motion passed. Bills were the badge order of \$493.00, paying \$1000.00 to the climber and the monthly website expense of \$5.00

### **Committee Reports:**

Repeater Committee: No update on when the climber will return. KD4SS is working on some controllers for the repeaters.

Hamfest Committee: Hamfest is coming up on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019. KD4SS

was able to get Rafferty's to sponsor the tickets and they were printed at no cost to the club. They also include a coupon to Rafferty's in Bowling Green good for March 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. All of the tables have been sold. We will be able to setup on Friday evening, March 1<sup>st</sup>. We will need plenty of help in selling tickets when the doors open at 7:30am.

Testing sessions to begin at 9am.

Field Day/Special Event Committee: No report.

Webpage Committee: No report.

Old Business: The badges have come in and are ready to be picked up. They will be

available to be picked up at the hamfest.

New Business: None to report.

KD4SS gave a report on the Orlando Hamcation which several MCARC members attended.

No further business to come before the meeting, KC4RGE made a motion, seconded by N4VDJ to adjourn. Motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28pm. There were 19 members present for the meeting.



### **Important Notice to ARRL Members Using the Apple Digital QST App**

A known bug with the Apple version of the digital *QST* app may prevent some users from downloading issues of the magazine. ARRL has confirmed with the developer that version 5.0 of the app, introduced in early February, may produce instances where the app crashes on some devices when the user tries to download an issue of *QST* for offline reading. We apologize for this inconvenience, and we are working with the developer

to resolve this issue as quickly as possible.



### **FCC Takes a New Tack in Combatting Unlicensed Radio Broadcasting**

In what may be a first in the effort to crack down on unlicensed broadcasters, the United States has filed a civil action to stop a church-related pirate radio station from operating in Worcester, Massachusetts.

The Massachusetts US Attorney's Office is seeking an injunction to shut down the station, operating on 97.1 MHz.

“This groundbreaking step, for an injunction to stop a pirate radio operator’s illegal activities, is part of our continued efforts to combat illegal broadcasting,” FCC Enforcement Bureau Chief Rosemary Harold said this week. “As we work with our law enforcement colleagues to use every tool in our toolbox to combat pirate radio, I welcome the Justice Department's renewed use of its Section 401(a) injunction authority. Along with fines, equipment seizures, and warnings, this action underlines our continued interest in combatting this serious problem.”

The FCC already has fined operator Vasco Oburoni and Christian Praise International Church \$15,000 for repeated violations of its rules against unlicensed operation. The complaint recounts that Oburoni and the church first began operating an unlicensed station in Worcester on 102.3 MHz. After issuing multiple warnings, the FCC levied the \$15,000 penalty, and Oburoni agreed to a payment plan. But later, he began broadcasting again, this time on 97.1 MHz. At least one licensed broadcaster has complained to the FCC, citing interference concerns.



### **ARRL to Auction HF/50 MHz Transceiver, ARRL Handbook Boxed Set**

The US Amateur Radio on the International Space Station ([ARRL](#)) team will auction a new JVC Kenwood TS-890S transceiver and a six-volume 2019 *ARRL Handbook* boxed set — both donated items made unique by bearing the

signatures of US astronauts. Bidding will begin on April 8 at 1200 UTC and conclude on April 14 at 2200 UTC. Next month's fundraiser auction will mark the first for ARISS.

“Auction proceeds will help ARISS to launch its new custom-built, higherpower radio system in 2019 that will offer a voice repeater as well as improved packet, APRS, and SSTV capability for more ham operators to enjoy,” ARRL ARISS-US Delegate Rosalie White, K1STO, said. “The next generation system will carry on the ARISS mission of introducing Amateur Radio to thousands of students, educators, and community members, in the process inspiring youngsters in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and math.”

White pointed out that ARISS also serves a lot of individual radio amateurs, in addition to the program's positive impact by supporting school and group contacts with ISS crew members. She said some 10,000 SSTV images transmitted in February were downloaded from the ISS via Amateur Radio, and approximately 89,000 hams took advantage of the ARISS packet system during 2018.

The full-featured TS-890S came on the US market just last year. A long-time ARISS supporter, JVC Kenwood came up with the idea to offer the astronautsigned transceiver as an exclusive item that just one radio amateur could own.

A 100 W HF/50 MHz transceiver, the TS-890S features a high-speed independent band scope, noise reduction, a 7-inch TFT color display, built-in antenna tuner, and CW, PSK, and RTTY encoding and decoding capabilities.

“We thank Kenwood and ARRL for their generous support and invite those who don't ‘do’ auctions to [donate](#) toward the launch of the new ARISS spacebound radio system,” White said.

More auction details will soon be posted on the [ARISS website](#). Winning bidders will be responsible for the costs of shipping, handling, any required customs paperwork.



## **W6RO aboard the Queen Mary to Celebrate 40th Anniversary in April**

The 50-member volunteer crew of the *Queen Mary* W6RO Nate Brightman Wireless Room will mount a month-long special event in April to mark the 40th anniversary of the station's opening on the museum ship in Long Beach, California. Launched April 22, W6RO was the first of what has grown to more than 100 Amateur Radio stations based on museum ships around the world. Crew members work tirelessly to keep W6RO on the air and make as many contacts as possible during April. Station manager David Akins, N6HHR, has set a goal of 1,000 logged contacts during the 30-day event.

A commemorative QSL card [will be available](#) with an SASE. Founded by Nate Brightman, K6OSC (SK), W6RO is the club station of the Associated Radio Amateurs of Long Beach. Brightman served as station manager for 34 years until his retirement in

2013. Brightman died in 2016 at age 99.



## **WWV Centennial Special Event Will Use WW0WWV**

With its funding secure for another year, WWV, the world's oldest continuously operating radio station, will have extra reason to celebrate its centennial this fall. The National Institute of Standards and Technology ([NIST](#)) and the Northern Colorado Amateur Radio Club ([NCARC](#)) have teamed up to organize 100th anniversary events. A memorandum of understanding is pending. The [WWV Committee](#) has announced that the call sign WW0WWV was granted on February 23 to the WWV Amateur Radio Club for use during the Amateur Radio special event, planned to run September 28 – October 2, with operators on the air — no pun intended — around the clock. NCARC predicts the effort will require “hundreds” of volunteer operators.

“The 100th anniversary is an occasion to celebrate radio and our understanding of the electromagnetic spectrum, and an opportunity to help

people everywhere appreciate what radio does in their everyday lives,” said Dave Swartz, WODAS, who has been spearheading the on-the-air event.

The WWV Committee met on February 22, with representatives of NCARC and NIST on hand, to further firm up plans for the centennial celebratory events. Although the US government cannot fund any Amateur Radio special event expenses, club members will be allowed to use a 15-acre parcel on WWV property, Swartz has explained. The operating site lies outside the security fence.

For its part, NIST will focus on plans for an October 1 recognition ceremony and an open house at the radio station north of Fort Collins.



## **Purchases via AmazonSmile Provide Dividends to ARRL**

Those who use Amazon for online purchases can automatically donate to ARRL by opting to use [AmazonSmile](#) and designating American Radio Relay League (ARRL) as their charity of choice.

The AmazonSmile

Foundation donates 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible AmazonSmile items to whichever charity you choose. Product and Marketing Specialist Jackie Ferreira, KB1PWB, reports that the benefit of AmazonSmile to ARRL for 2018 was \$8,676, up from \$8,022 in 2017.

Family and friends can select ARRL as their charity of choice too. There is no difference between Amazon and AmazonSmile in terms of making purchases.

[More information](#) is available on the ARRL website. “We encourage member participation in AmazonSmile,” Ferreira said.

## **L.T.A.R.C. Hamfest**

Lincoln Trail ARC Hamfest will be held on April 6<sup>th</sup> at the Fire Training Center, doors open at 7:30am est with indoor vendors and tailgating.

