

The Smokehouse

Where Country Hams Hang Out

May 2022

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MCARC Meeting April 19th, 2022

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 KD4SS, 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. KC4RGE made a motion, seconded by KD4SS, to accept the report. Motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Repeater Committee:
KY4BC and KD4SS

toured a possible new repeater site over by the lake. The tower is around 430+ feet with an existing, usable antenna at around 400 feet. Plans are to deploy the Fusion Repeater at this site and continue with testing the digital repeater. W4RRK spoke about some possibilities of using a hotspot for repeater access at a remote location. One possible location for a hotspot would be K8RPG's or KE4AIE's QTH. KD4SS will work on moving the Fusion Repeater to the site as soon as the ground dries up around the site.

W4RRK spoke about some information he received from the repeater coordinator and the two repeaters at Hwy 63 and Bonnieville need to re-certified.

The parts for the rotator repair on the roof have arrived. A day will be scheduled soon to make the repairs to the rotator and G5RV antenna.

Hamfest Committee: Discussion ensued about having a free hamfest this summer. Dates kicked around were in early September or August with August 6th being the preferred date. KJ4CMG

made a motion, seconded by N4HCO, to go ahead with planning the hamfest.

Field Day/Special Event Committee: KY QSO Party is scheduled for the first weekend in June. Tentative plans are to set up a station at American Legion Park with the clubroom serving as a backup site in the event of inclement weather.

Webpage Committee: The webpage was down for a few days due to the debit card used for billing had expired. W3JBG was able to correct the issue and the website is back online. Google has made some changes to Google Sites and our site will need to be updated to the new version. W3JBG will be updating the site in the next few weeks.

Old Business: KJ4CMG has revised the bylaws and have submitted copies to all the members. He received feedback from a few members to clean up some wording and spelling errors. The bylaws will again be sent out to the

members and voted on for adoption at the meeting in May.

New Business: Introduced and nominated Keith Ressor KO4ZYA and Dalton Mohon KO4ZZZ for membership. We will vote on them at the next meeting they attend.

KD4SS gave a presentation on an old Zenith broadcast AM radio once owned by N4NAS. He had to search for several years to find enough parts in order to resurrect the old Zenith radio.



ARRL Youth Licensing Program The ARRL Youth Licensing Grant Program, in effect since April 19, 2022, will cover the one-time \$35 application fee for new amateur radio license candidates younger than 18 years old for tests administered under the ARRL Volunteer

Examiner Coordinator (VEC) program.

"We are thrilled that we are able to provide this opportunity to our youth candidates," said ARRL VEC Manager Maria Somma, AB1FM.

The \$35 Federal Communications Commission (FCC) application fee will be reimbursed after the ARRL VEC receives the completed reimbursement form and after the new license has been issued. The reimbursement check will be mailed to the fee payer. Also, candidates younger than 18 years old would pay a reduced exam session fee of \$5 to the ARRL VEC team at the time of the exam. The \$5 fee is for all candidates under the age of 18, regardless of the exam level taken. Proof of under 18 status is required at the session.

The ARRL Board approved the Youth Licensing Grant Program

at its July 2021 meeting in Hartford, Connecticut, expanding on the scope of the original motion proposed by ARRL Southeastern Division Director Mickey Baker, N4MB.

The Board believes the recruitment and training of young amateur radio operators is a necessary and proper mission of the ARRL and subsidization of the \$35 fee will reduce the number of new amateurs that would otherwise be lost from these groups. Initially the new program would serve up to 1,000 new license applicants under 18 years old. The program length is indefinite; it may be renewed or terminated by the Administration and Finance Committee or by the Board of Directors.

Visit the ARRL website for the program instructions and reimbursement form at www.arrl.org/youth-licensing-grant-program.



Radio Amateurs to Participate in MARS Interoperability Exercise in May

Members of the Military Auxiliary Radio System (MARS) will conduct an HF skills exercise from Monday night, May 2 through Saturday, May 7, 2022 to practice interoperability with the amateur radio community.

A 60-meter high-power broadcast will begin on May 3 at 0200 UTC followed by the FEMA region net. That will continue four more nights at 0200 UTC with the region net. At 1200 local each day (May 3 – 7; Eastern, Central, Mountain, and Pacific) the net will be called by region. See slide (PDF).

MARS members will be reaching out to the amateur

radio community via the 60-meters Channel 1 Net (5330.5 kHz). These are directed nets. The nets will be run by region. These are not typical "everyone check into the net" operations. Amateur ops who participate should listen first. Net control will ask for stations meeting specific criteria to check in, e.g., stations in a particular geographic area. Only stations that meet the criteria should check into the net.

In addition to 60 meters, MARS stations will also reach out on amateur frequencies such as 80-meter traffic nets and other bands they may be able to reach. – Thanks to Rob Hurd, N3HU and Chief Army MARS Paul English, WD8DBY

Mobile App Available to Navigate 2022 Dayton Hamvention

Dayton Hamvention® is offering a free mobile app

for smartphones and tablets to help attendees navigate the large-scale event, which runs May 20 – 22 at the Greene County Fairgrounds and Expo Center in Xenia, Ohio. The app, which was introduced in 2019, is offered in a collaborative effort with ARRL The National Association for Amateur Radio®.

The free ARRL Events app is now available and already includes Hamvention’s full program, so attendees can browse and schedule forums, find affiliated events, and preview the extensive list of exhibitors. During the event, attendees can use other app features to follow the hourly prize drawings populated by the Dayton Hamvention Prize Committee, and browse building and site maps.

Attendees are also encouraged to tap on the MyProfile icon in the app to add their name and call sign, email address, and any additional information

they would like to share with other Hamvention guests. Additionally, the MyBadge icon displays a QR code of your event badge that can be scanned by another attendee or exhibitor using the Scan Badge icon – instantly connecting shared contact information with other hams at the event.

The app is available for Apple and Android smart devices, or access the web browser version which is optimized for nearly any browser or other type of mobile device. Visit your app store to download the app (search “ARRL Events”) or access the links available on the ARRL EXPO web page. If you’re reading this article on a mobile device, click here to be redirected to the appropriate app store, or redirected to the web browser version (www.tripbuildermedia.com/apps/arrl). Please email hamventionapp@arrl.org with any questions about the app.

For more information, please visit these official websites:

Dayton Hamvention
www.hamvention.org

ARRL EXPO at Dayton Hamvention
www.arrl.org/expo

Cave City Free For All

The Cave City Free For All Hamfest is a go for August 6th 2022.

It will be held in the parking lot of the Cave City Convention Center.

There will be limited space under roof so bring your own tables and chairs (none available) first come first served, everything else will be tailgate. Nothing indoors at all everything will be outdoors. No reservations required for setup We encourage everyone to try and use one parking space if possible in an effort to make room for everyone.

There will no VE testing due to being outside. A for info contact Larry KN4IV

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