

# *The Smokehouse*

*Where Country Hams Hang Out*

*November 2021*

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*Vice President, Tom Buchanan KG4KGY*

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## **MCARC Meeting October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021.**

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

KG4KGY 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. K8RPG made a motion, seconded by KO4Mkk, to accept the report. Motion passed. One of the CDs came due yesterday. The People's Bank offered some rates, but they weren't as good as what we got three years ago.

### Committee Reports:

Repeater Committee: There has been two loads of rock put onto the access road at the Hwy 63 site. It will be graded again soon by KO4KRM.

Hamfest Committee: No report.

Field Day/Special Event Committee: No report.

Webpage Committee: No report.

### Old Business:

New Business: KO4TCP was nominated for membership. We will vote him at the next meeting he attends.

W4RRK reported that he has sent off the frequency

pairs for the repeater he is putting up at his farm. Once they get coordinated, he will be ready to deploy the new repeater. 442.225 for RX and 447.225 for TX with a tone of 114.8.

KG4KGY talked about the WSPR Beacon he has set up at his house. Zach Tek is the brand of the beacon he is running and it is based off of the Arduino microcontroller.

KN4IV reminded the members that the elections will be coming up in December and that it would be nice to see some other members step up into an office.

No further business to come before the members,

KC4RGE made a motion, seconded by K8RPG, to adjourn. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:31pm. There were 11 members and two guests at the meeting.



### **3Y0J DXpedition to Bouvet Island Confirms November 2022 Activation**

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the Zodiacs in different manners also with some swell, unmanned, and with less risk for operators. And we prepare for the event that Zodiacs are capsizing, and we still can retrieve the equipment. We have done the first prelim sea trials of the Zodiac equipment in Norway and will continue sea trials to further mature the concept.”

According to the announcement, the team plans to use a gasoline-engine powered winch to lift equipment up a cliff to the operating site. This will also be tested in Norway. “We plan to access the 25-foot cliff with professional means and, if needed, prepare for climbing and bolting a short route to gain access.”

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## October 2021 Volunteer Monitor Program Report

The Volunteer Monitor (VM) Program is a joint initiative between ARRL and the FCC to enhance compliance in the Amateur Radio Service. This is the October VM Program report.

Technician operators in Yarmouth Port, Massachusetts, and Richmond, Texas, received *Advisory Notices* after making numerous FT8 contacts on 40 and 20 meters. Technician licensees are not allowed to transmit data on 40 meters and have no operating authority on 20 meters.

Operators in Mims, Florida; Moorefield, West Virginia; State Road, North Carolina, and Grottoes, Virginia, received *Advisory Notices* concerning excessive SSB bandwidth on 40 and 75 meters. The operator in Moorefield, West Virginia, previously received an

*Advisory Notice* for out-of-band operation on 7.138 MHz. His case will be referred to the FCC for further enforcement action, which could include removal of voice privileges from, or revocation of, his General-class license.

An operator in Cave Creek, Arizona, received an *Advisory Notice* for making lengthy transmissions without identifying as required by Commission rules.

An operator in Highlandville, Missouri, was reminded that a beacon on 30 meters cannot be automatically controlled, pursuant to 97.203(d) of the Commission's rules, and must have a control operator present at all times of transmission. He was further advised that the FCC may request a schedule of control operators and their duty hours.

The final totals for monitoring in September were 1,909 hours on HF frequencies and 2,716 hours on VHF frequencies and above, for a total of 4,625 hours.

There was one recommendation to the FCC for case closure and renewal of a license, and one request to review a license application. The FCC referred two cases to the VM Program. — *VM Program Administrator Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH*



## December 2021 Issue of QST to Mail Mid- Month, Arrive Thanksgiving Week

Due to the widespread paper shortage and related supply chain issues, the December 2021 issue of *QST* will mail approximately one week later than usual, arriving in homes the week of November 22.

ARRL members can read the digital edition of the December issue now, at <http://www.arrl.org/qst>.