

The Smokehouse

Where Country Hams Hang Out

September 2022

President: Larry Brumett, KN4IV

Vice President: Roger Given, K8RPG

Secretary: Herb Hess, KJ4CMG

Treasurer: Chappy Rice KD4SS



MCARC Meeting August 16th, 2022

Prior to the meeting, the members gathered at 6pm for our annual potluck. There were around 30 members and guests in attendance.

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 and \$XXXX.XX in the savings. KG4ABA

made a motion, seconded by W4RRK, to accept the report. Motion passed.

Committee Reports:

Repeater Committee: The repeater had been working well but last night, the noise was awful. The UHF repeater has been working well.

The repeater committee has been working on securing a spot on the old EPB tower located on Lohden Rd. Southern Kentucky Communications has recently acquired use of the site and they are going to let the club have some space at that repeater site. We would likely move to that site around the first

of the year. KD4SS suggested that when the repeaters are moved to the new site, we should invest in a new VHF antenna and feedline. K4MG made a motion, seconded by KC4RGE, to allocate \$XXXX for a new feedline, 2m antenna, and the climber for the new site. KD4SS is going to proceed with ordering the antenna and feedline.

Hamfest Committee: The Free Hamfest was held on August 6th, 2022, and it was well attended for being the first time. There were 12 different sellers that set up at and around the pavilion. There were 70-80 people in attendance.

Field Day/Special Event Committee: The club has been some POTA activations recently at Barren River State Park. The next POTA activation will be at the Old Mulkey Meeting House in Tompkinsville, KY on August 27th, 2022. K4UOJ presented a plaque from the recent KY QSO party for the High Score, Multi-Op category.

We ended up with almost 4000 points from the recent ARRL Field Day event.

Webpage Committee: No report

Old Business: KE4AIE has compiled a list of amateur radio operators from Monroe, Barren, Metcalfe, Edmonson, Hart and Cumberland counties.

New Business: Voted on KQ4BVX for membership. It was a close vote but was ultimately successful.

The club will be hosting a testing session on Saturday, September 3rd, 2022, at 3pm.

AD4EI has recently moved into a nursing home in Edmonton, KY.

No further business to come before the members, KC4RGE made a motion, seconded by K4MG to adjourn. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:46pm.



ARRL Foundation Grants \$270,000 to Amateur Radio Clubs

The new ARRL Foundation Club Grant Program, funded by a generous grant from Amateur Radio Digital Communications (ARDC), has awarded \$270,000 to radio clubs that participated in the first round of applications.

The Club Grant Program, introduced earlier this year, includes \$500,000 to be awarded to radio clubs with projects that will have the most impact on amateur radio, the community, and the future of radio technology. The

grants will fund transformative projects that encourage the growth of active amateur radio operators and training opportunities, education programs for student groups and schools, and club revitalization. A second round of applications to award the program's remaining funding will open on September 7, 2022.

24 clubs were notified on Monday, August 29, that they are receiving grants. The ARRL Foundation received 128 applications in the first round, with requests totaling \$1.74 million. The selection committee noted that it was difficult work deciding from many high-quality grant proposals considering the finite available funds. Radio clubs that did not receive grants in the first round may revise and resubmit applications in the second round.

An informational webinar will serve as an orientation to the program, providing

information on how to apply. The webinar will take place on September 7 at 7 PM Eastern Time. Please register in advance to attend. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar:

Webinar: ARRL Club Grant Program | Round Two Kickoff

When: September 7, 2022 at 7 PM Eastern Time

Register:

https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_PezTqPKCTzuwy58FWWgJ3A

The ARRL Foundation, established in 1973 by ARRL The National Association for Amateur Radio®, administers the Club Grant Program. ARRL has long recognized that it is in the best interests of amateur radio to encourage and support amateur radio clubs. Clubs historically have recruited, licensed, and trained new radio amateurs and have provided the community

setting for them to continue their education and training.

The new Club Grant Program will help clubs more easily provide and expand their important services. More information about the program can be found on the ARRL Foundation website at www.arrl.org/club-grant-program.



QSO Today Virtual Ham Expo Returns

The 5th QSO Today Virtual Ham Expo is September 17 - 18, 2022. The fully-interactive and full-featured virtual ham radio convention will provide great interactive presentations, new content, and excellent networking opportunities including 50+ amateur radio presentations on a wide variety of subjects.

Check out the full list of Presentations and get the downloadable schedule.

For the first time, anyone can share their latest ham radio project, technology, operating mode, DXpedition, or history in the new Project Gallery. Submit your presentation article, video, or slideshow at Project Gallery Submission.

Meet with ARRL representatives and other exhibitors in state-of-the-art video lounges. Visit the ARRL booth to meet over live video with ARRL staff and get your specific questions answered. Other exhibitors will answer product questions, provide technical training, etc.

Tickets are only \$10 and grant full access to the Expo weekend, presentations, Project Gallery, and Exhibitor video lounges as well as the 30-day post-Expo on-demand period where all presentations and resources are available.

For more information and to purchase tickets, go to www.qsotodayhamexpo.com.



Masonic Lodges on the Air Event to Take Place on September

Masonic Lodges on the Air (MLotA), an amateur radio special event, will be on the air Saturday, September 24, 2022, from locations across the county. The event is open to all amateur radio operators, and the idea for the event grew out of the realization that many Freemasons also have a love for amateur radio.

The Fulton County Amateur Radio Club (FCARC) and the Fulton Lodge #248 in Ohio first hosted the event in 2021. Because of its success, the event has now been scheduled for the next 3 years.

The event will be operating K8BXQ from 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM ET, using SSB only on 80, 40, 20, 15, and 10 meters. Please honor all band plans. All contacts must be in the phone portion of the bands.

Stations may be contacted once on each band.

Full contest rules and information can be found at cqmorelight.com/rules.

Bob Holstrom, KD2BKD, said that masons in New York and New Jersey will be setting up stations at the historic museum grounds of The DeWint House, George Washington's Headquarters in Tappan, New York. The property is owned and operated by the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the State of New York. The special event call sign for that location will be W2QX, operating from 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM ET.

"Everyone is welcome to visit the historic DeWint house," said Holstrom. "The home has been restored and admission is free."

More information about Masonic Lodges on the Air can be found at their website, cqmorelight.com.

Visit the ARRL Special Event Stations database to find other on the air events and commemorations at

www.arrl.org/special-event-stations.

Darrell Huffman KO4TSE SK

It is with deep sorrow that we announce the passing of Darrell Huffman KO4TSE,. Darrel became a ham about one year ago and was heard on the repeater quit often. Darrel became a silent key after a short illness, our prayers and thoughts go out to the family and friends of Darrell during this trying time. We ask you keep the family in your prayers for the next days, weeks months or for as long as the healing process takes.

Rest In Peace Darrell
KO4TSE SK.