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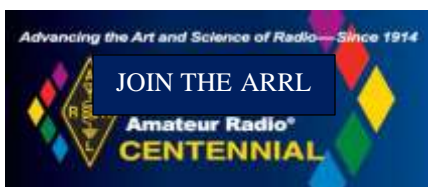
THE NEXT MACON COUNTY ARC AND MACON AREA REPEATER MEETING WILL BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 28, 2023 AT THE FALL RADIO CLUB PICNIC AT THE LONG BRANCH LAKE SHELTER HOUSE

AUGUST 2023 RADIO CLUB MEETING REPORT

Larry Ballew, ABØHP, MCARC President. Larry was feeling well enough to attend for the first time since his surgery to have his kidney removed. Larry asked Jesse Jones, KDØETU, Macon County ARC V-Pres, to run the August Radio Club meeting.

Charles Roberts, WBØHLW, reported that the MCARC had a bank balance of \$577.71 and the Macon County Repeater Council's bank balance was \$425.25.

Field Day Coordinator, Dale Bagley, KØKY, reported that after several attempts to get our electronic logs submitted to the ARRL, the score for the NØPR ARRL Field Day Site operation was finally accepted by the ARRL Field Day committee. This will allow the Macon County ARC score to be printed in the ARRL QST magazine and viewed on the website.



ARRL membership dues will increase to \$59.00/year in 2024. I believe you can now renew at the current cost until the end of 2023. *Life members will have to contact the ARRL in September to keep receiving a paper QST.*

The next Volunteer Exam will be held on November 12, 2023 at the First Christian Church meeting room at 2:00 p.m. All candidates for testing will need to have their FRN number or they can't be tested for a first Amateur Radio License.

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Fall Picnic will be on September 28, 2023 at the shelter house on the west side of Long Branch Lake this year. Chris Clark, KFØGUS will be operating a POTA (Parks on the air) at the picnic site and we will be able to use his radios for a few QSOs. We will start setting up for the Radio Club Fall Picnic around 5:00 p.m. and getting the grill going for cooking the burgers and brats. Meal will start at around 6:00 p.m. and after the meal and a short meeting, we will clean-up and head to our home QTHs.

The Radio Club will provide the burgers, brats, buns and related items (sliced onion, pickles, catsup, yellow mustard, relish). Plates, table service, drinking cups, and napkins.

Members are asked to bring and share a covered dish and a serving utensil.

Those attending will need to bring a beverage that they can drink with their meal.

IF YOU ARE ATTENDING, PLEASE CONTACT DALE BAGLEY, KØKY

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WE NEED TO KNOW HOW MANY BURGERS AND BRATS TO COOK

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Scott Bigham, NØDBM, gave the two repeaters to Charles Roberts, WBØHLW for the club to give away or sell. They both have duplexers that can be tuned for narrowing the signal received by the repeater. The Club will look into selling them at a Hamfest. Scott also provided several items that he had to Charles to bring to the club meeting and members can have for free. Those items included a small 8-amp power supply and a Monitor for a computer.



Mike Nay was a guest at the August Radio Club Meeting. He and his son are interested in becoming licensed Amateur Radio operators. Mike, who lives near Atlanta, MO, was informed that the next Volunteer Exam that might fit his schedule will be held on November 12, 2023 in the same Church where we hold our meetings.

It was announced that the Annual MO Repeater Council meeting was held on August 13, 2023 at the St. Charles Hamfest in O'Fallon, MO. No one from our repeater group attended that meeting, but a report will be available on the MRC website in a month or so.



CLUB CHRISTMAS DINNER 2023

Please add the Macon County ARC Christmas Dinner at the Apple Basket to your calendar for Dec. 7, 2023. We need to be at the Apple Basket by 5:30 p.m. again this year. When it is closer to the date of the dinner, we will make an RSVP list of attendees. We usually have 20 at the dinner.

CHARLES "CHUCK" WILSON, KDØIMN SK

Some of our members might remember Chuck Wilson, KDØIMN, who lived near Ten Mile, MO and worked for IBM as a service Technician. After he retired, he worked at South Shelby Schools as a technology coordinator. He passed away Sept. 5, 2023 at the age of 79 years. He was an interesting guy and I believe he operated a little on 10 meters. He was Licensed as a Tech. I don't believe he had 2-meter FM capabilities in his radio shack.

ARLP037 Propagation de K7RA



Sunspot numbers for September 7 through 13, 2023 were 135, 123, 119, 167, 173, 141, and 109, with a mean of 138.1. 10.7 cm flux was 160.8, 160.9, 161.4, 163.9, 176.4, 153.5, and 142.6, with a mean of 159.9. Estimated planetary A indices were 6, 6, 8, 4, 7, 25, and 17, with a mean of 10.4. Middle latitude A index was 11, 8, 12, 6, 8, 17, and 17, with a mean of 11.3.