



MACON COUNTY ARC NEWSLETTER

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<https://www.maconcountymissouriarc.org/> (Link)



THE NEXT MACON COUNTY ARC AND MACON AREA REPEATER MEETING WILL BE HELD AUGUST 31, 2023 AT 7:00 PM AT THE FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH ON BRIGGS IN MACON, MO

JULY 2023 RADIO CLUB MEETING REPORT



Jesse Jones, KDØETU, Macon County ARC V-Pres, called the meeting to order. 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 the total score for the NØPR ARRL Field Day Site operation is expected to be 1082 points with 700 bonus points giving a total score of 1782 points. Those points do not include points earned by Chris Clark, KFØGUS and Rex Weatherford, KEØMHJ, using their own calls and indication the Macon County ARC as their club. Most of the station information was published in the July Newsletter.

The Macon Home Press had a front-page article about the Radio Club's Field Day operation and a nice picture of Charles Roberts at the SSB Station. The Dunestar 300 bandpass filters worked well and we might need to add a couple in 2024. Thanks go out to Walt Slover, KCØELC, who put information about the MCARC Field Day Operation on Facebook.

If we use the Macon Area Education Building for a future Field Day operation, we will be relocating the sign closer to Highway 63 and having a pre-Field Day article in the paper to encourage visitors to stop by and visit with the operators.

JULY 2023 RADIO CLUB MEETING REPORT

The Club decided to have the September 28th meeting at the Shelter House at Long Branch Lake. We will probably set-up at around 5:00 p.m. or maybe just a little before so we can set-up an antenna for some operating from the Picnic Site. We will also be setting up an area for the carry in food and start cooking the Burgers so they will be ready to eat at around 6:00 p.m. More information about the picnic will be discussed at the August Meeting and in the Sept. Newsletter.



Chris Clark, KFØGUS, reported that he had made a clean sweep of the 13 Colonies Special Event Stations this year. He noted that he didn't get the DX stations that were also possible contacts, but they were just not available in the Mid-West this year. Part of Chris's success may have been his new Hustler 6BTV 6-Band HF Vertical Antenna with 64 radials 30 feet long using #14 stranded wire.

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. If you are a life member you will have to contact the ARRL in September to keep receiving your paper copy of your QST publications.

LARRY BALLEW, ABØHP & RON HARRISON, NTØC

Ron Harrison, NTØC is on the downhill side of his Chemo treatments and reports that because our August Radio Club meeting will be during his off week for his Chemo and will probably be able to be at the meeting. Larry Ballew, ABØHP reported that his doctors said that Larry's examination following removal of his diseased kidney showed him to be completely free of any cancer cells.

UPDATE ON BOB HEIL, K9EID, CONDITION



Don Moore, W5FFK, sent Richard Beckett, WØBVT, recently with some news about famed Midwest Ham and Amateur Radio Business owner Bob Heil, K9EID. His remarks are posted below.

I was able to talk to Bob, K9EID this afternoon. He was in very good spirits and sounded great. Not too much has changed in his condition, but sounds like the Doctors are trying to find the reason. He is in the large Barnes-Jewish hospital, He said this morning 6 doctors were in his room studying his problem.

He now is being doctored by a muscular neurosurgeon and also will be taking more physical therapy in one of the nearby Barnes facilities. He said it will be about 4 weeks before goes back to the assisted living place, Addington Place. He said he now will have his own room there, and Sara and the family have outfitted it with new furniture.

Sounds like he can use all his fingers in his hand with exception of his pinky. He is able to hold a fork now and eat. He says he can stand for about a minute and a half with help. He would appreciate all of you keeping him in your prayers.

MIDWEST DIRECTOR & VICE-DIRECTOR ELECTED



Dave, K2DP



Art, KØAIZ

ARRL is governed by its Board of Directors. Elections are held for five of the 15 ARRL Divisions each year, for terms of 3 years. Both Art Zygielbaum, KØAIZ and Dave Propper, K2DP, were unopposed in for the Board of Directors the ARRL positions and were declared elected on August 22, 2023. Art, KØAIZ, said that Dave and himself are truly honored to be able to continue to serve the ARRL and amateur radio. As I've often said, it is a pleasure to give back to a hobby that has brought so much joy, skill, knowledge, and friendship to our lives.

LATEST ARRL PROPAGATION REPORT

Tad Cook, K7RA, Aug. 18, 2023,

Eleven new sunspot groups emerged over the past week, August 10-16, but average solar indicators declined. There were two new sunspots groups on August 11, three more on August 13, another on August 14, two more on August 15, and three more on August 16. On August 17 another new one appeared. But average daily sunspot numbers declined from 108.9 to 95.7, while average daily solar flux dropped from 166.4 to 154.2. To read the whole report, use the link provided. There are some interesting comments about propagation experiences they have been experiencing.

<http://arrrl.org/w1aw-bulletins-archive/ARLP033/2023>

POSSIBLE EXAM SESSION COMING SOON

Mike Nay, who lives near Atlanta, MO, found the Macon County ARC Website and he said that he was interested in taking the Ham Technician test. He was contacted and told that the VE Exam team would be ok with holding an Exam Session and provide him with the opportunity to be tested when he's ready.