



MACON COUNTY ARC NEWSLETTER

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**THE NEXT MACON COUNTY ARC AND MACON AREA REPEATER COUNCIL MEETING
WILL BE HELD AT THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BUILDING NEXT
DOOR TO BEN FRANKLIN IN DOWNTOWN MACON, MO
THE MEETING WILL START AT 7:00 P.M. ON APRIL 28, 2016**

MARCH MEETING REPORT

There was a discussion of donating to the Spectrum Defense fund honoring Ed Brockelmeyer, KØEB, who passed away on March 11, 2016.

Charlie Roberts, WBØHLW reported that he has sent a letter to the Ararat Shrine Hambash reserving 2 tables for the Macon Club to sell donated ham gear to raise funds for MCARC and/or MARC. There was a brief discussion of the Doppler Antenna construction special meeting held on February 21st at the Community Development Building.

Mike Morgan, KMØMVR, had shoulder surgery on March 25th and is recovering at home.

Curtis Williams, KEØBCO, is doing some renovations at home and he would appreciate some help, after he, gets done, putting the Antenna back up. Curtis will let us know when we need to get the crew together.

President Larry Ballew noted that the next Volunteer Exam will be on June 12th. That will be the last date we will have a test before the Extra Class Test materials will replaced with the new question pool.

The MCARC members discussed changes in the rules for Field Day 2016. There will be a 100 point bonus for having a Safety Officer and 100 points for posting information about our Field Day operation on social media. Scott Bigham, NØDBM, said he would develop a Facebook page for the Macon County ARC.

There was a discussion of the BIG BAM Bike Across Missouri event from June 11th to 17th.

Scott Bigham, NØDBM, was elected to the office of Vice-President of the Macon Area Repeater Council.

ITEMS OF INTEREST



The Shrine Hamfest was well attended this year and the Macon County ARC table was able to take in \$62.00 from the surplus gear that we sold. Jesse Jones, KDØETU, Charles Roberts, WBØHLW, Larry Ballew, ABØHP, and Dale Bagley, KØKY, worked at the table this year. Dale & Jesse had some items to sell for themselves. Jesse reported that someone "shoplifted" a meter he had on the table. Larry Staples KØAIB, on his list had a report from a YL Ham that someone picked up an HT from her purse. It is very rare that something like that happens and it should be even more rare.



Anyone that would like to upgrade their license class or get an Amateur Radio License can do so at the Macon County ARC June 12th Exam Session. The Volunteer Exam Session will take place at the Macon Community Development Building (next to Ben Franklin) where we hold our regular meetings. The exam Session will start at 2:00 p.m. This is also the last chance to take the Extra Class Test using the current Question Pool. After July 1st there will be a new Question Pool and revised Tests.

MCARC FACEBOOK PAGE

Scott Bigham, NØDBM, volunteered at the last Radio Club meeting to develop a Facebook page. We will need to use that page for the Social Media points for Field Day and to help keep the membership connected. The following is Scott's e-mail on his actions related to the Facebook page and a link to the Facebook page.

Take a look at the Facebook page using www.facebook.com/maconcountyarc and let me know is this is something you were thinking about. Right now, I am the administrator, but can add others as editors that have the following permissions: We can edit the Page, send messages and publish as the Page, create ads, see which admin created a post or comment, and view insights. Anyway, take a look and let me know what you think for a start..... If you like it, feel free to send the address to the group so we can get some action on the site. I'll use notes that I have to make periodic posts....but if there is anything you want changed or added as time goes on, let me know.

Scott, NØDBM.

CHARITON VALLEY TV INTERVIEW



Dale Bagley, KØKY and Sally Weber, KDØNTZ, were interviewed on the Chariton Valley TV show called Senior Moments. They wanted to know about Amateur Radio and Emergency Communications. The interview covered a wide range on information about Ham Radio and has been on Channel 22 on the CTV community Channel. The show has been on TV several times and it may still be presented. I wonder if it can be recorded on a DVR that could put it on a thumb drive so we could keep it for a time.

SUPPORT SENATE BILL 1951



Larry Scantian, KEØKZ, reports that the hearing on our Bill in the Senate Committee has concluded. We were represented in addition to our Bill author, Rep. Bryan Spencer, by Jay Underdown, W0PS, Ward Ward Silver, NOAX and Jim Peck, KA0OFH all who spoke in favor of the Bill. It is now in the hands of the committee Chairman, Sen. Rob Schaaf, if the Bill will even come up for committee vote. Early indication is that Senator Schaaf does not believe there is enough public support for this legislation. Therefore, if we have chance for our Bill to come to the Senate floor for a vote, we must rise to the challenge and let him know that there is indeed sufficient public support!

Larry said that we Immediately need ALL Missouri amateurs, their family members, their friends and their neighbors to call Senator Schaaf and let him know that we support this Bill. His phone # is 573-751-2183. Call NOW!

BIG BAM IS COMING, LET'S GET READY



Ralph Howard, WD6BGN, will be updating the members of the Macon County ARC about Amateur Radio participation in the 2016 BIG BAM event. We will be needed for sure on June 15th and 16th and possibly other times. Just try to keep those dates clear on your calendar and be flexible when it comes to helping with the logistics and safety efforts that Amateur Radio will be providing.