



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 MAY 26, 2016**

APRIL MEETING REPORT

President Larry Ballew, ABØHP, reminded members that the next Volunteer Exam will be on June 12th at the Community Development Building (next to Ben Franklin) at 2:00 p.m. This VE exam session is the only test the MCARC VE team will give before the Extra Class Test materials will be replaced with the new question pool on July 1st.

The MCARC decided to donate \$25.00 to the Spectrum Defense fund to honor the memory of Ed Brockelmeyer, KØEB, who passed away on March 11, 2016. (Note: I will bring a tribute to Ed Brockelmeyer published in the Elk's Newsletter to the May club meeting.)

NØXR WORKING IN EMS

Matt Chambers, NØXR, has been appointed as the asst. Director of the Wright County Emergency Services. Matt is helping them set up a communications center for emergency operations. They are planning a 100 ft. tower with 2 repeaters and a full set of interoperable radios. Matt did have a set back when he was driving away from his last oil change. He heard a loud noise and looked in his rearview mirror and saw a piston bouncing down the road behind him. For some reason a big hole was blown in the side of his car's engine and he has to get a new vehicle. He is currently installing the light bar, radios and scanners in his new ride.

BIG BAM MEETING IN MACON TOMORROW 10:00 a.m. MAY 21ST AT THE MACON CITY HALL

Everyone that is interested in helping with Radio communication with the BIG BAM event in the middle of June should attend if possible.

SCOTT BIGHAM, NØDBM, TAKES CHARGE

We are impressed with the Facebook Page that Scott Bigham, NØDBM, has built for the Macon County ARC. The Page is for us to use and will help us qualify for the 100 points on Field Day for the Social Media communications. If you haven't looked at the Facebook page yet you can use the link provided.

www.facebook.com/maconcountycarc

Scott is also working with Kerry Haley, AAØV to keep the Macon County ARC website going. They will get together and figure out all of the details soon. To view the website go to the link posted <http://maconcountycarc.net/index.html>.

MACON HAM CLUB ON YouTube

The Chariton Valley TV program that is produced by Loch Haven was focused on Amateur Radio and the Macon County Amateur Radio Club. Sally Weber, KDØNTZ and Dale Bagley, KØKY, were interviewed about Amateur Radio operators, Emergency Services, Equipment, QSL cards, and just about everything else. There was an attempt to make a contact, but as Todd Anderson, AKØAK, suggested that Dale might have forgotten to connect the antenna. The participants had a good time and hopefully a few more people were informed about the growth and changes in Amateur Radio.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vt8c-JvTN6o>

RALPH HOWARD WD6BGN

Ralph Howard, WD6BGN, is the Emergency Coordinator for "Howard" county. That doesn't happen often I would guess. Ralph is working hard to get more Amateur Radio operators in Howard County to participate in ARES. He is also a leader in the BIG BAM operation coming up in June this year.