



MACON COUNTY ARC NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2016 KØKY Editor

**THE NEXT MACON COUNTY ARC AND MACON AREA REPEATER
COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE BLEES PARK ROUND HOUSE
DURING THE MCARC CHRISTMAS DINNER ON SUNDAY DEC 4TH AFTER DINNER**

MACON COUNTY ARC OCTOBER MEETING REPORT

Larry Ballew, MCARC, President, lead the discussion of a variety of Amateur Radio Club issues. Dale Bagley, KØKY, distributed the Lester Dent Special Event certificates to those members that made contacts who were in attendance. The QSL cards from those that made Contacts with WØD were shared with the membership. The MCARC voted to request WØD for 2016 and select a date for the event.



Lester Dent, WØCBL

The scores for Field Day 2016 have been posted on the ARRL Website member's only page. In this year's Field Day Exercise, the Macon County ARC, NØPR, ranked well in the National, the Division and the State competition. The MCARC 2016 Field Day score was 2462 points with 596 QSOs. Our total score resulted in the MCARC to be ranked 646th out of 2697 entries in all categories on a national basis and 8th place in the 3AC category out of 37 entries. In the Midwest Division competition MCARC ranked 25th place among 136 entries and 1st place in our category. In Missouri we ranked 12th place of the 59 entries in all categories and 1st place of 3 entries in our 3AC category.

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Aaron and Sheryl Hulse came to the Club meeting and are both interested in getting an Amateur Radio License. They have a business called Custom Quilts and More. Their facebook link for those that are interested is provided.

<https://www.facebook.com/customquiltsandmore>

Paul, ABØC and Sharon Poteet volunteered to host the Macon County ARC 2016 Christmas Dinner at the Round House in Brees City Park in Macon, MO. The date has been set for Sunday December 4th around 12:00 noon. The members and guests will be bringing a covered dish. Pat Bagley has volunteered to cook the baked ham like she has for the past several years. Be sure to let Dale, KØKY know if you are attending so we can get the right amount of ham cooked.

We want to thank Larry, KØARS and Delight for the great job they did hosting the dinner last year and the MCARC members will all be looking forward to having a future Radio Club Christmas Dinner at their wonderful home, should they again volunteer to host the gathering.



The Volunteer Radio License Exam Session is scheduled for November 27th at 1:00 at the City Community Development office next to Ben Franklin's. Those interested in getting a license or upgrading to a higher class of license need to attend this Testing Session. The cost is \$15.00 and photo identification is required. We have several new Amateurs and prospective Amateurs who may want to take a test. Let Dale, KØKY know if you are planning to take a test or know of anyone that is planning to take a test.

COMMUNICATIONS TRAILER UPDATE



After using the trailer at the Lester Dent Doc Savage Special Event, Larry Ballew, ABØHP, returned it to the City of Macon Public Grounds area on Vine Street. Charles Roberts WBØHLW, winterized the Generator and covered it with plastic to prevent excess exposure to the weather.

At the October Radio Club meeting, there was some discussion about getting a sign made to put on the trailer to identify its ownership and its use. The cost would be under \$100 for one sign with information on both sides. We decided to wait a while until more information was available.

JESSE JONES TO RESCUE 3-ELE BEAM

After the second time the club tried to use the three element beam on the tower only to discover the clamps and nuts were gone, Jesse Jones, KDØETU, made a suggestion. Jesse volunteered to refurbish the Beam, get new clamps, and test everything out next spring when the weather gets nicer. Or in Jesse's words... "I'll take the damn beam and get it workin, and put all the stupid clamps and other parts together in a box, so we don't have to deal with this issue again. (he didn't say issue)"

CONTESTS & SPECIAL EVENTS



- Dec. 1 NRAU 10 Meter CW, Ph, and Digi
- Dec. 2 ARRL 160 Meter CW Contest
- Dec. 4 RTTY Contesting 10 Meter Contest
- Dec. 7 Pearl Harbor Observance USS Kidd ARC
- Dec. 10 WX3MAS Special Event Nazareth, PA.
- Dec 10-11 ARRL 10 meter Contest CW & Ph
- Dec 11-12 ARRL & Radio Society of Great Britain
95th Anniversary of 1st Amateur QSO to
Span the Atlantic. Call: N1BCG
- Dec. 16 Russian 160 Meter RTTY Contest
- Dec. 18 ARRL Rookie Roundup CW
- Dec. 17-25 Christmas in Bethlehem New Mexico
Valencia County ARC Phone
- Dec. 25 DARC Christmas Contest Cw & Ph
Darc.de/referate/dx/contest/xmas/en/rules



MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!