



MACON COUNTY ARC NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2017 Dale Bagley KØKY Editor

**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 JANUARY 26TH**

CHRISTMAS DINNER 2016



Thanks to Paul and Sharon Poteet for hosting the Macon County ARC and their families at the Round House for the 2016 Christmas Dinner. Thanks also to Pat Bagley who cooked and prepared a large Ham and a big pan of scalloped potatoes for the carry-in dinner. Larry Ballew, ABØHP held a brief review of the Club's activities for the year and honored the memories of Ed Brockelmeyer who passed away in 2016.



Sharon Poteet and Pres. Larry Ballew by



Jackie, NØOID, Charlie, WBØHLW, Paul, ABØC, Jerry, KØJMO, Karen, KBØTZI, and Mel, KDØUNV.



The December 4th Radio Club Christmas Dinner will be memorable because of the surprise snow storm with a very pretty blanket it lay down across the area.

JANUARY 26, 2017 CLUB MEETING



The Macon County ARC and Macon Area Repeater Council will elect their 2017 officers at the January Meeting.

The current officers MCARC are: Larry Ballew, ABØHP, President, Melanie Boone, KDØUNV, Vice-President and Charlie Roberts, WBØHLW, the Sec/Treas.

The Macon Area Repeater Council Officers are Jerry Chezum, KØJMO President, Scott Bigham, NØDBM, is Vice-Pres and Charlie Roberts, WBØHLW, as the Sec/Treas.

We will discuss some of the upcoming activities for 2017 in which the MCARC will be participating.

Hope everyone is looking forward to getting a good start into 2017 beginning with attending the first Club meeting of the year.

MATT CHAMBERS, NRØQ RETURNS



Matt Chambers, NRØQ, is back in the Macon area and has already become the Assistant Emergency Management for Macon County. Matt will be working with Cindy Arbuckle the Macon County Emergency Manager and over the Jan 13th to Jan 16 weekend Ice Storm, they were very busy. They are working to update the Macon City/Macon County EOC that is located in the basement of the Fire Department. The radios, antenna and other systems need to be upgraded. Matt is in the process of changing his job in the private sector

BILL SCHMIDT, WAØJCO NPOTA OP.



Bill Schmidt, WAØJCO, was invited to activate the Ulysses S. Grant, National Historic Site by ND9E, Scott Young. The following is Bill's report.

We used Scott's excellent Mobile/Portable platform built in his truck, an IC-7100, AH-4, auto Tuner, the antenna is a fiberglass extendable pole from AEA, 25-30 ft, wrapped loosely with a length of very flexible insulated wire, probably 2-3 turns per foot. And two 25 ft rulers, one inch or 3/4 inch wide as ground counterpoise. The system works well, I was one for 75 minutes, for 120 QSOs. Scott put another 125-130 QSOs for the afternoon, for total of 250ish.

Logging was accomplished with a wireless keyboard, and a small tablet type computer, hanging on the steering wheel. It was simple, call, press enter, logged, ready for next one. A nice way to finish the last day of NPOTA, Currently I hold 5th place in Missouri with 411 confirmed park entities, still possible to take 4th place, but won't know til later in January. A fun Year of chasing parks.

CHARLES ROBERTS WBØHLW

Charles Roberts, WBØHLW, is an outstanding member of the Macon Community. Charles or Charlie has been a volunteer for his Church for many years as well as for the School Band Department. Following his retirement he took on the Macon County Ministries effort to provide food to the needy, elderly and handicapped. Charles recently added the job of driving the Commodities truck to Columbia, MO to pick up the food that is distributed once a month.