



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 FEBRUARY 23, 2017**

JANUARY MEETING REPORT

Elections were held for the Macon County ARC. Re-elected for 2017 were President Larry Ballew, ABØH, Vice-President Melanie Boone, KDOUNV and Sec/Treas. Charlie Roberts, WBØHLW.

The election of the officers for the Macon Area Repeater Council was postponed until the February Meeting.

Dale, KØKY reported that he would try to reserve the Round House for Field Day 2017 and for the Lester Dent Special Event. After some discussion President Larry Ballew set March 19th, June 11th, and Sept. 17th as Volunteer Exam Session dates with the fourth date to be set in the fall. The Exam Sessions start at 1:00 p.m. and are held in the Community Development Building next to Ben Franklin.

The Dates for some significant 2017 MCARC events are

FIELD DAY.....JUNE 24TH & 25TH

FALL CLUB PICNIC.....SEPT. 28TH

LESTER DENT EVENT....OCT. 7TH AND 8TH

CLUB CHRISTMAS DINNER to be determined

Jesse Jones, KDØETU, who refurbishing the MCARC 3 element Beam was told that he would be reimbursed for any expenses related to the beam. He plans to get new hardware and properly mark all of the elements so that it can be put together quickly and correctly.

The Club decided to check into getting a commercial sign for the MCARC emergency trailer. When the weather gets better, we will look over the trailer and see how large a sign we need and where the sign should be located.

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There was some discussion of the MCARC Operating Contest. No one had checked with Todd to see what his 2017 plans were. We will.

Dale Bagley, KØKY, reported on the Lester Dent – Doc Savage Special Event. He distributed a proposed 2017 certificate that stressed Lester Dent's association with flying.

The Macon County ARC dues for 2017 are now due. The regular membership is \$12.00/yr., the family membership is \$14.00/yr., a student membership is \$5.00/yr. and there is no dues charge for members over the age of 80 years. The dues can be paid to Charles Roberts, WBØHLW or brought to the Club meeting

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Radio Amateurs in the Macon area now have access to a local Winlink 2000 RMS (Radio Mail Station). Matthew Chambers, NROQ is hosting the RMS station at his QTH while preparations are made for the stations final home at the Macon County Office of Emergency Management's Emergency Operations Center located in the basement of the Macon City Fire Station. The station uses Matthew's amateur callsign and the standard Winlink SSID, NROQ-10. The station will initially be on 2-meters 145.610 MHz until a wide area digipeater goes on the air that may allow the station to go active on 70cm. All amateurs that are interested in using Winlink can download the Winlink Express software for free from the Winlink website, <http://www.winlink.org/>. Any supported TNC or TNCs that can operate in KISS mode along with the UZ7HO Soundmodem and a soundcard interface can be used by the Winlink Express software to connect and send or receive email messages via amateur radio.