



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 MARCH 30, 2017**

FEBRUARY MEETING REPORT

Scott Bigham, NØDBM, was elected President of the Macon Area Repeater Council for 2017. Matt Chambers, NRØQ was elected V-Pres. and Charles Roberts, WBØHLW was elected Secretary/ Treasurer. (Editor's note: Matt has moved back to South Missouri and we need to re-elect a new Vice-President.

Dale, KØKY reported that he was unable to reserve the Round House for Field Day 2017. We discussed using the Central Methodist University and Moberly Area Community College Satellite campus building for this year's Field Day. Dale said that he did get the use of Round House for the Lester Dent Special Event.

President Larry Ballew reminded members that we would have a Volunteer Exam Session on March 19th. The Exam Sessions start at 1:00 p.m. and are held in the Community Development Building next to Ben Franklin.

The Club voted to have two tables at the Ararat Shrine Hamfest on April 15, 2017. Members were asked to donate items for the club to sell and make money for the Repeater and/or the MCARC functions. We can't transport items that are too big to go in a trunk of a car or if they are too heavy.

Members were asked to participate in the Missouri QSO Party that will be held April 1st and 2nd. We will discuss this at the March 30th Club Meeting.

The MCARC got three QSL Cards recently. They were from K1GI/VP9, in Bermuda, VK1LC from Lord Howe Island, and OH4MDY Finland. We still have 4 Stamped Envelopes and extra postage at the Zero QSL Bureau.

VOLUNTEER LICENSE EXAM SESSION



The Volunteer Exam Team held a Testing Session at the Community Development Building March 19, 2017. Mark Snyder, passed his Technician License Exam. Several that had planned to attend the exam session had some last minute conflicts and were unable to attend. The Session was promoted by Melanie Boone, KDØUNV, in the WGEM Community Calendar. The other members of the testing team were Dale Bagley, KØKY and Larry Ballew, ABØHP. The next Testing Session is scheduled for June 11, 2017. After consulting with those needing an exam, the VE Team will try to schedule a VE Session earlier than that date.

PROMOTING AMATEUR RADIO



Melanie Boone, KDØUNV, is looking for some help with a project. She reports that the Macon Library has a glass display case (about 6 ft tall, 4ft wide). Linda Ellis puts various items in it every month. I have talked to her and Linda really liked the idea of a ham radio themed display. I do not have much to put in it, so I thought maybe this could be a group effort. If you could send this email to all the area hams, perhaps someone out there would like to put something in the case along with the few items that I have. Perhaps a headset, microphone, homemade transceiver (it would have to be a small one), cw keys, a few qsl cards, perhaps put one of the Lester Dent certificates.

I have told Linda that I would get some things together so that she can have them displayed during the month of May. So I would need any items by April 27. Anyone who would like to loan an item for the display or has any questions can email me at kd0unv@arrl.net or can call me at 660-676-4191.

We probably will talk about this at the Club meeting on March 30th.



ARES ACTIVITIES IN MARCH

The ARES Net was activated when a fast moving Storm front moved through Kansas, Missouri, and Iowa on March 7th. There were about 15 checkins to the net and it lasted about 1 hour. The storm spawned several tornadoes across Missouri. The nearest tornado damage was in Shelby County experienced an EF-1 Tornado according to the National Weather Service. Macon

had only slight damage caused by high winds and some hail.



ITEMS OF INTEREST



The Boeing Employees Amateur Radio Society has updated their website with the new information about the Missouri QSO Party. If you are planning to activate a county you can register your efforts and check to see what counties will have operations. You can look at the website link at <http://w0ma.org/index.php/missouri-qso-party>. Check out the 2017 rules and you will find suggested operating frequencies, how to get the SHOW ME 1x1 certificate, the correct codes for each county or Canadian province, the various categories for competition and much more. Mark your Calendar for April 1st and 2nd and be part of the biggest Party in Missouri. (This article was from the ARRL MO Section News March 2017)