



# MACON COUNTY ARC NEWSLETTER

AUGUST 2017 Dale Bagley KØKY Editor

**THE NEXT MACON COUNTY ARC AND MACON AREA REPEATER COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE MACON COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLDG. NEXT TO BEN FRANKLIN IN DOWNTOWN MACON AT 7:00 P.M. ON AUGUST 31, 2017**

## JULY RADIO CLUB REPORT

Macon County ARC Vice-President Melanie Boone, AAØRV, ran the MCARC meeting while President Larry Ballew, ABØHP, was on vacation at the Oshkosh, Wisconsin Experimental Aircraft Association gathering.

The members discussed the final report on this year's ARRL Field Day operation. The report has been filed with the ARRL and we will find out later this year just where we ranked in the 2A Commercial category. Considering conditions, we had a very successful year.

There was no report on the Emergency Trailer sign.

The 2017 Award for winning the Macon County ARC Operating event was Larry Willingham. Larry was presented with a certificate of his accomplishment. **The certificate will be on page 3 of the newsletter.**



The Testing Session is planned for September 17<sup>th</sup> at the Macon City Community Development Building at 1:00 p.m. Bring a photo identification and \$15.00 to cover the cost of testing.

The Members were reminded that we will be holding the Lester Dent – Doc Savage Special event at the Round House on October 7<sup>th</sup> and on October 8<sup>th</sup>, members are asked to operate WØD from their home stations.

The Northeast Missouri Triathlon will be held September 11<sup>th</sup> at the Thousand Hills State Park. Those wishing to help need to contact Dave Krueger, ABØDK and to get a shirt to wear they need to attend the planning session the Wednesday before the Triathlon. Charlie Roberts, WBØHLW, has information about that meeting.

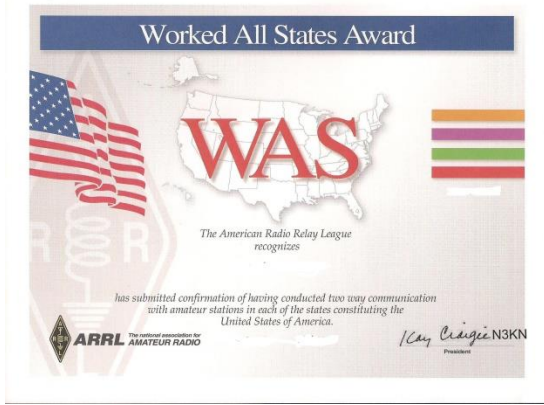


## 2017 Macon County ARC Fall Picnic

The September 28<sup>th</sup> Radio Club meeting is planned to be at the North Shelter House at Long Branch Lake. Larry Ballew, ABØHP will be cooking the Burgers and Brats. The Club will bring the meat, buns, soda and condiments. Those attending are asked to bring a covered dish to share and their own table service.

The event will start around 6:00 p.m. Those arriving early can help put up the antenna and set-up the Radios and other needed operating equipment. Jesse Jones, KDØETU, is the head honcho for the Radio Operating activities and has guaranteed that we will make more contacts than last year. Mark your calendars for September 28<sup>th</sup> and enjoy the outing.

## MATT CHAMBERS NRØQ BUSY MONTH



Matt Chambers NRØQ, has had an eventful month of August and it is not nearly over. Matt reports that he had received his WAS - Mixed earlier this year, he just received confirmation (certificates on the way) of his WAS - Digital (with JT65 endorsement) and his CQ WPX (with North America endorsement) today. He is going to need to find more wall space in his ham shack. Matt is 1 QSL away from WAS 80m, WAS 20m, WAS SSB and a few QSLs away from CQ WPX South America and Europe. He reports that he's still a few Q's away from DXCC too.



Sad to report that Matt is in the middle of phase 1 of recovery from a devastating lightning strike last night August 21<sup>st</sup>. All of the Chamber's radios, phones, internet devices, TVs, computers were destroyed. Some were destroyed quite impressively. Insurance claim is filed and Matt and Jamie were thanking God that the house didn't burn down and that they weren't in the radio room when it struck.

I am sure that everyone is sorry to hear about the damaging lightning strike, but you got to be impressed with all those awards Matt has been able to achieve.

**SEE YOU ALL AT THE CLUB MEETING AT THE  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BUILDING  
AUGUST 31<sup>st</sup> AT 7:00 P.M**

## ECLIPSE MANIA AUG 21, 2017



Several of the Macon County Amateur Radio Club made a special effort to view this special Eclipse. An Eclipse that crosses the entire United States only occurs about every 100 years. The previous time a total solar eclipse was visible across the entire contiguous United States was June 8, 1918 and not since the February 1979 has a total eclipse been visible from anywhere in the mainland United States The next total solar eclipse will cross the United States in April 2024 (12 states) including Missouri (boothel).

Mike Marx WBØSND and Derek Cohn, WBØTUA from Creve Coeur, MO operated from Washington State Park in De Soto, MO in the ARRL Eclipse 2017 QSO Party. They used WØD and I temporarily took down the Lester Dent - Doc Savage QRZ webpage and replaced it with the information about their Event. I will replace it in a couple of days with an updated WØD information about this October Lester Dent Special Event. Below is their QSL Card









IN MEMORIUM  
ED BROCKELMEYER KØEB  
SPIRIT OF HAM RADIO AWARD



MACON COUNTY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB  
2017 QSO PARTY WINNER  
LARRY WILLINGHAM, KØARS