

# News Beacon



## Medina County Amateur Radio Club

### Prez's Preface

*"One kind word can warm three winter months."*  
— Japanese Proverb

I only have kind words for all the Trustees, Committee Chairs and Members of MCARC. So many of you volunteer to make our Club one of the best.

We have a bit of musical chairs among Trustees for 2022. Toby WT8O resigned as VP but was appointed as Treasurer. Gail KD8GGM resigned as Treasurer but was appointed as VP. All is good!

However, we now need a Program Committee-of-One Chairperson. Please let me know if you would like to volunteer to line up speakers for our in-person and infrequent ZOOM meetings. Our technical sessions are always a hit with members and we have many members who enjoy sharing their knowledge. It is an easy, once-a-month administrative role and a great way to become more involved.

73 and Best Wishes for a Happy & Healthy new Year,  
Jane@K8JGR.radio

### 2021 Net Super Stars

We had five members who logged in more than 40 times to the MCARC 2M Monday Night Net, out of 46 sessions. (Six Monday Nets in 2021 were pre-empted by in-person General Meetings.)

Congratulations! \$25 awards go to:

1st Place	45 nets	Toby WT8O
2nd Place (tie)	44 nets	Diane KD8SSX
3rd Place	43 nets	John K8JEK
4th Place	42 nets	Dave KE8APO
5th Place	41 nets	Doug KD8SST

(Note: this will be the last year for awards)

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Hmmmmmmmm...

*I asked a Ham to fix an electrical issue with my radio...*

*He re-fused*

# December 13th General Meeting Minutes



A quorum of 17 members (*guests*) were present at the Medina Senior Center. The meeting was called to order by President, Jane K8JGR, at 7:30pm.

All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jane K8JGR	Dave NK0K	Chuck K8KMA	Austin KF5YDU
Dave KE8APO	Steve KE8BJD	ED K8NVR	Doug KE8BBI

## Secretary's report:

A motion was made by Diane KD8SSX to

Toby WT8O	Amy K2KSU	John K8JEK
Gail KD8GGM	Baji K8IIT	Doug KD8SST
Fred K8FH	Diane KD8SSX	Gordon AI8Y

suspend the reading of the minutes of the October 11th meeting, seconded by Dave NK0K. There were no corrections so the minutes were approved as published in the December newsletter.

**Treasurer's report:** Gail KD8GGM read the November Treasurer's Report. Motion was made to approve the Treasurer's Report by Diane KD8SSX and seconded by Fred K8FH. There were no objections, so the Treasurer's Report was approved as read.

## President's report:

- Jane (K8JGR) recorded wind speeds of 47 MPH at her weather station on December 11. She asked if any members had antenna or wind damage. No one had damage. Doug (KD8SST) stated that there was no local Skywarn activity that night due to the late hour.
- An email was received from Richard Couch looking for a 10m+ CW rig for a friend. Fred has something and will respond.
- Jane had an antenna analyzer to give away. It was taken by Doug.
- Gail and Toby (WT8O) will be changing roles on the club board. Gail will become Vice President and Toby will become Treasurer. There will be a Trustee meeting on 12-16 to officially make this change since it must be approved by the Board.
- Mention was made of Dick Harley's (WB8FZW) recent passing and the memorial card which reflected his lifelong dedication to ham radio and its values.
- Cuyahoga Falls Radio Club is holding online General Class training starting Jan 16th. Also the CARS radio club in Independence regularly has training and testing on all three license classes.

**Repeaters:** Ed K8NVR said the South repeater had an intermittent issue. Receiver was swapped out and it is working now. A new controller was installed recently and the old one has been repaired and updated. No news on the 6M repeater or the painting schedule for the towers at this time.

**Sunshine:** Dave N8JNX notified Jane that he had Covid a couple weeks ago with mild symptoms. He is now back to work.

**Contest Update:** Ed K8NVR and Fred K8FH both participated and scored in the top ten in a recent 160m DX contest. The next contest of note will be the VHF contest in January.

**Program:** A suggestion was made to have a technical topic covering radio features on the Yaesu FT-991A. Ed (K8NVR) has this model and will present at a future meeting.

**Membership:** Diane (KD8SSX) reminded everyone that annual dues \$15 are due now.

**Social:** Gail KD8GGM asked if there is any interest in having our annual winter post-Christmas dinner this year. The overall response was positive.

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by Diane KD8SSX to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Gail KD8GGM. There being no objections, the meeting was adjourned at 7:59pm.

**Technical Session:** Meeting was followed by a technical presentation by Toby WT8O on Anderson Power Poles.

*Respectfully submitted by Secretary, Dave KE8APO*

## Club Meetings

The Medina County Amateur Radio Club will be holding **on-air meetings** again on the second Monday of each month beginning in January while the threat of Coronavirus is increasing.

See page 5 for more information.



## Member Birthdays

John Scher N8LVC	01/11
Jane Reed K8JGR	01/11
Brad Gilliam	01/30

## MCARC Calendar

January	<b>3</b>	7:30pm Monday Night 2M Net
January	<b>10</b>	7:30pm On-Air Meeting ( <i>see page 5</i> )
January	<b>17</b>	7:30pm Monday Night 2M Net
January	<b>24</b>	7:30pm Monday Night 2M Net
January	<b>31</b>	7:30pm Monday Night 2M Net

## Contests

January	<b>01</b>	ARRL Straight Key Night
January	<b>02</b>	ARRL Kids Day
January	<b>02-03</b>	ARRL RTTY Roundup
January	<b>16-18</b>	ARRL January VHF
January	<b>29-30</b>	Winter Field Day: <a href="http://www.winterfieldday.com">www.winterfieldday.com</a>

## ARRL Hamfests

<b>01/16/2022</b>	Sunday Creek Amateur Radio Federation Hamfest Location: Shade, OH Sponsor: SCARCF Website: QRZ KC8AAV
<b>02/10-13/2022</b>	ARRL National Convention and Orlando Hamcation Location: Orlando, FL Sponsor: Orlando Amateur Radio Club Websites: <a href="https://www.hamcation.com">https://www.hamcation.com</a> <a href="http://www.arrl.org/expo">http://www.arrl.org/expo</a>

## Member of the Month— John Kollar K8JEK

**Name**

John Kollar K8JEK,  
Tech

**How long have you been a ham?**

Dec 2019, 2 years

**How long have you been a member of M2M?**

Sept 2019, 2 years

**What/who got you interested in amateur radio?**

Back in the late '50's my older brother was in the US Air Force stationed in Greenland. He used Ham Radio to relay his phone call back home. I thought it was neat hearing my mom and dad saying, "over" when they were done talking.

**What modes of operation do you like best? (VOIP, digital, repeaters, CW, etc.)**

6M SSB, 10M SSB and VHF/UHF repeaters

**Awards, activities, nets:**

MCARC Net

**Current projects?**

Building a tower hinge base for my third tower. Also shortening up my power leads and adding power poles to all my radios.

**Favorite rig**

Yaesu FT911A

**What would you like to learn more about?**

Getting my general ticket

**What line of work were you in?**

Automotive, foundry furnace operator and repair

**Other Hobbies?**

Collecting and rebuilding 1960's Sears garden tractors. Making mechanical pens and pencils on my lathe.

**What would you like to see in MCARC?**

Starting a General class.

**Please add any other information that expresses your enjoyment with ham radio....**

I enjoy 2M SSB out back in my pavilion on battery power and a temporary 3 element beam.





With thanks to Dave KE8APO who found this "budget!"

## The Real Cost of Amateur Radio

Used starter rig/antennas	\$800
ARRL Membership	49
Local Club membership	20
Club hat/vest/memorabilia	150
House repairs from damage for antenna access hole	1,800
New chair for shack	169
Amplifier	2,500
Electrician bill for 220v to shack	1,600
Electrician bill from amp blowing kitchen breaker	1,100
New computer for logging/digi modes	1,600
Money for spouse for their hobby	10,000
New tower and antennas	3,700
New homeowners insurance because towers not allowed	3,100
Legal fees from HOA	8,000
HOA fines for antennas	5,000
More money for spouse hobby	19,500
New rural home to get away from HOA	475,000
Money for SOTA rig/antennas	2,300
Medical expense for getting to SOTA site	8,500
New 4x4 SUV for getting to SOTA sites	47,500
New side-by-side for getting to last 100ft at SOTA site	16,250
New RV for POTA	31,500
New rigs/antennas for POTA RV	3,200
Divorce	75,000
One bedroom apartment deposit/rent	2,400
Used starter rig/antennas	800
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>*** You have ben warned Kelly K7SU ***</b>
	<b>\$721,538</b>

MCARC will be holding **Technical Sessions** during most of our in-person General Meetings on the 2nd Monday of each month. But due to Omicron, our **January meeting will be On-Air.**



## January 10th ON-AIR Member Meeting

Join us on the radio on January 10th at 7:30 pm on 147.030 where we will be holding a net, followed by the MCAEC January General Meeting. Covid sent us to the airwaves where we are safely "socially distant." See the repeater information on page 7.



## Join or Renew Your Membership for 2022

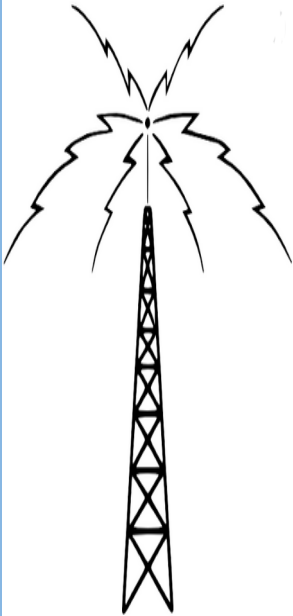
It is time to join us or renew your membership in the Medina County Amateur Radio Club for 2022. Dues are \$15.00 per member, \$22.50 for a family membership that is entitled to one vote, and \$150.00 for a life membership if you are aged 60 or older. Payment can be mailed to Diane Snider KD8SSX - Membership, 8311 Norwalk Road Litchfield, Ohio 44253. Fill out and print the form below to submit with your payment. **Make checks payable to Medina Two Meter Group Inc.**

Thanks for your cooperation and continued support.

Thanks, Diane KD8SSX

<b>MCARC MEMBERSHIP FORM</b>		<i>Please Print</i>
[ ] NEW [ ] RENEWAL		
**** MAKE CHECK OUT TO MEDINA TWO METER GROUP INC. ****		
Call Sign	Phone	
First name	Email	
Last name	License Expires	
Address	License Class	
City	If you are renewing for more than one year,	
State	how many years? _____	
ZIP	ARRL Member (circle) [YES] [NO]	
Fees are: [ ] \$15.00 Licensed Member*	Convicted Felon (circle) [YES] [NO]	
[ ] \$ 7.50 Non-voting Member*	SIGNATURE:	
[ ] \$22.50 Family*	Please return to:	
	Diane Snider KD8SSX, Membership Chair	
*On or after July 1, reduced to one-half for new members only	M2M Group Inc.	
Note: Membership is for calendar year 2022	8311 Norwalk Rd.	
New Technician within past 3 months? [Y] [N]	Litchfield, Ohio 44253	
Birth Month _____ Birth Day _____	Year you were first licensed _____	
RECEIVED AMOUNT \$ _____ DATE _____		

## MCARC Repeaters



Call	Location	Function	Repeater Input	Repeater Directories		Band
				Repeater Output	CTCSS (PL)	
W8EOC	Medina (Main Site)	Repeater TX & RX	147.630	147.030	141.3	2 Meter
W8EOC	Brunswick (North)	Receive only	147.630	From Main Site	131.8	2 Meter
W8EOC	Lafayette (South)	Receive only	147.630	From Main Site	88.5	2 Meter
W8HN	Medina	Digital C4FM TX & RX Repeater	147.885	147.285	(0)	2 Meter
W8HN	Medina	Analog TX & RX Repeater	147.885	147.285	(110.9)	2 Meter
W8EOC	Medina	Repeater TX & RX	223.260	224.860	-	1.25 Meter
W8EOC	Lafayette	Repeater TX & RX	449.925	444.925	131.8	70 CM

*TRAVELING? Check out <https://repeaterbook.com/> for a free, worldwide repeater reference. It supports GMRS as well.*

### 2-Meter Net

Remember to join us on the 2-Meter Net on 147.030 Monday evenings at 7:30pm except for 2nd Monday of each month when we have our **In-person** meetings. **On-Air** meetings will be held on those dates when Covid chases us to the airwaves. You do not have to be a member of MCARC to participate.

## MCARC Monday Night 2-Meter Net Control

03-Jan-2022	K8NVR	10-Jan-2022	<i>Meeting</i>
17-Jan-2022	KD8SST	24-Jan-2022	
31-Jan-2022		07-Feb-2022	K2KSU

Contact Baji K8IIT, [ohiobaji@gmail.com](mailto:ohiobaji@gmail.com), if you would like to serve as NCO



## MCARC Membership

Please become a member or renew your **Medina County Amateur Radio Club** membership. Dues are our primary source of income and are used to pay for the administrative costs of liability insurance, website domain registration fees, web hosting for [www.W8EOC.org](http://www.W8EOC.org)., maintenance costs of repeater and towers along with passing on fun perks to you, our members. Our new/renewal Membership Form and information can be found on our website <http://w8eoc.org/membership>.

### ARRL Membership

Consider paying your dues for **ARRL membership** through our club Membership Chair, Diane KD8SSX. MCARC will retain \$15.00 for each NEW membership and \$2.00 for each renewal. A copy of the ARRL Membership Application/Renewal form can be obtained from Diane. Email her at [d.snider@frontier.com](mailto:d.snider@frontier.com).

*Please consider volunteering. We really would enjoy seeing fresh faces and hearing new ideas to keep the MCARC relevant and viable in 2022. Do you like designing or maintaining websites, organizing speakers for technical sessions, writing for the newsletter or teaching members new skills? Please let Jane K8JGR know. Thank you.*

## Who's Who

**President:**

Jane Reed K8JGR  
[jane@K8JGR.radio](mailto:jane@K8JGR.radio)  
216-570-8500

**VP:** Gail Helwig KD8GGM

**Treasurer:**

Toby Kolman WT8O

**Secretary:**

Dave Swancer KE8APO

**W8EOC Repeaters:**

Ed Eyerdom K8NVR  
Ken Koyan K8TV

**Trustees:**

Doug McClure KD8SST  
Dave Oravec N8JNX  
Ray Orobona K2RWO  
Amy Panchumarti K2KSU  
Ed Eyerdom K8NVR

**Sunshine:**

Diane Snider KD8SSX

**Newsletter:**

Jane Reed K8JGR

**Field Day:**

Fred Helwig K8FH

**Membership:**

Diane Snider KD8SSX

**Websites:**

Jane Reed K8JGR

**Net Scheduling:**

Baji Panchumarti K8IIT

**Social Events:**

Gail Helwig KD8GGM

**Skywarn:**

Tracey Liston W8TWL

**ARES:**

Bob Mueller K8MD

**RACES:**

Dave Rickon NF8O

**Program:**

Open





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**www.W8EOC.org**

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RadioClub](http://www.facebook.com/MedinaCountyAmateurRadioClub)

Also,  
Check out our **YouTube  
Channel for Medina County  
Amateur Radio Club**  
Technical Session Videos

## About Our Organization

The Medina Two Meter Group (M2M) Inc. DBA: the **Medina County Amateur Radio Club** is a nonprofit, ARRL Special Service registered, amateur radio organization based in Medina County, Ohio dedicated to communication, public service, education and fellowship.

Many of our members are also involved with Skywarn, ARES, RACES, and assist with community events such as bicycle and foot races.

We usually meet on the second Monday of each month at either the Medina County Senior Center (Sr) or the Medina County Career (JVS) Center. See page three for more information.



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