

News Beacon

Medina County Amateur Radio Club

Prez's Preface

"Ah, but a man's reach should exceed his grasp, Or what's a heaven for?"
— Robert Browning

A nun at Marymount High School posted that quote on the classroom bulletin board in my freshman year. She probably meant it in a religious sense, but my rebellious secular nature took it as a personal challenge.

Perhaps we will never touch the stars, but that does not mean we will not reach heights previously unattainable. Think moon landing, cell phones, Polio inoculations, or that ten pounds you finally lost! We all are capable of shattering boundaries whether celestial, temporal, terrestrial, societal, medical or individual. You may have to team up with a "few" friends, but if you combine personal belief, focused determination, copious work and the ability to ignore the naysayers, norms get shattered.

We at the Medina County Amateur Radio Club are determined to come out of the other side of this pandemic as a stronger organization. Coronavirus has affected everyone in this Club, whether directly by suffering personally, or having family members or close friends battle mild to extreme cases of Covid. It is indeed a concerning time for everyone.

The MCARC Trustees wrestle each month with the decision whether to hold in-person or on-line Club meetings. It is a balance between being reasonably safe vs. bursting out of the confines of our homes. We take the matter very seriously and strive to make an informed decision, dependent on the severity of the fluctuating pandemic at the time. Please bear with us during this prolonged disruption. And thank you for your continuing support of the Medina County Amateur Radio Club.

73, Jane@K8JGR.radio

Caring Corner

Toby WT8O and his wife have been battling covid for the past few weeks. Please keep both in your thoughts.

Baji K8IIT will be undergoing a heart catheterization on Friday. We wish him well and hope the procedure is successful and brings him good news.



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Hmmmmmm...

At the garage sale today, there was this RC circuit kit being sold cheap because it was missing its resistors. I got it anyways.

The offer was irresistible.

What does a 27,000,000 mAh giant power bank look like? Let's find out

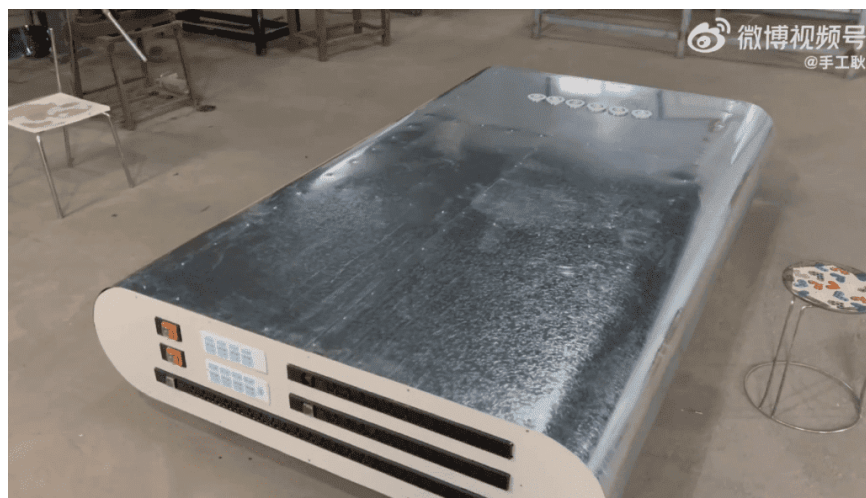
Manual Geng said that the capacity of this giant power bank is about 27 million mAh. He further reveals that this power bank can fill 5000 smartphones with a 3000 mAh battery. This giant power bank comes with a total of 60 charging ports. This device can not only charge many mobile phones at the same time but also charge the power bank and notebook. It can even provide power for a television, washing machine, and a rice cooker.

"This power bank is really convenient to carry," some netizens joked,



"Well, it's gone as soon as it is pulled," said a netizen with a smile. As for the size of this giant power bank, there is no official information from the designer. However, from the images, we can tell that this device is about 6ft long and 4ft wide. Its thickness should be just over 1ft.

We guess this power bank will easily pass into the Guinness Book of World Records as the world's largest moveable power bank.



GizChina.com, Efe Udin January 29, 2022

January 10th On-Air General Meeting Minutes

The January 10, 2021 Member Meeting was held on-air because of Coronavirus resurgence. The net opened at 7:30pm with check-ins logging onto the 147.030MHz repeater. The net was controlled by Doug KD8SST, in place for Toby WT8O who was recovering from Covid.

The following (11) paid members (*and guests*) were present (X - not) for the meeting:

Quorum (9) was reached.	Jane K8JGR	Doug KD8SST	John K8JEK	Dick W8RWK -X
NCO, Doug, asked net participants for their first go-around comments.	Dave KE8APO	Steve KE8BJD	James KE8TLG	Ken K8TV-X
	Keith W0AHA	Amy K2KSU	Bill N4NZZ	Dustin KD8EPC-X
	ED K8NVR	Baji K8IIT	Chuck K8KMA -X	Macy N8OBG -X
	Bob K8MD	Diane KD8SSX	Gordon AI8Y-X	

Doug then transferred control over to President, Jane K8JGR to conduct the regular monthly meeting...

The meeting was called to order at 7:51pm and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary's report: Motion to suspend the reading of December 13 minutes as published in the January newsletter by Diane KD8SSX, seconded by Dave KE8APO. There were no objections or corrections, so the minutes were approved as presented.

Treasurer's report: Revised report was not available to read on air.

Motion to postpone review and acceptance until Feb meeting by Amy K2KSU, second: John K8JEK, approved.

President's report: John Bostwick AC8E a long time club member passed away in November. Jane (with input from Fred K8FH) will post a writeup on John in the next newsletter.

Membership: Diane KD8SSX reports that we have 44 paid current members. However, only two of the five trustees are currently paid for 2022. Dues should be mailed to Diane per the info on our club website.

Field Day: Ray K2RWO has reserved the Mill Stream Park in Valley City for this year. Dates are June 25 and 26. Details to follow.

New business: None.

Motion to Adjourn: Made by Baji K8IIT and seconded by Amy K2KSU. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

K8JGR transferred control back to NCO, Doug KD8SST, who continued the net with a second round of comments, before returning the repeater back to normal operations.

Respectfully submitted by Dave KE8APO

Flea Market Field



Icom IC-718 transceiver, Astron RS-50M power supply, MFJ Delux Vera Antenna Tuner II was donated to the club by Betty Phillips, wife of Bob KC8IPQ (SK), along with a box of cables and miscellaneous items. Was used on sailboat, sat for two years, working condition unknown. Make blanket offer, all considered. Jane@K8JGR.radio



Club Meetings

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

See page 6 for more information.



Member Birthdays

Francis Richey KN4AW	02/05
Gordon Kolus AI8Y	02/09
Baji Panchumarti K8IIT	02/11
Tamara Lesnick WA8KGV	02/23



MCARC Calendar

February	7	7:30pm Monday Night 2M Net
February	14	7:30pm On-Air Meeting (<i>see page 6</i>)
February	21	7:30pm Monday Night 2M Net
February	28	7:30pm Monday Night 2M Net

Contests

February	12-13	CQ WW RTTY WPX
February	14-18	ARRL School Club Roundup
February	19-20	ARRL International DX—CW
February	26-27	WW 160 Meter / SSB

Hamfests

02/10-13/2022 ARRL National Convention and Orlando Hamcation
Location: Orlando, FL
Sponsor: Orlando Amateur Radio Club
Websites: <https://www.hamcation.com>
<http://www.arrl.org/expo>

Contest Conquerors

Here are the preliminary scores submitted by **Ed K8NVR** and **Fred K8FH** for their incredible **CW** skill using low power in recent contests:

NOVEMBER ARRL SSB SWEEPSTAKES:

K8NVR was #18 overall for US/Canada and #2 for Ohio, working 82 of 84 sections. Missing sections were NT (Northern Territories Canada) and MAR (Maritimes Canada).

DECEMBER ARRL 160 METER CONTEST:

K8FH was #5 overall for US/Canada and #2 for Ohio.
K8NVR was #7 overall for US/Canada and #3 for Ohio.

The official results will not be posted until around May 1.

In Memorium - John Bostwick AC8E

We belatedly became aware that John AC8E, a gentleman and longtime member of MCARC, passed on November 5, 2021. Our sincerest sympathy goes out to his wife, Linda, and his family.





With thanks to our resident humorist, Dave KE8APO, who found this cartoon.

Hamatuer Antix



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 February meeting will be On-Air.



February 14th ON-AIR Member Meeting

Join us on the radio on February 14th at 7:30 pm on 147.030 where we will be holding a net, followed by the MCARC February General Meeting.

Covid again sent us to the airwaves where we are safely “socially distant.”

See the repeater information on page 8.



Join or Renew Your Membership for 2022

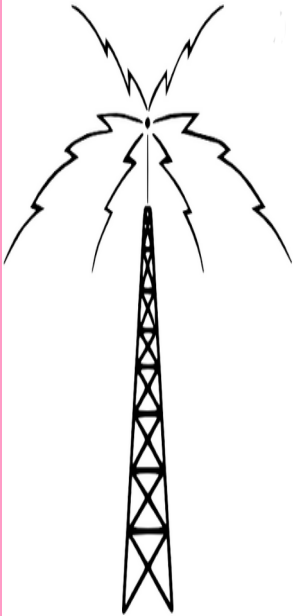
It is time to join us or renew your membership in the Medina County Amateur Radio Club for 2022. Dues are \$15.00 per member, \$22.50 for a family membership that is entitled to one vote, and \$150.00 for a life membership if you are aged 60 or older. Payment can be mailed to Diane Snider KD8SSX - Membership, 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

MCARC MEMBERSHIP FORM		<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

31-Jan-2022	K8TV	07-Feb-2022	K2KSU
14-Feb-2022	<i>Meeting</i>	21-Feb-2022	K8NVR
28-Feb-2022		07-Mar-2022	

Contact Baji K8IIT, ohiobaji@gmail.com, if you would like to serve as NCO.

NCO openings can be found at:
<https://b.link/MCARC-NCO-2022>

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., 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.

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

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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

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Baji Panchumarti K8IIT

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Gail Helwig KD8GGM

Skywarn:

Tracey Liston W8TWL

ARES:

Bob Mueller K8MD

RACES:

Dave Rickon NF8O

Program:

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MCARC on the World Wide Web

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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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