

News Beacon

Medina County Amateur Radio Club

Prez's Preface

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."

Winston Churchill

Mike Eady KD8DZK will be remembered for what he gave in life. He gave his honor in military service, he gave his time as Past President of MCARC, he gave his expertise as Elmer and radio operator, and he gave his commitment and love to his wife Rene KD8SSW.

Please join in a Celebration of Mike's Life at the Medina VFW Post 5137, 3916 Pearl Rd, Medina OH 44256, Saturday October 15 2022, 2:00 - 6:00pm. Honors at 5:00pm.

Autumn is upon us, enjoy its transient beauty.

73,

Jane@K8JGR.radio

DX Engineering Sale Day

DX Engineering Sale Day will run from 9 am to noon on October 1.

Per their press release, "Lots of 15-50% discounted open box gear, from top-of-the-line transceivers to surge protectors, CW keys to antenna tuners (get here early to take home your treasure before someone else does).

Hams from DX Engineering there to help with your purchase, answer your tech questions, and make sure you leave with exactly what you need for your station."

DX Engineering/Summit Racing is located off I-76 at Exit #29 at:

1200 Southeast Ave
Tallmadge, Ohio 44278
1-330-630-0250



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Hmmmmmm...

"Electricity is really just organized lightning."

George Carlin



MCARC 2023 Officer/Trustee Nominations

MCARC will again hold the election of Officers and Trustees at our November meeting. Here is the current list of nominees:

Position	Term	Name	Call Sign	Experience
President	One year	Ed Eyerdorn	K8NVR	Held multiple Trustee/Officer Positions over many years
Vice President	One year	Jane Reed	K8JGR	President last five years
Secretary	One Year	Dave Swancer	KE8APO	Current Secretary, past Trustee
Treasurer	One Year	Toby Kolman	WT8O	Current Treasurer, past Officer/Trustee
Trustee	Two Years	Doug McClure	KD8SST	Trustee past four years
Trustee	Two years	Steven Stein	KE8BJD	Leadership positions in other organizations
Trustee	Two Years	Ray Orobona	K2RWO	Trustee Many years

Note that Amy Panchumarti K2KSU and Dave Oravec N8JNX are current Trustees whose positions will be open next year.

You can still nominate yourself or another person with their permission by submitting the Nomination Form to Diane KD8SSX by email to D.Snider@frontier.com. The form can be found in the September newsletter.

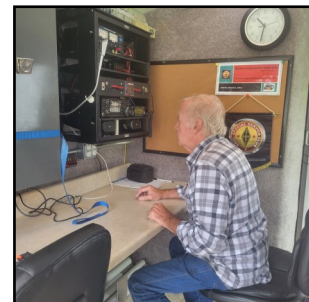


We really appreciate Gail Helwig KD8GGM's ongoing dedication to the Medina County Amateur Radio Club. She is "retiring" from serving many years on the Board, most recently as Vice President, but will remain active in supporting the Club in myriad ways. Thank you, Gail.

Heritage Farm Outreach

On September 11th Fred K8FH brought his communications trailer for display at the Brunswick Heritage Farm Market. The overcast and damp day was counterbalanced by the warm reception and visits by attendees and MCARC members.

Fred tried out his new antenna and successfully made a contact in Russia!



September In-Person General Meeting Minutes

The September 12, 2022 Member Meeting was held in-person at the Senior Center.

The meeting was called to order by President, Jane K8JGR, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited at 7:30 pm . The following (15) paid members and (2) guests were present so quorum (9) was reached.

Dave NK0K	Fred K8FH	Ed K8NVR	Ron Hollas K8RJH
Diane KD8SSX	Bob K8MD	Toby WT8O	Esther Hollas
Doug KD8SST	Jane K8JGR	Amy K2KSU	
Tamara WA8KGV	John K8JEK	Chuck K8KMA	
Gail KD8GGM	Steve KE8BJD	Gordon AI8Y	

Secretary's report: Motion to suspend the reading of the August minutes as published in the September newsletter - Doug KD8SST, second by Dave NK0K. Minutes were accepted with no corrections or changes.

Treasurer's report for June was read by Toby WT8O and included and included dues of \$15.00 , a donation by K8JEK, and no expenses, with an ending balance of \$15,680.25. Motion to approve by Gordon AI8Y, second by Dave NK0K, and approved.

President's Report: Elections for Officers and two trustees will be held at the November meeting. The two Trustee positions open are currently held by Doug KD8SST and Ray K2R-WO. Nominations need to be made soon and forms turned in so they can be published in the October newsletter. Diane KD8SSX has forms available. Jane stated that Ed K8NVR has indicated he will run for President for one year to give her a break, and she will run for Vice President. * Fred K8FH brought his communication trailer to Heritage Farm Market and he, Gail KD8GGM, Jane K8JGR, and Tamara WA8KGV were present to pass out information and give tours of the trailer. * Jane stated that she had made some corrections to the website, and had been receiving much spam so she was going to contact the web host about it. * The doors at the Senior Center were locked again at 7:00, even though we were told they would be open until 8:00. The guard said he has no control over the door lock. *Jane stated that she has cancelled trying out the Buehler's meeting room as a location for our meetings as there is a conflict with the Boy Scouts who would be in the room later than our meeting beginning time. * Ed K8NVR suggested that meetings next year could begin at 6:30 or 7:00 to give more time for presentations, or ending sooner during the winter months. This will be discussed next month. * Ed K8NVR said the south Lafayette tower has been painted. The cost was \$4,000.00, This has gotten us an exclusive agreement for 15 years to use that tower. That tower is 240' tall. It has the 6-M input, the 440 repeater, and our south input. Thanks to Ken K8TV for arranging the painting. * Ed K8NVR said he has not had a chance to look at the equipment that someone wants to donate to the club. * Gordon AI8Y stated he will be selling a lot of equipment his HOA will not allow him to use, and he will send a list to Jane for the newsletter. * Jane has submitted the ARRL Special Service Club paperwork. * Doug KD8SST has arranged for the JVS paperwork for holding meetings there 7:30 to 9:00pm. *Jane said we are still looking for a Program Chair person.

Sunshine: Dave KE8APO and his wife are recovering from Covid. Dave K8NIX's wife is undergoing cancer treatment. Amy K2KSU will be having hip replacement surgery soon, and her knee replacement has been recalled. Julio Esis Jr KE8KCT has become an Eagle Scout. Congratulations to him. A note will be sent from the club.

Picnic: Graciously hosted by Fred K8FH and Gail KD8GGM, it will be this Sunday 9-18. If you plan on attending and have not yet RSVP'd, please do so.

New Business: Jane asked for a motion to reimburse her for \$79.59 for expenses for another binder and pages for the archive papers for the club. Tamara WA8KGV made the motion and Amy K2KSU seconded it. It was approved.

Comments: Bob K8MD said he would be offering a VE exam during the Cleveland HamFest 9-25, if anyone was interested, and he asked if anyone from the club was having a table there. Toby WT8O said his other club was, and Bob said he had some items for sale, and Toby said he could take care of it.

Motion to Adjourn: Made by Gail KD8GGM and seconded by John K8JEK. The meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm.

Ron Hollas K8RJH and his wife then gave a presentation on the James Webb infrared Space Telescope that was very interesting. *Submitted by Diane KD8SSX*



Club Meetings

The Medina County Amateur Radio Club will be cautiously holding in-person meetings on the second Monday of each month while the threat of Coronavirus is under control.

In October the MCARC General Meeting will be held at the **Medina County Career Center (JVS) Room 247** at 7:30pm.

Medina County Career Center, aka: JVS is located at:
1101 W Liberty Street, Medina, Ohio 44256

Member Birthdays

Toby Kolman	10/04
Michael Evanich	10/10
John Kollar	10/16
Amy Panchumarti	10/21
Rene Eady	10/27
Fred Helwig	10/28
Lawrence Ferrone	10/30

MCARC Calendar

- October 3** 7:30pm Monday Night 2M Net
- October 10** 7:30pm IN-PERSON MEETING at **Career Center** (see pg 5)
- October 17** 7:30pm Monday Night 2M Net
- October 24** 7:30pm Monday Night 2M Net
- October 31** 7:30pm Monday Night 2M Net

ARRL Ohio Hamfests

10/15/2022 - Portsmouth Radio Club Hamfest

Location: New Boston, OH

Sponsor: Portsmouth Radio Club, Jett Fire, Shawnee Computer

Website: <http://www.portsmouthradioclub.org>

10/30/2022 - Massillon Hamfest (OH)

Location: Green, OH

Sponsor: Massillon Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://w8np.net>

October ARRL Contests

- 1-2** Collegiate QSO Party
- 15-16** EME - 50 to 1296 MHz
- 17-21** School Club Roundup

Saturday 8am Breakfast

Join the members who are early risers at the Cracked Egg Restaurant at 1475 Pearl Rd in Brunswick, opposite the Middle school, Saturdays at 8am.





Hamatuer Antix



MCARC will be holding Technical Sessions during most of our in-person General Meetings on the 2nd Monday of each month. Since we are in need of a Program Chair, PLEASE CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING FOR THIS POSITION. Our Club is only as terrific as YOU make it!

October 10th IN-PERSON General Meeting

Come join us at our **October 10th General Meeting** at the **Medina County Career Center, Room 247**, at 7:30pm. Note change of venue due to the Senior Center being closed for Columbus Day.

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Mark Kollar, the Ohio State Supervisor for the Bureau of Criminal Investigation, will give a talk on Electronic Wire Tapping at our October meeting. Mark is the son of John K8JEK.

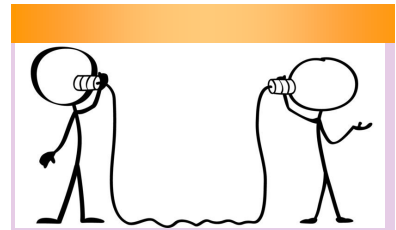
Sounds fascinating!

Hope to see you there!



Dits and Dahs

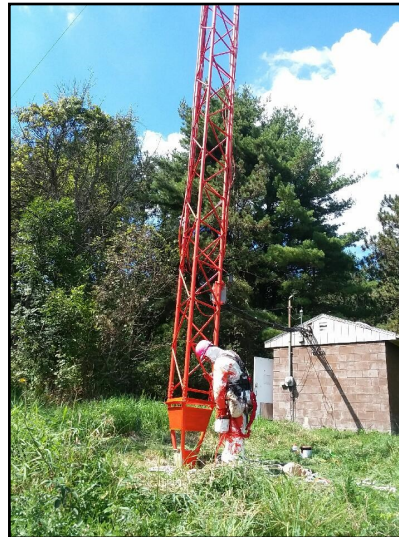
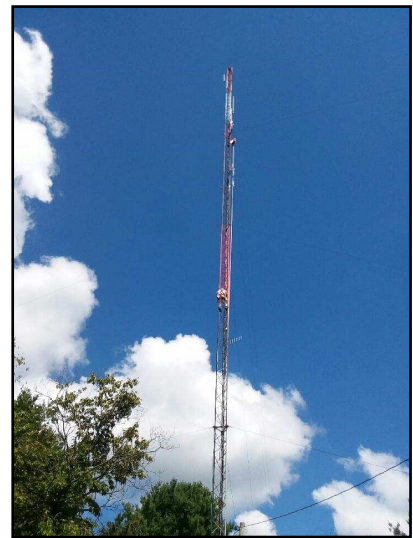
- **2022 Antique Wireless Assoc. Conference, October 4-8th**, RIT Inn and Conference Center - 5257 West Henrietta Road - Henrietta, NY 14467. Dual themes: "100 Years of Car Radios" and "Evolution of Audio" For complete details: <https://www.antiquewireless.org/homepage/annual-conference/>
- **Cuyahoga Falls ARC Online Tech License Classes Start Oct 9th**
The Cuyahoga Falls ARC will be sponsoring Technician and General Licensing Classes this fall and winter. The Tech class will run for six weeks. Time is 1:30 to 4:00 PM, and the classes will be held online via Zoom and Google Classroom. This year in conjunction with the M.O.R.E Project of Sarnoff ARC, students who complete the class and pass the Tech license exam are eligible to receive a "Get On The Air" package, including a Dualband HT, SDR (Software Defined Receiver) and testing/licensing fees. For more information, you can visit tiny.cc/beaham.
- **Silvercreek Amateur Radio Association (SARA) is holding a Fox Hunt on October 29th.** More information at <https://w8wky.org/fall-fox-hunt/>. All participants are welcome and there is no cost to participate. SARA will be providing lunch for all participants. Please RSVP so they know how many people are playing and how much food to obtain. RSVPs due by October 22. info@w8wky.org
- **Thank you to Ron Hollas K8RJH and and his XYL, Esther** who provided the interesting Technical Session at our September meeting about the James Webb Space Telescope. They suggest visiting <https://jwst.nasa.gov/content> for the latest pictures and more detail. Also, good reading: *Universe Nutshell* by Stephen Hawking, *The Privileged Planet* by Guillermo Gonzalez, Jay Richards, et al , *Why the Universe is the Way It Is* by Hugh Ross and *Rare Earth* by Peter O. Ward and Donald Brownlee.
- **Gordon Kolus AI8Y is selling a Yaesu FT1000 MP MarkV**, 200 watt radio, excellent condition, does not have the original packaging, but does have the matching power supply, owners manual, and hand mic model number, MH31, asking \$1500. **Also selling, a Yaesu FTdx1200**, 100 watt radio, hand mic., owners manual, and original packaging for \$1,000. Contact him at 216-744-5050.



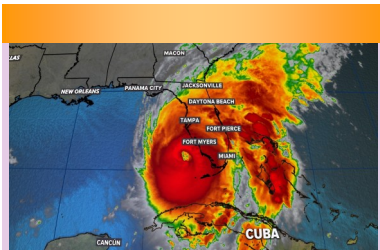
Lafayette Tower Painting

Ken K8TV and Ed K8NVR were instrumental in getting the MCARC a 15-year agreement to continue using the Lafayette tower for the 2M and 6M inputs and the 440 repeater, In exchange, the Club paid to have the 240-foot tower painted up to FAA specifications by Tower Maintenance Corporation.

I would imagine that these painters have ice in their veins...



Pictures courtesy of Ed K8NVR



Amateur Radio Operators Continue Response to Ian

As Hurricane Ian, now a tropical storm, makes its way across Florida, amateur radio operators continue to provide communications support for weather updates and requests for assistance.

The hurricane made landfall at 3:00 PM Eastern Time on Wednesday, September 28, 2022, just south of Tampa, Florida, as a Category 4 hurricane with winds of 150 miles per hour. Millions of residents are without power, and damage was reported as extensive along the storm's initial path.

ARRL Director of Emergency Management Josh Johnston, KE5MHV, has been in regular contact with ARRL Section Managers and Section Emergency Coordinators in Florida and throughout the southeastern US. Johnston said ARRL is also in touch with national-level partners, including FEMA and the Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA), should any requests for direct emergency communications via amateur radio be needed.

Johnston said many ARRL Amateur Radio Emergency Service® (ARES®) volunteers and their groups are involved across Florida, Georgia, and South Carolina. "Many ARES groups throughout Florida have been in a state of readiness since before the weekend," said Johnston. "These amateur radio volunteers are well-connected with their state and local emergency management partners in government and non-government organizations." Johnston also said that there are ARES members, at the request of the Florida Division of Emergency Management, serving in the state Emergency Operations Center. Many ARES groups are also operating in several shelter locations.

ARRL has previously deployed Ham Aid kits in the region. The kits include amateur radio equipment for disaster response when communications equipment is unavailable.

W1AW, the Maxim Memorial Station at ARRL's headquarters in Connecticut, has activated its Winlink station to handle PACTOR III and IV messages and traffic, and well as its SHARES station, NCS310.

"In our [ARRL's] experience, amateur radio's response will continue to play out, sometimes even more significantly, after the storm passes and communities enter a period of recovery," said Johnston. "As needs are assessed, such as disruptions to power and communications, our ARRL Section leaders and ARES groups may receive additional requests for more activations and deployments."

Bobby Graves, KB5HAV, Net Manager for the Hurricane Watch Net (HWN), said the net is now transitioning from receiving weather data to gathering post-storm reports (read "Hurricane Watch Net Update for Ian," ARRL News, 9/29/2022).

"These reports include damage and areas that are flooded," said Graves. "This gives the forecasters additional information they need. Also, since FEMA has an office in the National Hurricane Center (NHC), they look over these reports to get a bigger picture of what has happened, which in turn helps them to get help and humanitarian assistance where it is needed."

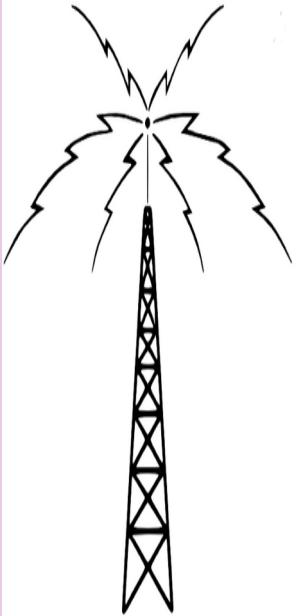
Graves added that the HWN will be assisting with emergency, priority, and any Health and Welfare Traffic. The net may continue operations for days. The HWN will issue an after-action report to detail the number of amateur radio operators who participated on the net.

Assistant HWN Net Manager Stan Broadway, N8BHL, said they have been filing reports since September 26, 2022, and over 125 specific reports have been filed to the NHC from stations in the area. "We have handled other reports, not included in the database, for damage and other storm-related situations," said Broadway. "One such call involved a relayed report of a woman trapped in her home with a collapsed wall in the Ft. Meyer area. That report was relayed to Lee County Emergency Communications to dispatch a rescue team."

The VoIP Hurricane Net has been active as well. Director of Operations for the VoIP Hurricane Net and ARRL Eastern Massachusetts ARES Section Emergency Coordinator Rob Macedo, KD1CY, said the net will remain active potentially through 11:00 PM EDT on Thursday evening, supporting WX4NHC, the Amateur Radio Station at the National Hurricane Center in Miami, Florida. WX4NHC will be active through this period for as long as needed.

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MCARC Repeaters



Call	Location	Function	Repeater Input	Repeater Out	CTCSS (PL)	Band
W8EOC	Medina (Main Site)	Repeater TX & RX	147.630	147.030	141.3 One Beep	2 Meter
W8EOC	Brunswick (North)	Receive only	147.630	From Main Site	131.8 Two Beeps	2 Meter
W8EOC	Lafayette (South)	Receive only	147.630	From Main Site	88.5 Three Beeps	2 Meter
W8EOC	Lafayette (South)	Split Site Repeater	51.160	51.660	N/A	6 Meter
	Brunswick Hills					
W8HN	Medina Main Site)	Digital C4FM TX & RX Repeater	147.885	147.285	(0)	2 Meter
		Analog TX & RX Repeater	147.885	147.285	(110.9)	2 Meter
W8EOC	Medina (Main Site)	Repeater TX & RX	223.260	224.860	-	1.25 Meter
W8EOC	Lafayette (South)	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

26-Sep-2022	K8NVR	03-Oct-2022	
10-Oct-2022	Meeting	17-Oct-2022	
24-Oct-2022	WT80	31-Oct-2022	K8TV

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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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.



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