



# MACON COUNTY ARC NEWSLETTER

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## THE NEXT MACON COUNTY ARC AND MACON AREA REPEATER MEETING WILL BE HELD APRIL 24, 2025 AT 7:00 PM AT THE FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH ON BRIGGS IN MACON, MO PRE-MEETING DINNER AT APPLE BASKET AT 5:30, ALL WELCOME

### MACON CNTY ARC MARCH 27, 2025 MEETING REPORT

Dale Bagley, KØKY, The Macon County ARC Trustee conducted the Club meeting. Charles, WBØHLW gave the treasurers and secretary's reports.

There was a nice turn-out of members attending the meeting. Ira Huff, AI7HC, came from his new OTH in Illinois, Richard Daiprai, NØUMF and his grandson Daniel, KFØRBR were also able to attend now that the weather is improving. Dan WØPN from Randolph County and Kay, WAØWOF, who late last year moved to her new home in La Plata, MO were in attendance also. I believe the March club meeting was the first that they have attended.

Dan, WØPN is an active DXer and CW operator that is helping out with the Randolph County ARES program. Dan also is a certified V.E. and joined the Macon County Volunteer Exam Group that administer test 4 times each year.

Kay, WAØWOF is in the process of setting up her Ham Shack in La Plata. She got some help with her tower from her friends in the Kansas City DX Club. In the process of working on her tower and antenna systems, the coax for her multiband antenna was damaged and she could use some help now getting that fixed so she can have some low-band capabilities. (Note: Kay recently informed us that her rotor system was damaged when lightning hit a tree in the neighbor's yard. Kay has asked for some input in how that issue can be resolved.)  
27<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

Ira Huff, reported on some of the improvements to the NØPR website and while he was in Macon at our March ARC Meeting, he made further changes to bring the site up to date on our Volunteer Examiners status for 2025 and a few other needed updates. The Radio Club website has never been better and it is due to the hard work of Ira, AI7HC, our Webmaster. If it has been a while since you were on the Macon County ARC – NØPR website, ctrl click on the link below and take a look. [www.n0pr.org](http://www.n0pr.org).

Walt Slover, KCØELC, is out of Loch Haven and at home recovering. It's great that he is recovering so well and we wish him continued improvement in the days to come.

At March meeting, almost all of the Radio Club Polo Shirts were delivered to those that ordered them. The shirts are outstanding, so if you would like one, go to C.A. Shoush and ask them to make one for you. It would be a good idea to do that fast, because the owners have announced, on Facebook, that they were closing their store later this summer. The C.A. Shoush Store currently has the information on hand to make you a Cool Polo Shirt with the Macon County ARC Logo on the front.

The members discussed participation in the Missouri QSO Party that is coming up on the weekend of April 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. If a Macon County ARC Members participates they can stipulate the Macon County ARC as their club and their score will also count for NØPR in the club contests.

QSL cards from WØQSL Bureau DF5CU (FT-8 WØD); DF2KK (FT-8 WØD) BOTH FROM GERMANY CT9/OM3RG (CW NØPR) MADEIRA ISLAND (due west of Casablanca Morocco, and a territory of Portugal.

## ARRL FIELD DAY JUNE 2025 UPDATE

The Macon County ARC NØPR 2025 ARRL Field Day will be set-up at the Macon City Educational Building. You can look over some of the rule changes for 2025 related to GOTA in RED. We need to keep the rules in mind as we plan for our Field Day operation.

4.1. (Class A) Club / non-club portable: Club or a non-club group of three or more persons set up specifically for Field Day. Such stations must be located in places that are not regular station locations and must not use facilities installed for permanent station use, or use any structure installed permanently for Field Day. A single licensee or trustee for the entry is responsible for the group entry. All equipment (including antennas) must lie within a circle whose diameter does not exceed 300 meters (1000 feet). To be listed as Class A, all contacts must be made with transmitter(s) and receiver(s) operating independent of commercial power mains. Entrants whom for any reason operate a transmitter or receiver from a commercial main for one or more contacts will be listed separately as Class A-Commercial.

4.1.1. Get-On-The-Air (GOTA) Station: Any Class A (or F) entry may also operate one additional station without changing its base entry category, known as the GET-ON-THE-AIR (GOTA) station. **This GOTA station may operate on any Field Day band, HF or VHF, but is limited to one GOTA station transmitted signal at any time.**

4.1.1.1. This station must use a different callsign from the primary Field Day station. The GOTA station must use the same callsign for the duration of the event regardless if operators change. **The GOTA station uses the same exchange as its parent.**

4.1.1.2. The GOTA station may be operated by any person licensed since the previous year's Field Day, regardless of license class. It may also be operated by a generally inactive licensee. Non-licensed persons may participate under the direct supervision of an appropriate control operator. A list of operators and participants must be included on the required summary sheet to ARRL HQ.

4.1.1.3. As per FCC rules, this station must have a valid control operator present at the

control point if operating beyond the license privileges of the participant using the station.

4.1.1.4. The maximum transmitter output power for the GOTA station shall be 100 watts. If the primary Field Day group is claiming the QRP multiplier level of five (5), the maximum transmitter output power of the GOTA station may not exceed 5 watts.

4.1.1.5. There is no limit to the number of contacts made by the GOTA station. QSOs made by this station may be claimed for credit by its primary field day operation. In addition, bonus points may be earned by this station under rule 7.3.13.

4.1.1.7. The GOTA station does not affect the additional VHF/UHF station provided for under Field Day Rule 4.1.2. for Class A stations.

4.1.1.8. Participants are reminded that non-licensed participants working under the direction of a valid control operator may only communicate with other W/VE stations or with stations in countries with which the US has entered a third-party agreement.

### IF SOMEONE IS INTERESTED IN VHF OPERATIONS

4.1.2. Free VHF Station: All Class A entries may also operate one additional transmitter if it operates exclusively on any band or combination of bands above 50 MHz (VHF/UHF) without changing its basic entry classification. This station does not qualify for a 100-point bonus as an additional transmitter. This station may be operated for the clubs Field Day period and all contacts count for QSO credit. **It is operated using the primary callsign and exchange of the main Field Day group and is separate and distinct from the GOTA station.**



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**James L. Willingham**  
KØARS  
FIRST IN A SERIES OF  
CLUB MEMBERS BIOGRAPHIES

James (Jim is his handle on the air) lives on Route 1, Bevier, Mo. First licensed in March, 1955 and his first call was KNØARS AND HIS FIRST EQUIPMENT WAS A Hallicrafters S-40B, homebrew 6AG7-6L6, 20 watts. Used a Downspout vertical and a dipole.

Present equipment consists of Drake R4A receiver, Drake T-4X Xjmr, Drake C-r Cjconsole, Drake MN-4 Antenna Tuner (which he has loaned out and may not get back).

Jim's "Antenna Farm" is still growing. He now has Inverted Vee on 80 — Gnd plane with 32 radials on 40 — 4 element beam on 20, 3 element wide spaced beams on 15 and 10.

Willingham's favorite mode of operating his station is on CW, favorite band is 20 meters and main interest in Ham Radio is DX and Contests.

Awards are numerous and include the following: WAS, WAC, WAZ, CQ-DX Award, DXCC (260 countries), USA-CA All

Counties Award, WAVE, WACAN, WPX (670 Prefix's).

Memberships include: ARRL, Old Timers Club, Rag Chewers Club, Board of Directors MARAC (County Hunters Club).

Some of Jim's Contest Winnings are:

1st for WØ District in CQ DX Contest CW — 1957

1st for WØ District in CQ DX Contest CW — 1968

1st for WØ District in CQ DX Contest CW — 1970

1st for WØ District in CQ DX Contest CW — 1973

1st for WØ District in Long Island DX Association's Year Long DX contest—1965  
2nd for Missouri in ARRL

CW Sweepstakes Contest — 1965

Other hobbies that Larry (alias Jim, James, Hey You, Bandit) are woodworking, carpentry.

Other family members that are Hams?  
YES — the whole family are

Willing "HAMS".

person, who at all times has diligently pursued those activities associated with Amateur Radio in a manner to reflect credit and honesty in the operation of his poor but active Ham Shack. There are those among us who would heap discredit where it should indeed not be heaped.

Please find enclosed a copy of the QSL card presented by KØARS (who shall remain nameless) who with his antenna farm, expensive equipment, and many, many, many, awards (which he shows everyone who stops by — one by one).



However this card shows that he did indeed try to work this "Jolly Roger Pirate". But to no avail, alas. However you will also see by my QSL card received that this "Jolly Roger Pirate" does exist and will QSL to those whom he hears.

As for WNØOSV, (who shall also remain nameless), and his Hot Water 101, with a house attached to his antenna. The only contact I know he has confirmed is the one he makes with his next door neighbor — unfortunately his neighbor does not have a Ham Radio — but is able to receive WNØOSV's jerky attempts at CW through his TV set.

WNØOSV has remained nameless so that his beloved and charming XYL will not have to suffer anymore than she already has. I understand that his ranting has now put this kind lady in the local hospital.

In closing I would like to say that I have no hard feelings for those conspirators who perpetrated this false information in an attempt to defame this humble but honest person. I hope WNØOSV (known better by his nick-name LID) has many happy years haming and soon obtains his W.A.N. Award (Worked All Neighbors).

Signed WNØOQS

(Another editor's note: I will return next month, so Pse AS.)



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## CONTESTS COMING UP

Feb. 7-8 ARRL DX phone (p. 61 12/qst)  
Feb. 7-15 ARRL Novice Roundup  
Feb. 11 ARRL Qualifying Run  
Feb. 21-22 ARRL DX CW (p. 61 12/qst)

## RENEWING LICENSES

When renewing your license you will no longer be required to affirm your code proficiency and operating time requirements. These have been dropped.

## MIDWEST DIV. CONVENTION

Please mark your calendar now for the

## QRM CORNER

REBUTTAL TO LAST MONTH'S  
NEWS(?) ARTICLE

Editor's Note: The following article may or may not make sense to you, but it is the unwritten law of journalism to let the Lid have his say, so here 'tis.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

(don't that sound intelligent?)  
(you ain't heard nuthin yet, read on)  
(all spelling is his, word fer word)

In reference to the libelous, slanderous and defaming statements written in the

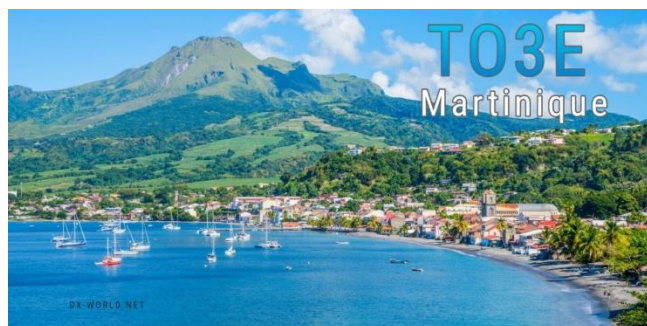


**Upcoming DX Information**  
 Compiled from ARRL DX Bulletins, DX-  
 News, DX-World by Ron Harrison, NTØC



Thomas, DL7BO will be active as XU7O from Cambodia, starting 14 April 2025.

He will operate on HF Bands. QSL via DL4WK, LOTW, ClubLog.



Darrell, AB2E will be active as TO3E from Martinique Island, IOTA NA - 107, 20 - 27 May 2025. He will operate on HF Bands, including activity in CQ WW WPX CW Contest, 24 - 25 May 2025. QSL via home call direct or LOTW.



Frank, PH2M will be active as PJ4M from Bonaire Island, IOTA SA - 006, 16 - 29 May 2025. He will operate on 80 - 10m, mostly FT8. QSL via home call.



James Archer, N3ZS is currently active from Kenya as 5Z4FV. He is working on HF Bands. QSL via WT3Q.



DF2WO and KN6ZZI will be active as D44TWO and D44ZZI from Santiago Island, IOTA AF-005, Cabo Verde, 4 - 26 May 2025.

They will operate on 160 - 10 m CW, SSB, Digital Modes. QSL via M0OXO.



Yuris, YL2GM will be active as ZS8W from Marion Island, Prince Edward Islands, IOTA AF - 021, 21 April - 16 May 2025.

He will operate on HF Bands. QSL via LOTW, ClubLog OQRS.