



MACON COUNTY ARC NEWSLETTER

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THE NEXT MACON COUNTY ARC AND MACON AREA REPEATER MEETING WILL BE HELD FEBRUARY 26, 2026 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 COUNTY ARC JANUARY 29, 2026 MEETING REPORT

Due to the flooding at the Macon First Christian Church, the regular January Club meeting was held at 7:00 p.m. at the Apple Basket following the 5:30 dinner. President Jesse Jones, KDØETU, was unable to attend due to illness and Vice-President Ron Harrison NTØC was scheduled to undergo some procedures that day. Dale Bagley, KØKY, Trustee of NØPR, called the meeting to order and the following business was conducted. First was the election of officers for 2026.

The 2026 Officers of the Macon County ARC are:

President: Jesse Jones, KDØETU
Vice-President Ron Harrison, NTØC
Sec. /Treas Charles Roberts WBØHLW

The 2026 Officers of the Macon Area Repeater are:

President: Scott Bigham, NØDBM
Vice-President Chris Clark, KFØGUS
Sec. /Treas Charles Roberts, WBØHLW

ARRL VOLUNTEER EXAMS FOR 2026

The Coordinator of the NØPR ARRL VE Testing program will be Dan Will, WØPN, assisted by Chris Clark, KFØGUS. The dates for testing have not been selected or put on the ARRL Website as of yet.

ARRL FIELD DAY 2026

The Macon County ARC will operate ARRL Field Day at the Macon City Education Center on June 27 & 28.

LESTER DENT-DOC SAVAGE SPECIAL EVENT

The City Round House has been reserved for the first day of the 2025 Lester Dent – Doc Savage WØD special event station. The Special Event will be held on October 17 and 19, 2026. There will be more information in future newsletters.

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RADIO CLUB FALL PICNIC

The Radio Club's Fall Picnic will be held again at the Long Branch Lake on Thursday September 24th starting at 5:00 p.m. There will be more details and a sign-up effort in September.

CHRISTMAS DINNER 2026

The Christmas dinner in 2025 was short of the number of attendees that could participate and it was cancelled. We will discuss with the members about what day would be best for them and determine what day would be best for us to select.

MACON COUNTY ARC WEBSITE UPDATE

Ira Huff, AI7HC, said that he would take care of the NØPR Domain Name for 2026 and Website. He said that there would be no cost to the Radio Club this year.

AMATEUR RADIO WEATHER SPOTTING CLASS

Chris Clark, KFØGUS, suggested that we might want to contact Joe Dietrick, KCØNOX, who gave the weather spotting training last year, and see if he could provide a program in 2026.

(Note) Thanks to Chris's efforts, we are happy to announce that the NØPR Macon County ARES program will again hosting the, Spotter Training program with Joe, NCØNOX at the Apple Basket on March 21st from 10 to 12 a.m.. The Course will a good refresher for all those interested in severe weather training; the program is for individuals who are interested in Storm Spotting. The course will help expand their knowledge of dangerous weather events, and how to observe these storms safely.



February 2026 will be a unique opportunity to view the planets lined up in the Sky on Feb 19th . On the 28th of Feb. there will be even more planets in the western sky at twilight looking South to Southwest.



Glenn Johnson, WØGJ, from Calmar Iowa has been our Midwest Division representative on the ARRL Contest Advisory Committee. After a long involvement, he decided it was time for him to step down and let someone else pick up the reins.

After making a list of the possible appointees Art Zygielbaum, KØAIZ, Midwest Dir. Reviewed the candidates with Glenn, WØGJ, and the CAC Chair, Craig Thompson, K9CT. The Director then selected Drew Vonada-Smith, K3PA, to be the Midwest Division's CAC representative.

Drew has been licensed since 1972. He is an active contester and a member of the Kansas City Contest Club. Although contesting is his first love, Drew is also a DXCC Honor Roll member. He lives in Tonganoxie, KS, near Kansas City, with his wife, Denette.

We need to ask Kay, KCØWOF, who belongs to both the MCARC and KCCC if she knows the new rep. K3PA?

Don't Forget to pay your 2026 Radio Club Dues to Charlie Roberts, WBØHLW. Dues are \$15.00 for a family membership and \$10.00 for an individual membership. Members over 80 years old are waved, but donations are accepted.

FEBRUARY SPECIAL EVENTS OF NOTE

02/14/2026 | 6th Annual Pluto Discovery Anniversary S.E.
Feb 14-Feb 22, 0000Z-2359Z, W7P, Flagstaff, AZ. Northern Arizona DX Association. 14.266 21.366 28.366 7.266. Certificate & QSL.
W7P -Pluto Special Event, 6315 Townsend Winona Rd, Flagstaff, AZ 86004. www.nadxa.com

02/16/2026 | Antarctic Activity Week
Feb 16-Feb 22, 0000Z-2359Z, K4C, McDonough, GA. World Antarctic Program. 14.270. QSL. Robert Hines, 1978 Snapping Shoals Rd, McDonough, GA 30252. k4mzu.net

02/21/2026 | SWR Magazine Waves Weekend
Feb 21, 1200Z-2359Z, KP3SWR, Camuy, PR. SWR Magazine. 14.245 21.245 28.445. QSL. Jose Candelaria , C33 Extension del Carmen, Camuy, PR 00627. swrmagazine.org

Contest Calendar

November 2025 – December 2026

This calendar covers the major HF contests, but there are plenty of others throughout the year. Visit www.arrl.org/contest-calendar and www.contestcalendar.com for more contest dates and details.

Nov 2025

- 1-3 ARRL NOVEMBER SWEEPSTAKES – CW
- 15-17 ARRL NOVEMBER SWEEPSTAKES – PHONE
- 23 NORTH AMERICAN SPRINT – SSB
- 29-30 CQ WORLD WIDE DX CONTEST – CW

Dec 2025

- 5-7 ARRL 160-METER CONTEST
- 13-14 ARRL 10-METER CONTEST
- 21 ARRL ROOKIE ROUNDUP – CW

Jan 2026

- 3-4 ARRL RTTY ROUNDUP
- 10-11 NORTH AMERICAN QSO PARTY – CW
- 17-18 NORTH AMERICAN QSO PARTY – SSB
- 23-25 CQ WORLD WIDE 160-METER CONTEST – CW

Feb 2026

- 1 NORTH AMERICAN SPRINT – SSB
- 8 NORTH AMERICAN SPRINT – CW
- 9-13 SCHOOL CLUB ROUNDUP
- 14-15 CQ WORLD WIDE WPX – RTTY
- 21-22 ARRL INTERNATIONAL DX CONTEST – CW
- 27-28 CQ WORLD WIDE 160-METER CONTEST – SSB
- 28 NORTH AMERICAN QSO PARTY – RTTY

Mar 2026

- 1 CQ WORLD WIDE 160-METER CONTEST – SSB
- 1 NORTH AMERICAN QSO PARTY – RTTY
- 7-8 ARRL INTERNATIONAL DX CONTEST – SSB
- 15 NORTH AMERICAN SPRINT – RTTY
- 28-29 CQ WORLD WIDE WPX – SSB

Apr 2026

- 19 ARRL ROOKIE ROUNDUP – PHONE

May 2026

- 30-31 CQ WORLD WIDE WPX – CW

Jun 2026

- 6-7 ARRL INTERNATIONAL DIGITAL CONTEST
- 27-28 ARRL FIELD DAY

Jul 2026

- 11-12 IARU HF WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP
- 18-19 NORTH AMERICAN QSO PARTY – RTTY

Aug 2026

- 1-2 NORTH AMERICAN QSO PARTY – CW
- 15-16 NORTH AMERICAN QSO PARTY – SSB
- 16 ARRL ROOKIE ROUNDUP – RTTY
- 29-30 WORLD WIDE DIGI DX CONTEST

Sep 2026

- 13 NORTH AMERICAN SPRINT – CW
- 20 NORTH AMERICAN SPRINT – RTTY
- 26-27 CQ WORLD WIDE DX CONTEST – RTTY

Oct 2026

- 3-4 COLLEGIATE QSO PARTY
- 19-23 SCHOOL CLUB ROUNDUP
- 24-25 CQ WORLD WIDE DX CONTEST – SSB

Nov 2026

- 1 NORTH AMERICAN SPRINT – SSB
- 7-9 ARRL NOVEMBER SWEEPSTAKES – CW
- 21-23 ARRL NOVEMBER SWEEPSTAKES – PHONE
- 28-29 CQ WORLD WIDE DX CONTEST – CW

Dec 2026

- 4-6 ARRL 160-METER CONTEST
- 12-13 ARRL 10-METER CONTEST
- 20 ARRL ROOKIE ROUNDUP – CW