



MACON COUNTY ARC NEWSLETTER

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THE NEXT MACON COUNTY ARC AND MACON AREA REPEATER MEETING WILL BE HELD MARCH 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 FEB. 26, 2026 MEETING REPORT

Jesse Jones, KDØETU, Macon County ARC President called the meeting to order with ten members present.

Dan Will, WØPN, was approved as the Liaison for the NØPR, Macon County ARC Volunteer Exam program. Dan explained his plans for the 2026 and that he would communicate the dates of future Exam Sessions for this year to the ARRL and to the Macon Club. Chris Clark, KFØGUS, Ron Harrison, NTØC, Larry Ballew, ABØHP, and Dale Bagley, KØKY agreed to continue as examiners for the group. Other examiners have not been contacted yet, but they are encouraged to continue their participation in the testing program.

JOE DIETRICK, KCØNOX, SPOTTER TRAINING



The Macon County ARC hosted Joe Dietrick, KCØNOX, in 2025 when he presented an outstanding program on Weather and Weather Spotting. We are very fortunate to have Joe back again this year on March 21, 2026 with his 2026 version of his presentation.

The program will be held at the Apple Basket in Macon, MO beginning at 10:00 a.m. and following the training those attending can have lunch

Missouri QSO Party Contest Info from ARRL Midwest V-Dir. Dave Propper, K2DP

The Missouri QSO Party is open for participation by all licensed amateur operators world-wide. The object of the contest is to work as many stations as possible during the contest period. The Missouri QSO Party provides all licensed radio amateurs outside the state of Missouri the opportunity to work Missouri counties. In addition, it provides all licensed radio amateurs in Missouri an opportunity to work other states and countries. The Missouri QSO Party Committee has issued an open invitation for those interested to Come join the MO-QSO Party fun!

The contest will be held at the following times: Saturday, April 11, 2026 – 1400UTC Saturday thru 0400UTC Sunday, April 12th, and the “QSO Party continues Sunday April 12, 2026 – 1400UTC Sunday thru 2000UTC Sunday.

Complete information can be found at:

<https://w0ma.org/index.php/missouri-qso-party>

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KANSAS CITY REGIONAL HAMBASH 2026

Presented by the Raytown Amateur Radio Club

APRIL 25TH, 2026

The 2026 Kansas City Hambash will be held on April 25th, 2026, from 8 am to 2pm. At:

**Raytown High School
6019 Blue Ridge Blvd
Raytown, MO 64133**

The big about the 2026 KC Hambash is the is that there will be a special guest and keynote speaker at this year's event.

Col. Don "Doc" Ballard (MoH, USA, retired), along with Donna Snow King W5SML, former star of the hit TV show "Texas Flip N Move" and author of three books are this year's guests of Honor. Donna's latest book is a novel about Texas rodeo kids solving a mystery with the help of their ham radios



Since 1863, only 3,549 men and one woman have been awarded the Medal of Honor. Today there are only 63 living Medal of Honor recipients. The average American has a 0.000018% chance of meeting one in person. But everyone who attends the Kansas City Regional Hambash will have the opportunity and honor to meet one in person!

MORE ABOUT THE KC HAMBASH 2026

Door Prizes / Raffle Prizes:

- Yaesu Mobile Wires X Radio (Like FTM-200/300) (Exact Model TBD based on availability)
- Yaesu FT-70DR Radio
- Radioddity GS-5B Dual Band Radio
- TalkPod N39Plus POC (Push to Talk over Cellular) Kit
- Gift Certificates from the ARRL
- Gift Certificates from Alpha Antenna
- Gift Certificates from RT Systems
- Gift Certificates from Radioddity
- Books from EasyWayHam Testing.
- Gift Certificates from DX Engineering

VE Testing:

We have W5YI providing testing at 8 AM. To sign up for testing follow the below link:
<https://hamstudy.org/sessions/699c4a41844cea2c43da624c/1>

TABLES ARE STILL AVAILABLE
so reserve your table now at:

<https://forms.gle/Y4byXHFYG8RzUjzz5>

Order your raffle tickets in advance today!

<http://www.k0gq.com/hambash>

There are prize raffles and a 50/50 Raffle during the event... we will even have a Food Truck on site to offer food, drinks and dessert!

Last year we had 500+ attendees and 100+ vendors, and clubs from all over the region. This year we expect even more!

As always, we greatly appreciate your continued support of Amateur Radio in the Kansas City Region!

If you have any questions or feedback, please reach out to me directly. We are happy to help in any way that we can!

The Hambash Flyer is attached here for your perusing!

<https://www.k0gq.com/Hambash%202026%20Flyer%20RevA.01.pdf>