

# MACON COUNTY ARC NEWSLETTER



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## THE NEXT MACON COUNTY ARC AND MACON AREA REPEATER MEETING WILL BE HELD FEBRUARY 29, 2024 AT 7:00 PM AT THE FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH ON BRIGGS IN MACON, MO

### JANUARY 2024 MEETING REPORT

The January Radio Club meeting was held at the First Christian Church on Briggs. The 2024 election of officers for 2024 was held and the following officers were elected.

#### Macon County ARC 2024

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

#### Macon Area Repeater Council 2024

President: Scott Bigham, NØDBM  
Vice-President Todd Anderson, AKØAK  
Sec. /Treas Charles Roberts, WBØHLW

### VOLUNTEER EXAM SESSIONS 2024

Testing will be at 2:00 p.m. at the First Christian Church on Briggs Drive. On the following dates  
MARCH 10, 2024 JUNE 19, 2024  
SEPT. 8, 2024 NOV. 10, 2024

### ARRL FIELD DAY 2024

The Round House in Bles Park was reserved for June 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> and as a back-up we have also reserved the Macon City School Building that we used in 2023. We discussed the need to link the computers so we can have a single log to submit to the ARRL following the Field Day Exercise.

### RADIO CLUB DUES IN 2024

The individual Ham's, dues are \$10.00/year and for a family of Hams \$15.00/year. The Macon County Amateur Radio Club members that are 80 years old or older are not required to pay dues. You can give your 2024 dues to Charlie Roberts, WBØHLW or you can also be mailed to the dues payment to the Macon County ARC at P.O. Box 13, Macon, MO 63552

### LESTER DENT-DOC SAVAGE SPECIAL EVENT

The 2024 Lester Dent WØD special event station operation date have been set for October 19, 2024 at the Round House and on October 20, 2024 from members home radios. There will be a real effort to get more operators to participate at the Round House on Saturday to set-up and operate as WØD.

### RADIO CLUB FALL PICNIC

The date for the Radio Club's Fall Picnic will be selected at the January Club meeting and any changes that might be beneficial.

### ARES NET TIME PROPOSED CHANGE

We are going to discuss and vote on a proposal to change the time of the ARES Net that is on 146.805- on Wednesday evening from 8:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Some of our members have indicated that the earlier time would work better for them and they think that there would be more check-ins at the 7:30 time slot. Think about the proposal, come to the meeting, and let your thoughts about the change be heard.

### MACON COUNTY ARC WEBSITE UPGRADE

Thanks to the efforts of Ira Huff, AI7HC, the Radio Club has an updated website. Ira has taken the website created by Scott Bigham, NØDBM, and moved it to a new web location and added the latest Macon County Amateur Radio Club information plus some additional features.

You can check out the new Macon County ARC – NØPR website at: [www.n0pr.org](http://www.n0pr.org). We are fortunate that Ira volunteered to take on the Web-Master duties and has the skills and knowledge needed to do it so well.

## 2024 QSO PARTY INFORMATION

Lelia Garner, WAØUIG, ARRL IA Section Manager has a compiled information about our Division's QSO Parties. Thanks, Lelia, for the information.

Here are the links to Midwest Division (IA, KS, MO, NE) QSO Parties.

April 6-7, 2024 - Missouri

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

April 20-21, 2024 - Nebraska

<https://nebraskagsoparty.com/>

Aug 24-25, 2022 - Kansas

<https://www.ksqsoparty.org/>

Sep 21-22, 2024 - Iowa

<http://www.w0yl.com/IAQP>

QSO Party Frequently Asked Questions From

<http://stateqsoparty.com/>

A State QSO Party is a contest where you try to work as many stations as possible in a specific state or group of states. Because multipliers are usually counties of that state, you also try to work as many counties as you can. Many in-state stations operate mobile, driving around the state to activate as many counties as possible. Typically, State QSO Parties are a little more laid back in intensity so they can be a fun activity for newer contesters. Many SQP sponsors give plaques or other awards for leaders in the different categories. Some offer awards for spelling out different words with callsigns worked.

Anyone striving for the United States of America Counties Award (USWAC) or Worked All States (WAS) award will benefit from working state QSO parties.

For a complete list of State QSO Parties,

<https://qsoparty.eqth.net/index.html>. To assist you, here's a handy map resource: US Census

State-Based County Outline Maps

<https://www.census.gov/geographies/reference-maps/2000/geo/state-county-outline-2000.html>.

And remember to read the contest rules carefully. They vary by state.

The QSO Party is a fun way to spend some time at your Amateur Radio Station.

## UPCOMING DX INFORMATION

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



FW8GC, TX8GC Wallis & Futuna Feb 19 - March 9  
CW, SSB, RTTY, FT8, FT4 QSL via LOTW or Clublog  
OQRS



H40WA Temotu Province Feb 22 - Mar 7, 2024  
160-10m CW SSB FT8 QSL via MOURX, LOTW

FR/F5PLC Reunion Island

Now - Apr 30, 2024 40-10m CW Only



TX7W Austral Islands Apr 16 - Apr 30  
16- - 6m CW SSB RTTY FT8 FT4 QSL via K5WE

TO5FA Mayotte Mar 28 - Apr 2, 2024  
HF CW SSB digital. QSL via 4Z5FI