

# The Hertzian Herald



## D Fritz Bitz:



It looks like it's going to be a busy summer. The Toledo Hamfest has been canceled due to lack of vendor support but as of this writing the Dayton Hamfest is still on. The Monroe Hamfest is still on and I for one am looking forward to it. It sure makes for a busy week with Field Day the following weekend. It wasn't too bad last year and the weather was good both weekends so it was all good.

State QSO party contesting season has started. I worked the Minnesota and British Columbia parties last weekend and I'm looking forward to the Wisconsin and Michigan parties in the next couple of months. I enjoy doing the state QSO parties but I have things going on with the grand kids on weekends so I have to pick and choose which ones I do and give advance notice.

I've wanted to get involved in the Fox Hunts the past couple of years but haven't had time on the weekends. This year I want to make time and hope to see more people there. I'm also putting together a Technician License class to teach every other month or so. If you know anyone interested in getting their license, please let me know.

Like I said, it looks like it's going to be a busy summer.

So, until next month, 73.

Don Fritz, N8BZN

<http://mcrca.org/>  
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[www.facebook.com/groups/1643856795878368/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/1643856795878368/)

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## MCRCA Meeting Minutes for January 20, 2022

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm, by Don N8BZN.

Pledge of Allegiance

Introductions: No new members, upgrades and 1 guest, Mike Isbell.

MINUTES: Motion by Mike N8KUF, supported by Tom KG8P, to approve as written in the Herald. Approved.

TREASURER REPORT: Motion by Paul W8PI, supported by Wes KC8SKP, to approve the treasurer's report as passed out to the membership. Approved.

DX REPORT: Tom KG8P, — K8ND on PJ2ND Curacao Island, — COVID is holding up some DXpeditions. DX is strange lately bands are squirrely and should continue to improve. 6m and 10m have been open sporadically.

CONTESTS: Paul W8PI, — QSO parties, VT, SC, NC, North American SSB contest this weekend, Winter Field Day, Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> MN QSOP a fun one on 40m.

TESTING: Next session - Sat. February 19, 2022. **Appointments Preferred - FRN and email req'd**

ARPSC: N/A

ARRL: N/A

RRRA: Mike N8KUF, all repeaters are working, —Two weeks ago fixed noise – dirty squelch POT.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Paul announced that Clarence Landoski KD8MGT is a silent key. Paul went to school with him and noted that Clarence was an accomplished acrobatic pilot.

**Motion by Paul W8PI, supported by Wes KC8SKP, to accept the slate as given. Approved**

<u>Elections:</u>	President	Don Fritz N8BZN
	V Pres	Mike Karmol N8KUF
	Secretary	Fred VanDaele K8EBI
	Treasurer	Brenda VanDaele KB8KQC
	Dir/Stn Trust	Wes Busdiecker KC8SKP
	Director	Rodney Haddix KD8ZLN
	Director	Paul Trouten W8PI

DOOR PRIZE DRAWING: Neil KA8PQH

50/50: George KB8OSU, donated winnings to scholarship.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Hazel Park Hamfest Canceled

PROGRAM: Ron Duvall KE8OSX is the new program director. – Tonight's Video, RF safety exposure

ADJOURNED: 8:30 pm

ATTENDANCE: 15

NM8I Barb	N8BZN Don	K8FGT Ed	K8EBI Fred
KB8OSU George	WA8YZB John	KE8OTG Larry	N8KUF Mike
KA8PQH Neil	W8PI Paul	KD8ZLN Rodney	N8NYP Terry
KG8P Tom	KC8SKP Wes	Mike Isbell	

## Committees

### Club Station

Wes Busdiecker KC8SKP

### DX Net

Soon

### Field Day

Jeff Breitner KA8NCR

### Finance

Paul Trouten W8PI (chair)

Fred VanDaele K8EBI

Dale Williams WA8EFK

### HamFest

Fred VanDaele K8EBI

### Hertzian Herald

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Terry Kolton N8NYP

Tom Imlach KE8KNZ

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Paul Trouten W8PI

## HamCation 2022 roars back to life

Thwarted in 2021 by the pandemic, HamCation roared back to life Friday. Attendee traffic was heavy all around the Central Florida Fairgrounds in Orlando, despite Friday being historically a 'slow' day, with hams visiting vendors, shopping the flea market, socializing, and enjoying other hamfest activities

The ARRL floor area was busy throughout the day, with staff, officers, and volunteers serving current and prospective members in several areas, including membership, clubs, contesting, and more.

One popular attraction was the ARRL Lab section, where attendees could have their handheld transceivers tested by ARRL lab personnel and volunteers, to verify power output and measure out-of-band harmonic emissions.

HamCation 2022 continues through Sunday, February 13

Source: <http://www.arrl.org/news/hamcation-2022-roars-back-to-life>

*Editor's note: This a good sign fo our hamfest.*

## ARRL Digital Contest

Contest Objective: Amateurs worldwide contact and exchange QSO information with other amateurs using any digital mode (excluding RTTY) that supports the 4-digit Grid Square exchange — attended operation only -- on the 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 and 6 meter bands (Technicians are limited per FCC Rules to the 10 and 6 meter bands). Any station may work any other station. Stations may only be worked once per band, regardless of mode. Automated operation is not permitted -- each claimed contact must include contemporaneous direct initiation by the operator on both sides of the contact.

Dates: First full weekend of June (June 4-5, 2022).

Contest Period: Begins 1800 UTC Saturday, ends 2359 UTC Sunday,

Contest rules are now maintained as a single downloadable document.

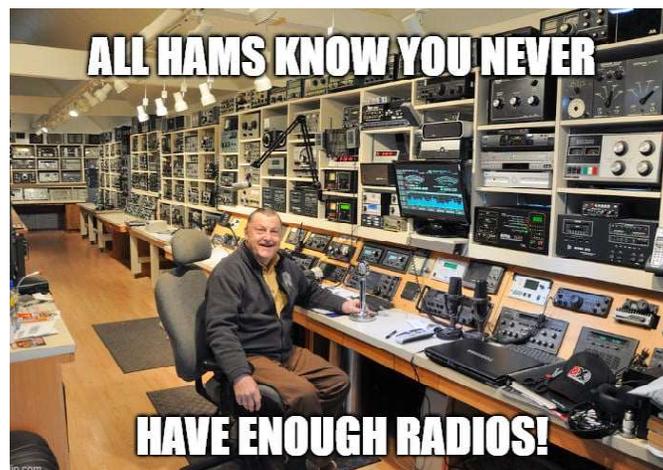
Click Here for the complete ARRL International Digital Contest rules (PDF)  
<https://contests.arrl.org/ContestRules/Digital-Rules.pdf>

## Livonia Swap-N-Shop

Saturday, February 26, 2022  
9:00 am to 1:00 pm

New location VFW Post 345,  
27345 Schoolcraft Rd, Redford, MI

8' tables \$20 each, Tickets \$5 each.  
Call or email: 734-941-5043, k8uns@arrl.net  
[www.livoniaarc.com](http://www.livoniaarc.com)



## ARPSC Report

February...More Winter or More Spring?

Due to ongoing concerns, the NWS DTX SKYWARN training will be virtual again this year thru Mid-April. They have indicated they will re-evaluate the possibility of having a few in-person sessions in the late April/May time period, but I would expect these to be in bigger counties i.e. Wayne, Macomb, and Oakland.

If you attend, please track your hours to report and email me a copy of your spotter certificate for the files. SKYWARN training is required every 2 years for ARPSC members.

The following information gives dates and sign-up links;

### **Virtual Skywarn Training Information**

As mentioned above, the scheduled dates for Skywarn training in 2022 will be held virtually. Below is a list of the dates and registration links. NWS Detroit will be **using the GoTo webinar client** to conduct the training. Each class will be **limited to 150 connections** to better facilitate the question and answer portion of the training. You may have, and are encouraged to have multiple family members from the same household sit in on the training from one connection. **All start times are at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted.**

- **Tue. March 8, 2022** - <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5330473474336715534>
- **Mon. March 14, 2022** - <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5459608915995906571>
- **Sat. April 9, 2022 (10 a.m.)** - <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1618996108476802573>
- **Tue. April 12, 2022** - <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2218804990196061452>

Also Just Announced, Lucas County ARES will be hosting a Trunk Sale and Swap Meet at Toledo Speedway on Benore Rd. Sunday May 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Trunk Sale & Swap Meet**

Sponsored by:

Lucas County Amateur Radio Emergency Services

50/50 Raffle must be present to win

\$5 Admission

9AM-12PM — Vendor Setup: 8AM

More Info & Vendor Registration Info: <https://www.gsl.net/w8mal/Swap.html>

567-318-2291 or [lucascountyares@gmail.com](mailto:lucascountyares@gmail.com)

Talk-In 146.610/-(pl 103.5)

### **Sunday, May 1, 2022**

Toledo Speedway  
5639 Benore Road  
Toledo, Ohio 46312

All Proceeds benefit the operations of the Lucas County ARES

If you are interested in honing your skills or building new ones, please feel free to stop in to any of our meetings or training sessions, or participate on our nets. We are here to help every operator learn and perform better. It doesn't matter if your call sign was just posted on the FCC database or you have had your ticket for decades, we are always looking for additional operators.



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ARPSC meetings are the first Thursday of every month at 7:30pm at the EMD on Raisinville Rd. Next meeting is Thursday March 3<sup>rd</sup> the topic will be Field Expedient Antennas. We will have a Saturday training session on the 5<sup>th</sup> working more with the Winlink program and sending various files.

As always Thanks to the club and the club webmaster for linking our FB and webpage, and to Fred for his time getting this newsletter out.

Stay Warm, 73  
Lance Charter  
Emergency Coordinator  
Monroe County Amateur Radio Public Service Corps

## For Sale

The KPA1500 Amplifier / Tuner and Power Supply are in their original boxes. All manuals and cables are included. The Amplifier was very lightly used in my non-smoking climate controlled shack. Since I am moving I am selling my pride and joy.

This unit was coupled with my Icom 7610 which allowed fast and effortless moving through the bands with ease; the KPA 1500 follows the Icom 7610 from band to band automatically and tunes the SWR automatically if needed. The Icom 7610 will be listed for sale shortly.

Features 1500+ watts, pin diode switching, matching 240v pwr supply, internal tuner—one of the best made!

- Very lightly operated
- Condition is perfect – like new
- Original owner
- Smoke free and pet free home

I believe a new unit costs \$6700 plus shipping and possibly taxes too! Elecraft website indicates a 6 week wait time.

I am asking \$5,900 OBO

Local pickup / cash preferred. Located in SE Michigan 2 miles North of Toledo, Ohio (see my QRZ page).

Contact me direct: [jeff4309@hotmail.com](mailto:jeff4309@hotmail.com)

This KPA1500 is in perfect operating condition with no returns after sale. My info is good on QRZ. Thank you for your interest.

Jeff, K8VG



Monroe County Radio Communications Association

Dues run from January 1st to December 31st of each year. As a current / Past Member, you are invited to attend our monthly meetings to find out the latest plans for our club. You may pay your dues at any regular meeting or by filling in the form below and mailing it to: MCRCA, PO Box 237, Monroe, MI 48161. Your membership and support will help with the continued success of our club. Thank you.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL FORM

Regular - \$10 — Add'l Family - \$5 each

DATE \_\_\_\_\_ ARRL MEMBER? Y \_\_\_\_\_ N \_\_\_\_\_ RRRRA Member? Y \_\_\_\_\_ N \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

CALL \_\_\_\_\_ CLASS \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDITIONAL Family Members: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Circle All That Apply:

Active Bands: 160 80 75 40 30 20 17 15 12 10 6 2 220 440 higher

Modes: CW - SSB - PACKET - RTTY - FM - DX - MOBILE - QRP - SSTV - ATV - EME - SAT

Interests: Traffic - DX - Contests - Foxhunts - Satellites - Nets - Antennas - Computers  
Emergency - ARES/RACES - Skywarn - Classic Radios (circle all that apply)

Do you plan to upgrade your license? Y \_\_\_\_\_ N \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, what class? \_\_\_\_\_

What kinds of meeting programs would you like to see?

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Other activities you would like to see the Club offer

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General Comment's

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_



The American Radio Relay League's round-up of the forthcoming week's DX activity on the amateur radio bands

This week's bulletin was made possible with information provided by AD8J, W2GD, The Daily DX, the OPDX Bulletin, 425 DX News, DXNL, Contest Corral from QST and the ARRL Contest Calendar and WA7BNM web sites. Thanks to all.

**MALDIVES, 8Q.** Karel, OK2WM and Vlad, OK2WX will be QRV as 8Q7WM and 8Q7WX, respectively, from February 13 to March 8. They will be QRV on 160, 80 and 40 meters using mainly CW. QSL to home calls.

**BAHRAIN, A9.** Members of the Bahrain Amateur Radio Society are QRV as A91SD until February 12 to support Bahrain Sport Day. QSL via EC6DX.

**CHINA, BY.** Members of Chinese Radio Amateurs Club station BY1CRA are QRV with special event station BY1CRA/WO22 during the 2022 Winter Olympics and Paralympics. QSL via operators' instructions.

**CAPE VERDE, D4.** Rob, DM4AO will be QRV as D44AO from February 13 to 25. Activity will be holiday style on 80 to 10 meters, and possibly 160 meters, using mostly CW. This includes being an entry in the upcoming ARRL International DX CW contest. QSL to home call.

**ANTARCTICA.** Sergiy, UT9UX is QRV as EM1U from Base Vernadsky on Galindez Island in the Biscoe Islands, IOTA AN-006, until mid-April. Activity is on various HF bands. QSL via UT7UA.

**ECUADOR, HC.** John, N9EAJ is QRV as HC1FIT from a mountaintop location near the city of Otavalo in the Imbabura Province of Ecuador until February 24. Activity is on 40 to 10 meters using SSB with some slow CW. QSL to home call.

**HONDURAS, HR.** John, AD8J will be QRV as HR9/AD8J from Guanaja Island, IOTA NA-057, from February 12 to 26. Activity will be on 80 to 10 meters, including the newer bands, using CW, some SSB, and FT8. This includes being an entry in the upcoming ARRL International DX CW contest. QSL via LoTW.

**SAUDI ARABIA, HZ.** Members of the Saudi Amateur Radio Society are QRV as 7Z3FD, 8Z3FD, and HZ3FD to celebrate Saudi Founding Day. QSL via ClubLog.

**ITALY, I.** Operators of the UN Global Service Center ARC are QRV with special call sign 4U13FEB until the end of February to support World Radio Day. QSL via 9A2AA.

**OGASAWARA, JD1.** Sam, JE1XUZ will be QRV as JE1XUZ/JD1 from Chichijima, IOTA AS-031, from February 12 to 15. Activity will be in his spare time on the HF bands using CW, SSB, and FT8. QSL via LoTW.

**ARUBA, P4.** John, W2GD will be QRV as P44W from February 14 to 21. Activity will be as time permits on the HF bands, with an emphasis on the newer bands. This includes being a Single Op/All Band, possibly Low Power entry in the upcoming ARRL International DX CW contest. QSL direct to N2MM.

**SEYCHELLES, S7.** Amir, 4X6TT is QRV as S79/4X6TT from Mahe Island, IOTA AF-024. Activity is on the HF bands, with particular interest given to 30, 17, and 12 meters. His length of stay is unknown. QSL via N4GNR.

**COTE D'IVOIRE, TU.** Petr, OK1BOA, Petr, OK1FCJ and David, OK6D are QRV as TU5PCT until February 12. Activity is on 160 to 6 meters using CW, SSB, RTTY, and FT8. QSL direct to OK6DJ.

**ST. KITTS AND NEVIS, V4.** Bill, W3UL is QRV as V47UM from Nevis, IOTA NA-014. Activity is on the HF bands. He will be active part time in the CQ World Wide RTTY WPX Contest. This also includes being active in the upcoming ARRL International DX CW contest. QSL to home call.

**MARSHALL ISLANDS, V7.** JT, KD7ADI is QRV as V7/KD7ADI. Activity of late is in his spare time on 40 and 20 meters using FT8. QSL via LoTW.

**KOSOVO, Z6.** Rene, DL2JRM is QRV as Z66BCC from Gjilan and will be active in the CQ World Wide WPX RTTY contest. QSL to home call.

**SOUTH SUDAN, Z8.** Diya, YI1DZ is QRV as Z81D while on work assignment with the UN-WFP. Activity is in his spare time on 80 to 10 meters, including 60 meters, using SSB and FT8. If time allows, he may try to be active on 160 meters. QSL via OM3JW.

**ALBANIA, ZA.** Fred, OE8NDR is QRV as ZA/OE8NDR and has been active on 20 meters using SSB around 0930 to 1000z. His length of stay is unknown. QSL to home call.

**THIS WEEKEND ON THE RADIO.** The CQ World Wide RTTY WPX Contest, NCCC RTTY Sprint, QRP 80-Meter CW Fox Hunt, NCCC Sprint CW Ladder, K1USN Slow Speed CW Test, Asia-Pacific Spring CW Sprint, SKCC Weekend Sprintathon, KCJ Topband Contest, Dutch PACC Contest, OMISS SSB QSO Party, RSGB 1.8 MHz CW Contest and Balkan HF Contest will certainly keep contesters busy this upcoming weekend.

The YLRL YL-OM Contest, PODXS 070 Club Valentine Sprint, K1USN Slow Speed Test, CQC Winter CW QSO Party, 4 States QRP Group Second Sunday Sprint, OK1WC CW Memorial, Worldwide Sideband Activity Contest, RTTYOPS Weeksprint, QRP 40-Meter CW Fox Hunt, Phone Fray, A1Club AWT, CWops Test, VHF-UHF FT8 Activity Contest, Mini-Test 80/40, AGCW Semi-Automatic Key Evening and RSGB 80-Meter Club Data Championship are all on tap from February 14 to 16.

The ARRL School Club Roundup runs from February 14 to 18.

Please see February QST, page 75, and the ARRL and WA7BNM Contest web sites for details.

## Amateur Radio Examinations Monroe, MI

Monroe County Radio Communications Association Amateur Radio examinations are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of every even numbered month at:

**American Red Cross Chapter Bldg.**  
1645 North Dixie Highway  
Monroe, MI 48161

**Registrations preferred**  
**Call for information.**  
**email address and FRN required**

**2022 Schedule:**  
February 19    April 16  
June 18        August 20  
October 15    December 17

### TESTING BEGINS PROMPTLY AT 9:00 AM

Applicants are expected to have all forms filled out and be ready to take tests at that time. Coffee and doughnuts are available at 8:30 AM. For more information or to make reservations, call Paul Trouten - W8PI at 734-854-2224

#### Join us at the next meeting

February 17th at 7:30 pm  
American Red Cross Chapter Bldg.  
1645 North Dixie Highway  
Monroe, MI 48162

#### Local Net

ARPSC Net - Every Monday evening on '72-Monroe (146.72 Mhz) starting at 8:00pm.

ARPSC Meeting first Thursday of every month at the EMD office on Raisinville Rd.. 7:00 PM