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D Fritz Bitz:

June is my busiest month of the year. The hamfest was a great success and everyone I talked to after said it was one of the best ever. Field day went very well and there was always someone there to operate the radio that I saw. I used to have a Technician class on the second Saturday but June was so busy I don't do that anymore. And the last weekend I go up north for the 4th of July, then June is over, July starts and the summer begins winding down.



A friend of mine in the UP has been a ham for many years and was very active in 6 meters and 2 meters back in the 60's and 70's but hasn't been active for years. I spent the last year picking up gear at hamfests and finally put in a 2 meter radio for him this July 4th.

I belong to the Luce county club so I emailed one of the members, Dave, and he agreed to climb the tower to put up the antenna. It was pretty simple and we were done in about 20 minutes and my friend is back on the air. When I asked Dave how much I owed him, he said "The pleasure of getting someone back on the air after years is enough for me".

That, to me, is what much of Amateur Radio is all about. Ya, it's fun to use the radio and meet the challenge of communicating around the world with a minimum of equipment, but it feels just as good to help someone get back on the air and watch them having the fun of making contacts again.

Until next time, 73

See you in the log

Don Fritz, N8BZN, President

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July Club Program

"Ground is a Myth", a video presentation by ARRL First Vice President Kristin McIntyre K6WX. Kristin is an MIT grad and currently a Senior Software Engineer at Apple.

First given at the 2024 ARRL National Convention at the Dayton Hamvention, her presentation will cover the many of the aspects of grounds, where and what we often think they are and where and what they really may not be.

See you at the meeting.

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MCRCA Meeting Minutes for June 19, 2025

Meeting called to order at 7:32 pm, by Don N8BZN.

Introductions: no new members, no upgrade and 3 guests.

MINUTES: Motion by John WA8YZB, supported by Steve KE8MFY, to approve as written in the Herald. Approved.

TREASURER REPORT: Motion by ____ N/A ____, supported by ____ N/A ____, to approve the treasurer's report as passed out to the membership. Approved.

DX REPORT: Tom KG8P, 3YØK DX-pedition to Bouvet Island February 2026 (#10 most wanted) \$165 million price tag, Paypal via donate@3y0k.com is appreciated to help us offset some our cost. Thank you! Band conditions are all strange lately, 6m open frequently, can use Moxon Antennas.

CONTESTING: Paul W8PI, - WV QSO Party June 20, 21 – Field Day June 28, 29. – RAC Canada Day July 1 – AL QSO Party July 26.

TESTING: Paul - Next session - Sat. August 16, 2025, 9 am. **Appointments Preferred – Must have FRN and email.**

CLASSES: Don - Next class - Sat. Aug. 9, 2025 contact Don N8BZN – **Technician class**

Hamfest – Don – Thank you to all who helped, weather was perfect. Numbers to be presented next month.

Field Day – Paul - Field Day Vienna park has been reserved for June 28 & 29th. Proof of Insurance sent.

Need overnight operators for Field Day. Held at Vienna Park, Temperance. Set up starts at 9 am Saturday, Event starts at 2 pm, and ends at 2 pm Sunday. 6 pm Potluck, club provides hot dogs, Sausages, and Hamburgers. Members are asked to bring a dish to pass.

ARPSC Erie Run Saturday June 14th. ARPSA meets on First Thursday of the month at EMD. Links on mcrca.org website. Weekly nets held on Mondays at 8 pm on the 146.72 repeater. Next event is the 4th of July parade in Dundee.

RRRA: Everything is running and they are working on a few new projects.

OLD BUSINESS: Club T-shirts, Hoodies, and sweatshirts. contact Barb NM8I for orders.

NEW BUSINESS: Scholarship awarding to - William Ingels – Bedford. He will be majoring in Computer Engineering at Michigan Tech.

DOOR PRIZE DRAWING: John Turner, WA8YZB

50/50: Steve Ingels, donated back to scholarship.

PROGRAM: Learn how to insure your valuable radio gear

ADJOURNED: 8:40 pm

ATTENDANCE: 20	NM8I Barb	WA8EFK Dale	N8BZN Don
KN8CR Jeff	K9JP Jeff	N8RWI John	N8DXR John
WA8YZB John	KJ8H Keith	N8KUF Mike	KA8PQH Neil
W8PI Paul	KD8ZUI Robert	KE8CQO Ron	KE8MFY Steve
N8NYP Terry	KG8P Tom	WJ8J Charles	William Ingels
Steven Ingels			

Committees

Club Station

Wes Busdiecker KC8SKP

DX Net

Soon

Field Day

Jeff Breitner KA8NCR

Finance

Paul Trouten W8PI (chair)

Fred VanDaele K8EBI

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2025 Field Day Entry - Confirmation

Entry Update. You've successfully updated your Field Day entry, as well as uploaded all required documentation. Your confirmation number is **28hbhgkp**. A summary of your updated submission is provided below for your review, as well as e-mailed to you. If you have any questions about your entry, please contact the Contest section at contests@arrl.org.

If you need to further update your entry, enter soapbox comments or upload photos of your Field Day activities, please use the appropriate link below (also included in the e-mail sent to you).

Summary

Entry received at: 2025-07-07 14:27:01 UTC

Submitted by: **Jeff Breitner, KN8CR**

Call Used: **W8PI** GOTA Station Call: **W8DWL** ARRL/RAC Section: **MI** Class: **2A**

Participants: **28** Club/Group Name: **Monroe County Radio Communications Association**

Power Source(s): **Generator**

Power Multiplier: **2X**

Preliminary Total Score: 6,347

Bonus Points:

Bonus	Points	Status
100% emergency power	200	
Media publicity	100	File [Screenshot 2025-07-07 at 10.17.18.png] previously uploaded
Public location	100	
Formal message to ARRL SM/SEC	100	File [scan_20250706115802.pdf]
W1AW Field Day message	100	File [FD Bulletin 2025.txt] previously uploaded
Formal messages handled (max of 100)	100	File [scan_20250706115802.pdf] previously uploaded
Site visit by invited elected official	100	
Site visit by invited served agency	100	
Educational activity	100	
Safety officer	100	File [Field Day-SO.pdf] previously uploaded
Social media	100	
Satellite QSO	100	
GOTA Station	1405	
GOTA Coach	100	
Entry submitted via web	50	

Total bonus points 2,855

Score Summary - File [W8PI.dup] previously uploaded

	CW	Digital	Phone	Total
Total QSOs	523	130	440	
Total Points	1046	260	440	1746

Claimed Score = (QSO points x power mult) = **3,492**

Band/Mode QSO Breakdown:

Band	CW		Digital		Phone	
	QSOs	Pwr(W)	QSOs	Pwr(W)	QSOs	Pwr(W)
160m	0	0	0	0	0	0
80m	56	100	50	100	6	100
40m	224	100	50	100	141	100
20m	222	100	0	0	0	0
15m	17	100	0	0	0	0
10m	0	0	0	0	0	0
6m	0	0	30	100	2	100
2m	0	0	0	0	0	0
222	0	0	0	0	0	0
432	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0
Satellite	4	25	0	0	10	25
GOTA					281	100
Total	523		130		440	

GOTA Station: GOTA Coach - 100 Bonus Points

Name	Call	QSOs	Bonus Points
Ed	K8ZCX	182	910
Neil	KA8PQH	99	495

Send comments or questions about this page to [ARRL Contest Manager](#)

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Some thoughts:

MCRCA-8 and MCRCA-9 are the only functioning laptops for FD. This lead to having to merge separate logs (again) and I'm not sure if the dupe file actually correct. We need to address this before next year.

It isn't just the hassle of merging, it's the risk of a dupe check file that won't run the ARRL's automated process. Best case we're disqualified, worst case is I or the club gets nicked for fraudulent submissions and banned from ARRL contests.

Anyone having photos of safety officer related details, public information table, I can still submit those for bonus points for another two weeks.

Finally, might want to re-imagine the event or messaging given participation in the contest and the picnic seems to continue to taper-off.

Jeff Breitner, KN8CR

Mon, July 7 at 11:05 AM



Changes to Canadian Sections may have consequences for Four ARRL contests

By VE3KG, Dave Goodwin

Radio Amateurs of Canada (RAC) has just announced the creation of a new section in our field organisation. The new section is Yukon (YUK). This is a division of the old Territories (TER) section. Radio Amateurs in the Yukon Territory are now located in the YUK section, while Radio Amateurs in the Northwest Territories and Nunavut continue to be located in the Territories (TER) section.

This change took effect on 1 July 2025. The change was made at the request of Radio Amateurs in Yukon who volunteered to organise a distinct section for that territory. It was announced in RAC's journal, The Canadian Amateur (TCA), for July/August 2025.

The change was not made for the purposes of contests, but there are consequences for four ARRL operating events:

- ARRL Field Day
- ARRL Sweepstakes CW
- ARRL Sweepstakes SSB
- ARRL 160 meter Contest

ARRL have been informed. ARRL may choose to modify the rules and publicity for those four events.

This change will have no impact on any other ARRL contest, any RAC contest, or any other major contest. There are several US QSO parties that use Canadian sections for multipliers. The organizers of those QSO parties may also choose to modify their rules and publicity.

Authors of contest logging software should watch for an announcement from ARRL about whether there will be changes to those four ARRL events.

This increases the number of sections in RAC's field organization from fourteen (14) to fifteen (15):

Alberta (AB)
British Columbia (BC)
Golden Horseshoe (GH)
Manitoba (MB)
New Brunswick (NB)
Newfoundland and Labrador (NL)
Nova Scotia (NS)
Ontario East (ONE)
Ontario North (ONN)
Ontario South (ONS)
Prince Edward Island (PE)
Québec (QC)
Saskatchewan (SK)
Territories (TER)
Yukon (YUK) - NOTE: this addition is the only change.

73,, Dave Goodwin VE3KG

Scholarship winner

This year's 2025 Chuck DeWilde Memorial Scholarship winner is **William Ingels**, from Bedford Senior High School. His future career goal is to earn a Computer Science Degree and a Master's Degree in Artificial Intelligence and Robotics. He plans on working for an Innovated Robotics Company. Good Luck William.



MCRCA Dues run from January 1st to December 31st.
Please check your name on the sheet below to see where you stand.
You can fill out the form on the next page to pay your dues.

June 19, 2025

Call	Name	Exp date	Call	Name	Exp date
KE8PUN	Aaron Liske	2025	KJ8H	Keith Hutchinson	2025
NM8I	Barbara Wilson	2025	KE8LRD	Ken Grooms	2024
KE8TPU	Bill Mercer	2022	KE8BYC	Lance Charter	2020
KB8KQC	Brenda VanDaele	2025	KE8OTG	Larry Lenhart	2023
KF8AOL	Bob Morrison	2025	KE8QGU	Madonna Burkitt	2024
WB8GUN	Bob Van Klinger	2025	W8MCW	Mark Wheeler	2027
KE8WYY	Brian Paules	2025	KN6EYQ	Mark White	2022
W8BKT	Brian Tennyson	2020	KE8RCO	Matthew West	2021
KE8RCN	Brody Madlock	2021	KE8UWZ	Mike Courington	2024
WA8EFK	Dale Williams	2025	KE8TYC	Mike Isbell	2022
KC8BUD	Daniel Bain	2024	N8KUF	Mike Karmol	2025
KB8AQJ	Dan Kay	2025	AD8EV	Michael Mc Peek	2021
	Nancy Kay	2025	KA8PQH	Neil Remaklus	2025
AC8SI	Dave Buchko	2026	KF8AYH	Omar Metwally	2025
W8IIE	Dave Benoit	2023	W8PI	Paul Trouten	2025
K8EKG	David Hatfield	2024	KC8AZZ	Peter Forgacs	2025
KE8RXC	Debbie Bardoni	2022	KE8YQE	Phil Bardoni	2025
KC8CCR	Debbie Forgacs	2025	W8NBS	Randy Meyer	2022
KF8DZD	Delmer Taylor	2025	N9PWL	Rick Durham	2027
KE8ZAR	Dennis Hulvey	2025	KE8UNH	Rick Wykle	2022
N8BZN	Donald Fritz	2025	KD8ZUI	Rob Howe	2026
KF8CCH	Doug Orr	2026	K8HV	Robert Lawrence	2022
K8OF	Doug Wherry	2026	KE8OSX	Ron Duvall	2025
WS8Y	Ed Keller Jr	2023	KE8CQO	Ron Hills	2025
KC8RQK	Fred Kinsey	2025	KD8ZNZ	Rodney Haddix	2026
K8EBI	Fred VanDaele	2025	WO0O	Russ DeCrease	2025
KB8OSU	George Low	2026	KD8HYS	Sandra Burr	2026
KE8VTT	Isaac Burkey	2025	W8SMB	Scott Burkey	2025
KE8VLW	James Kiester	2024	WA8PYL	Scott Retzlaff	2025
WD8NWF	James Toomey	2025	KE8MFY	Steve Orlowski	2025
KN8CR	Jeff Breitner	2024	N8NYP	Terry Kolton	2028
K8OLV	Jeff Giles	2026	N8OSC	Tom Cooper	2024
KE8WMY	Jefferson Mathews	2023	KE8UDH	Tom Hughey	2022
K9JP	Jeff Peters	2025	KE8KNZ	Tom Imlach	2022
N8RWI	John Bills	2025	KG8P	Tom Jenkins	2025
N8DXR	John Copeland	2026	KE8NSU	Tony Griffin	2025
K8UMF	John Miller	2025	KC8SKP	Wes Busdiecker	2025
WA8YZB	John Turner	2025	N8MWQ	Woody Kirkman	2023

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, 4 Carl Dr, Monroe, MI 48162.

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 – DIGITAL - PACKET - RTTY - FM - DX - MOBILE - EME - SAT - ATV - SSTV

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?

Other activities you would like to see the Club offer _____

General Comment's _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Amateur Radio Examinations Monroe, MI

Monroe County Radio Communications Association Amateur Radio examinations are held the 3rd 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

2025 Schedule:
February 15 April 19
June 21 August 16
October 18 December 20

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

July 17th 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

One Day Bi-Monthly Technician classes

Next class will be August 9th, 2025.

The Monroe County Radio Communications Association (MCRCA) is offering a one-day Amateur Radio course for the **Technician** class license. The class will run from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM on the **second Saturday of every even numbered month**. The cost is \$10 and includes lunch, snacks and beverages. The test will be conducted immediately following the class and has a separate fee of \$14. These classes will be held at the Red Cross building, 1645 N Dixie Hwy, Monroe, MI 48162.

There is a maximum class size of 10 people on a first come first served basis and you should sign up no later than 1 week before the class. All study material and testing paperwork will be provided at the time you sign up and you should plan on doing some pre-class studying to make things easier in the class.

If you are interested in becoming a Ham Radio Operator, please call or email me to get signed up for the next class.

N8BZN Don Fritz / (419) 345-4495 after 6PM / Donfritz56@gmail.com

New MCRCA Members

Please welcome recent new members to the club.

Rick Durham, N9PWL