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Membership Information:

Membership in the Muncie Area Amateur Radio Club (MAARC) is open to all Amateurs. Applications should be submitted to the club secretary. The purpose of MAARC is to bring together, for their mutual benefit, persons interested in the various areas of the Amateur Radio Service. Any interested person is cordially invited to attend one or more of our regularly scheduled meetings. We meet on the third Sunday of the month at the Marin-Hunt school library in Muncie at 2 PM. This month's meeting will be March 20, 2005.

Please send general club correspondence to:

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Local Nets

Here is an update of my very incomplete list of VHF / UHF nets in our region. I based it from a list provided by Dick, KB9NPU, Gary KB9ZUV plus other data gathered from the nets. Please let me know of other nets or corrections so that it can be periodically updated. All times are local time, +/- S indicates offset/simplex.

Sunday:

7:00 PM	147.51S	New Castle Simplex
9:00 PM	146.73-	MAARC Net
	146.79-	Grant Co ARC

Monday:

8:00 PM	147.03+	Wabash Co
	146.82-	ARES Anderson
	444.375+	Muncie 440 net
9:00 PM	146.685-	Connersville
	146.94-	Fort Wayne- Helping Hand
9:30	53.43	Connersville 6m (131.80 tone?)

Tuesday:

7:30 PM	145.33-	Greenfield
	147.27+	Richmond
8:00 PM	146.55S	Tipton Simplex Net
8:30 PM	28.330	New Castle hf net
9:00 PM	145.43-	Alexandria
	224.04-	Parker City

Wednesday:

7:30 PM	145.31-	Grant Co GM Net
	146.70-	Indianapolis ARES
8:00 PM	146.66-	Blackford Co ARC

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The President's Corner



Josh Beeson, N9GQA
President

Greetings to my fellow club members. My apologies for missing last month's meeting but the flu had me down for about a week and I did not want to pass it on.

Well spring is basically upon us even if it does not feel like it outside yet. With spring comes severe weather and outdoor antenna work. I hope everyone uses extreme caution

with both and have a safe year in 2005. I have been informed that EMA will be hosting a technician class in the near future. I will pass the dates and times along as soon as I have them. It is also time to start thinking about Dayton Hamvention and Field Day. I hope to see everyone at the meeting Sunday.

73's, Josh, N9GQA

ARRL SPOTLIGHTS HAM RADIO AT EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE

The ARRL promoted Amateur Radio at the National Emergency Management Association (NEMA) Mid-Year Conference February 12-15 in Washington, DC. With help from Maryland-District of Columbia Section Emergency Coordinator Mike Carr, WA1QAA, and Assistant Section Manager and Emergency Coordinator Jim Cross, WI3N, ARRL Emergency Communications Course Manager Dan Miller, K3UFG, staffed an Amateur Radio exhibit booth at the gathering.

"This event provided excellent exposure for Amateur Radio

to the larger emergency management community," Miller said.

"Interaction with those representing many diverse levels of emergency management is a win-win proposition." Miller said the ARRL's presence further established the League as a national point of contact to answer questions about Amateur Radio's emergency communication capabilities. At the same time, he said, it gave League representatives a chance to hear the concerns of emergency managers for followup with local ARES teams.

The conference also offered an opportunity

for NEMA members--ARRL included--to discuss the many challenges facing the emergency management world, to share solutions, grow professionally, network with peers and strengthen relationships with partner organizations. NEMA also shared with federal officials its views on emergency preparedness for all hazards. Individuals and organizations involved in shaping the future of homeland security and emergency management offered presentations and forums.

Miller said many of the nearly 350

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Editor's Notes

They got nerve! I am writing this just after Ball State's "spring" break. It snowed 3 days and was cold for the rest of the week! At best it was a mid-semester break but don't call it a "spring" break. I couldn't even get out to clean up



Dave,
WA1MKE

some of the storm debris left over from the January storm.

Josh (N9GQA) and I made a trip to the Teacher's College roof to examine the club's antennae. The 440 antenna had been removed since it split in two pieces. A termination was placed on the 440 heliax to protect the repeater. The

other antennae were OK but need a closer examination once the weather improves. The wind was tough up there! We went to the physical plant electrical shop to retrieve the antenna. It was shattered in two. I brought the pieces to the Tuesday breakfast this past week so that others might see it. I'll also bring it to the coming meeting.

I called Don (K1FZY) and he told me that the old 440 antenna, a four dipole bay

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attendees representing federal and state emergency management and other agencies around the US stopped by the ARRL booth to complete a short questionnaire and to discuss Amateur Radio-- with a focus on emergency communications.

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	145.39-	Madison Co ARC
9:00 PM	147.36+	Henry Co ARC
Thursday:		
7:30 PM	146.565S	Muncie Simplex Net
8:00 PM	145.39-	Madison Firebird Net
	444.675+	Anderson ARES
	144.20	Muncie 2m ssb
8:30 PM	50.175S	usb NET Anderson
9:00 PM	146.79-	Grant Co YL Net
Friday: None		
Saturday:		
8:00 PM	146.685-	Huntington Co
Daily Nets:		
6:00 AM	146.73-	Weather net
6:30 PM	146.88-	IMO Net, Fort Wayne

Please send corrections, updates, and additions!
The Editor

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could be used. The only problem is that the damaged antenna is a dual band antenna. The 440 line also contains the APRS repeater signal on two meters. We hope to get 440 back on with the four bay antenna but we will need to find something else if we want to have APRS too.

-73 - Dave, WA1MKE

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The Spring Sprints Are Here!

Sprints are short duration contests. April is the time frame for the Spring Sprints - short duration competitions on the VHF bands. Here are the dates:

April 4	2 m
April 12	220 MHz
April 20	432 MHz

All start at 7PM local time. The exchange is your callsign and grid square.

For Sale/Wanted:

This space is available to all members!

The price is right for your ad!

Radio Gear For Sale from the Estate of Dan Hisle AA9QO (sk)

Phone 289-6462 between 8am and 2pm. Or contact via email: ACYPUCKETT@HOTMAIL.COM (non-amateur will answer). All gear is good to excellent shape – was working prior to being put in storage:

TEN TEC Paragon model 585 – model 238 antenna tuner, power supply, microphone and manual . \$700 obo

KENWOOD TH22AT handi-talkie with microphone and rubber duck. Also has a telescoping antenna. \$125

ICOM IC2100 2 meter mobile with mike and manual \$185 obo

MFJ hf/vhf/uhf SWR analyzer MFJ 265 with manual \$250 obo

MFJ memory keyer model 492 with pwr supply \$50

MICRONTA 12 volt power supply \$75

DELTA 4 Antenna Switch 4 position with surge protector \$40

BENCHER silver plated paddles \$50

UNIDEN Bearcat Scanner BC100XLT make offer

Radio Shack scanner P2041 make offer

UNIDEN GRANT XL mobile CB's with mikes's (3 are available) make offer

RADIO SHACK 10 amp power supply \$75

RADIO SHACK 2 meter power amplifier (30 watt) \$45

REALISTIC CB base rig make offer

RADIO SHACK 1000 channel Dual Truncking Scanner PRO 95 make offer

Miscellaneous: several ham radio books/manuals, a couple of magnetic antennas, and several hook-up wires. A vertical antenna and a small tower may also be available.

JOHN DEERE Snow Blower 5 speed, self-propelled about 1 yr old. Asking \$1500

I have a collection of 5 ft to 15 ft sections of Andrew FSJ1 (1/4 in) heliax. No expensive connectors needed since a PL259 + RG59 sleeve works. \$0.60/ ft. I also have a *Greenlee* 1-1/8 inch radio chassis punch, \$10. Dave, WA1MKE, 358-3280

Do You have something for sale?

Your ad could be here!

Please send your ad to me at

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