

Muncie Area Amateur Radio Club
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The MAARC Exciter

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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 November 20, 2005.

Please send general club correspondence to:

MAARC president
PO Box 1441
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MAARC Christmas Dinner

Plans for our annual Christmas dinner have been finalized. Here are the particulars:

Date: Thursday, December 8, 2005

Time: 6:30 PM

Place: Hazelwood Christian Church
1400 W. University Ave
Muncie, IN

Cost: \$9 per person (no children's price was quoted)

The menu includes the following:

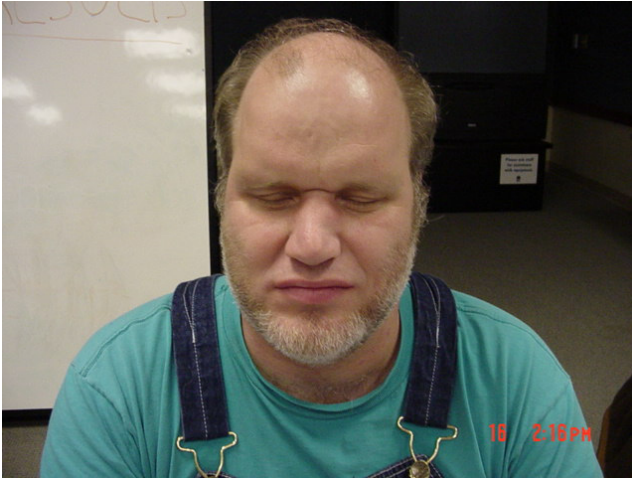
Baked Steak, dinner roll, green beans cheesy potatoes, tossed salad, assorted deserts.

Please indicate on your reservation form if diabetic deserts are required (form on the back page!). Drinks include pop, diet pop, coffee, water, and milk.

Reservations must be received by the club no later than **November 20, 2005** which is the November meeting. A form is included in this issue. It is important to send in your reservation so we can get the correct count to the caterers.

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The President's Corner



**Gary Lee, KB9ZUV
President**

FROM THE LITTLE BROWN SHACK OUT BACK

First of all, I wish to thank the membership of the Muncie Area Amateur Radio Club for entrusting me with the office of President. I hope to put the club on the road to a better and brighter future during my term of office.

And now for what you've all been waiting for; my agenda for the next year.

1. Resolve all remaining repeater issues.
2. Finalize the inventory of club assets, and decide on their disposition.
3. Formalize our relationship with the Delaware County EMA.
4. Promote club activities and membership.
5. Adhere to the club's constitution and by-laws.
6. Finish constructing the club's web site and make provisions for its continued upkeep.

Progress So Far

1. The club purchased an Arcom rc210 repeater controller. This is currently being wired, tested, and set up by Bill Walker; n9ri. When all work is finished, it will control all three of the club's repeaters.
2. I am working closely with the club trustee to finalize the club's inventory which will then be presented to the membership. At that time, we can then begin deciding on the disposition of those assets.
3. The executive committee has appointed Dave Doiron (wa1mke) to investigate the creation of a formal letter of understanding between the club and the Delaware County EMA.
4. To be decided soon. Your input is requested in this matter.
5. These will be placed on the club web site for download. I ask each of you to give these laws study. I expect any member to bring any breach of our constitution to my attention immediately. Remember, this is your club.
6. I will attempt to get a basic framework in place, and will then be looking for a more permanent web master.

COMMITTEES

According to the club constitution, the executive committee consists of the club officers and the trustee.

This committee met immediately following the October meeting, and in accordance with Article V., section 4, appointed the technical committee. This committee consists of Bill Walker n9ri, Dave Doiron wa1mke, Josh Beeson n9gqa, and Sunny McCoy wa9dol.

Editor's Notes

It is mid November and the first half of the ARRL November SS and the CQWW (CQ magazine's World Wide contest) have gone by. We are approaching the bottom of the sun spot cycle as my 10 meter contacts were at a minimum! This coming week-



Dave,
WA1MKE

end is an Amateur Radio "Trifecta" for MAARC members. There is the Fort Wayne Hamfest on Saturday and Sunday. The second half of the ARRL Sweepstakes starts Saturday, and we have our own meeting on Sunday!

I plan to be at Fort Wayne and I hope to see many of you there.

I have included images of the new

repeater controller below. As many of you have heard (on the air), the new controller has been installed on the 146.73 machine. The two other machines will follow soon. N9RI, Bill Walker has put in a great deal of effort to get this project completed. Thanks Bill!

Please note that there is a form on the back page for the Christmas dinner. We need to get it back from you by the meeting date (November 20).

-73- de Dave, WA1MKE

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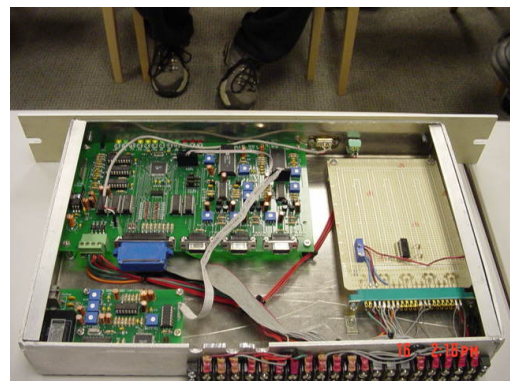
As you may have noticed, the membership of the technical committee has changed. This, however, does not mean that any other club member may not assist with technical issues. If you have a desire to assist the technical committee, please inform me or any member of the committee of this fact, and the areas in which you have interest or expertise. Again, this is your club, and without your help and support, it will not succeed.

In closing, I again ask for your help and support as we embark on another year of amateur radio in the Muncie area. Please feel free to contact me with any ideas, suggestions, or issues relating to the club. I can be reached by email at kb9zuv@arrl.net, or most evenings on the 146.73 repeater.

73

Gary Lee

Our new repeater controller



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MAARC 2005 Christmas Dinner Reservation Form

Name _____

How Many Reservations _____ x \$9.00 = \$ _____ enclosed

Do you have any special Requests (e.g. diabetic dessert)?

Please forward this form or a reasonable facsimile to

MAARC
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Or bring this form to the November meeting

For Sale/Wanted:

Cushcraft A4S tribander, with all hardware,
new, not in original box \$400

Cushcraft 2 meter boomer model 4218xl

18 element yaggi \$175

Contact Don Van Horn k1fzy

I have a collection of 5 ft to 25 ft sections of
Andrew FSJ1 (1/4 in) heliax. No expensive
connectors needed since a PL259 + RG59
sleeve works. \$1.00/ 3 ft.

Dave, WA1MKE, 358-3280

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Please send your ad to me at
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