



The MAARC EXITER

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 - 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 Maring-Hunt school library in Muncie at 2 PM. July's meeting will be on July 16, 2006 at 2 PM.
 - Please send general club correspondence to:
 - MAARC President
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Volunteers still needed for Muncie Endurathon , Sat. , July 15, 2006

I am still looking for a few volunteers to help out with emergency communications during the Muncie Endurathon. It takes place this Saturday in the Muncie Prairie Creek Reservoir Area. The positions that are still available are on the pontoons from 5:30 AM until about 9 AM, the bike course from 7:30 AM until about 1PM, and on the run course from about 8 AM until about 4 PM when the course closes. Volunteers will be stationed along the course to relay emergency requests for medical assistance and normal requests for supplies or other help at your location. These requests will be passed along via the 146.73 repeater and 146.49 sim-

plex. You will receive a cool staff T-shirt and a meal for your help. You will also have the chance to practice your emergency communication net skills. If you have any questions or wish to volunteer, please contact me as soon as possible at 765-212-9904 (leave a message on voicemail if I do not answer) or by email at n9gqa@arrl.net. I will also be available beginning at 5 AM on Saturday on the 146.73 repeater if you decide you want to help at the last minute. Let's show the community



what ham radio is about by volunteering our skills for the safety of the athletes. I hope to hear from you soon. Thanks and 73's , Josh, N9GQA.

Field Day 2006 Was a Lot of Fun!

It was beautiful weather during the weekend of June 24-25 , 2006. I got to the Field Day site at Morrow's Meadow at about 11 AM on Saturday and there was already several people there setting up. They already had three

wire antennae up and were starting to set up the shelter tarps. I assisted them in getting the tarps up and then I helped Joe Krupa, N1ESB set up a G5RV and a vertical HF antenna on a tripod that

belonged to him. We then set up our tents. We had a lot of fun trying to make contacts but we found that 5 watts just was not enough so I went home and brought back my 100 watt rig and we started making numerous con-

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tacts on several of the bands. We had a lot of fun experimenting with the different antennae and radios throughout the weekend. After a time of making contacts, I went down to the river which flowed by the site and spent some time fishing. I did not catch anything but it was still a lot of fun. I did notice that there did not seem to be very many who decided to



spend the night but those of us that did were able to enjoy a midnight feast cooked by Jim McDonald, KB9LEI. Thanks for the good food Jim! I am not sure how many contacts we had overall but I think everyone enjoyed themselves. There were quite a few visitors through the site of Saturday and Sunday. Several people got on the air for the first time. Several

more of us spent some time just socializing with the people around the site. It was good to see several of you that I had not seen in awhile. It was also great to see a few families came out to participate too. Overall I enjoyed the weekend tremendously, even though I missed tear down and the meeting due to a family emergency and I had to leave about noon on Sunday. I hope everyone else had a good time also. Well, I will wrap this up and leave you with one final question, what do you want to do for Field Day 2007? If you have ideas and suggestions please let the club officers know so we can begin planning for next year. 73's, Josh Beeson, N9GQA

The President's Corner

FROM THE LITTLE BROWN SHACK OUT BACK

Well, its July, field day is past, and its time for all sorts of activities. Many hams find their operating time reduced by family reunions, yard work, vacations, etc. However, it also is a great time to get out and operate portable. Whether it is qrp cw from a pocket

sized rig, aeronautical mobile from a plane or balloon, or just walking around with your ht, I encourage you to find time to get out, enjoy the warm weather, and operate.

Happenings over the past month in-



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President

clude field day, storm spotting, repeater work, and a few summer contests.

Speaking of field day, we had great attendance this year by members of the ongoing technician class, as well as members of the club. At one point on Saturday, there were around 50 people at the site, counting spouses and other family members. My thanks go out to kb9lei and the field day committee for a great field day this year. Unfortu-

nately, kc6ete was unable to conduct the fox hunt for personal reasons. Hopefully this will be rescheduled for some time before winter.

The technician licensing class is going well with 24 students enrolled. We plan to have one more lecture session on the 12th, and test on July 19. After that, we should hear the airwaves come alive with a bunch of active new hams. I urge all club members to welcome them

into our wonderful hobby.

Due to changes at the Delaware County EMA, the club has lost the home for its web page. I am currently researching alternate hosting sites, and plan to have alternatives to present at the July Meeting. I ask the members to be patient while we get through this little problem. Also, any suggestions of web hosting sites can be sent to me via email at kb9zuv@arrl.net; or catch me on the 146.73 repeater.

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The 146.73 machine has been aligned to try and remedy the problems with chopping on weaker stations. We were able to make some headway, but a new crystal is required. This will be ordered and installed as time permits.

Finally, I wish to thank n1esb for the use of his generator during field day. This was necessary due to mechanical failure of kc9cqz's motor home. However, once again, amateur flexibility saved the day. I hope to see you all at the club meeting. Until then, 73 from your president, kb9zuv.

N9ri has informed me that the 223.92 repeater is ready to be returned to service. Plans are being made to get it installed and on the

air before the end of this month. Thanks to n9ri, and kc6ete for their efforts in repairing and aligning the machine.

For Sale/ Wanted List

It's free so contact me at N9GQA@ARRL.NET if you have anything you want to list before next month's newsletter deadline which is August 11, 2006.

See Dave, WA1MKE list's of equipment on the club website at WWW.WB9HXG.ORG

Editor's



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Notes

This month has flown by for me. The Muncie Endurathon will be over after Saturday. Field Day is already gone. We will soon be planning the club's Holiday Dinner. Most of the things I wanted to write about have been elaborated on elsewhere in the newsletter so I will not have much to write about here. As Gary, KB9ZUV, already mentioned, the club's website has been inaccessible due to some problem at Delaware County Emergency Man-

agement Agency. I have not been advised what the problem is it was just taken down and access has been denied to the server. I think

we as a club need to keep our website up and running for the public visibility and the easy way to update club members on what is going on. I feel that we need to find a web server provider who will be reliable and give us good service. Even if we have to pay a little to have the service I believe it will pay off for the club in the long run by being able to keep the website up at all times. Well, I will wrap this up and I hope to see everyone at the meeting this month. 73's, Josh, N9GQA

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