



# The MAARC EXITER

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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 Maring-Hunt school library in Muncie at 2 PM. July's meeting will be on August 20, 2006 at 2 PM.
  - Please send general club correspondence to:
  - MAARC President
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## New Hams Licensed

As many of you may know, Gary, KB9ZUV, Skip, KC9CQZ, and I recently completed a Technician Class with as many as 24 attendees at times. As a result of that class, we had fifteen people sit for the exam session and 13 have passed so far. At least four others had issues that prevented them from attending the test session and they plan on testing in Sep-

tember. A special thanks to Kurt Alexander, WB9USA, and his large group of VE's that showed up and conducted the testing in a very quick efficient manner. All the new hams are listed below:

Jeff Hiatt, KC9JWH

Tim Lyon, KC9JUO

Jerry Baker, KC9JWE

Cliff Mckee, KC9JWI

John Mcculloch, KC9JWD

Barbara Frazier,  
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David Weber, KC9JWO

Steve Scherschel,  
KC9JWF

If I have missed anyone or misspelled a name, I apologize in advance.

If you hear one of these new hams on the air, please take time to help them along. We were all new once and these folks are serious about learning amateur radio.

73's de Jim McDonald,

KB9LEI

## Take Your HT To Work Day Not Successful!

I work at Ball State University in the Center for Media Design. I decided to take my amateur radio to work with me for the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual "take your hand-held to work day" on Tuesday, June 20<sup>th</sup>. It is an ARRL initiative to

help enhance the image of ham radio. I thought I could encourage some co-workers to study for the test and get their license. However, most of my colleagues were offended by the remarks heard on the

air throughout the morning. There was discussion of "foreign" women and what they were good for, immigrants who come over the border and why we don't have stronger punishment for immigrants and how they are

## Take Your HT To Work Day Not So Successful! (continued from page 1)

ruining our country and don't belong in the US, mail order brides, and the list goes on. The majority of conversations on the air that morning were completely inappropriate. Most of my co-

workers were offended and one person actually asked me to turn off my radio. I changed frequency but there was no activity on other bands that morning. My first opportunity to

share my hobby with friends was disastrous and now I have to explain the positive aspects of ham radio and share educational conversations with them. 73's Bonnie Krupa, KC9EMV

### The President's Corner

#### FROM THE LITTLE BROWN SHACK OUT BACK

July was a busy month for the club. First of all, we have had 15 of our prospective technicians test, and as of this writing, 13 have passed. My thanks to kb9lei, kc9cqz, n9ri, and all the Muncie VE team for their help with this class.

The 223.92 mhz repeater was

placed back in service on July 20th. Thanks to n9ri, and ka9hij for all their time and effort installing the machine.

A new crystal has been ordered for the 73 machine. Delivery is expected around August 11, with in-



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stallation to follow as time permits. And finally, we are preparing to install the latest firmware into our repeater controller. This will hopefully exorcize the last of the demons from the machine, and allow us to complete programming and make many of its functions available to the club.

Turning to future business, President Mark Baker of the local-Mormon church has invited the club to participate in the churches

emergency preparedness fair to be held on the second Saturday in October from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. Be thinking about what we would like to have set up there, and how many volunteers we will need.

Eric, kc9cqx, is looking into getting the use of part of a vacant school building for a club station and storage for club equipment. I look forward to his report at the August meeting. Be prepared to discuss whether the club will hold its usual

fall picnic in either September or October.

Finally, nominations for officers will be held at the September meeting. I ask all members to think about who they want as officers during the next year.

Well, that's all I can think of at this time. I'll see you all at the August meeting.

73's de Gary Lee, KB9ZUV

## For Sale/Wanted List

I have several items available when I cleaned out the garage of items I have not used in awhile. I am listing them here so they can find a home where they can get used.

If you are interested in any item call me at 765-212-9904 (leave a voice-mail if I do not answer and I will call you back) or email me at [N9GQA@ARRL.NET](mailto:N9GQA@ARRL.NET)

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. ADI AR247 220mhz mobile rig</li> <li>2. Yaesu FT847 HF/50mhz/144mhz/430mhz rig w/ desk mike and manual.</li> <li>3. 2-Astron Power Supplies.</li> <li>4. Ameritron RCS-8V Remote Antenna Switch.</li> <li>5. Yaesu G800S Rotor controller and cable.</li> <li>6. Rigblaster digital inter-</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>face setup complete with cables.</li> <li>7. Tentec 6004 keyer.</li> <li>8. Microwave Modules 430mhz transverter.</li> <li>9. Motorola MTX8000 800mhz trunking portable w/charger/mike/extra batteries.</li> <li>10. Rohn 25G work platform.</li> <li>11. 2 ringo ranger antennas (144mhz/220 mhz).</li> </ol> |
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It's free so contact me at [N9GQA@ARRL.NET](mailto:N9GQA@ARRL.NET) if you have anything you want to list before next month's newsletter deadline which is September 11, 2006.

See Dave, WA1MKE list's of equipment on the club website at [WWW.WB9HXG.ORG](http://WWW.WB9HXG.ORG)

## Editor's



Josh Beeson, N9GQA

## Notes

I have been hearing a lot of negative things being said by hams and the public too about some of the conversations that have been taking place this summer on our club repeater on 146.73 mhz. I am really disappointed to say that I have been listening more in the last month and have heard many of the same things that I had been told about. I am talking

about cursing, very sexual conversations about foreigners and little girls, inappropriate sexual comments, inappropriate racial

comments and slurs, and just plain bad operating habits such as failing to identify according to FCC rules and keying up on other operators, or kerchunking the repeater repeatedly. There is no excuse for this behavior. We need to stop this behavior and direct those who want to participate in such behavior to their cell phone or CB radio. Let's make the 73 repeater a respectable place again. 73, Josh, N9GQA

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