



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 Maring-Hunt school library in Muncie at 2 PM. January's meeting will be on January 21, 2007 at 2 PM.
- Please send general club correspondence to:
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KC9CWB ANTENNA TOWER PROJECT COMPLETED

The antenna tower project that I had spoken about for a long time on the local nets has been completed. Two and a half ten foot sections of rusty tower and a new tower section were obtained. Some torch work was needed to slightly bend each of three tower pipes of the new section to fit the rusty sections. After using steel wool to remove the loose rust, three brushed coats of aluminum paint were applied. My brother drove up from Decatur County to help erect the tower and install a TV antenna, amplifier, rotor and 10 foot tall Comet cx-333 triband vertical antenna. The tip of the triband antenna is about 50 feet above ground. I am impressed at the transmit distance achievable using the HT connected to this antenna. My signal to a weekly Indianapolis net is very good according to the net controller. An excellent web site that was utilized to learn about the Comet antenna is located at www.eham.net. 73's Dale, KC9WCB



Club Celebrates 25TH Anniversary

Written and Released on Dec.13, 2006 by Jim McDonald, KB9LEI

MUNCIE, INDIANA-As amateur radio operators (hams) around the world prepare to celebrate the 100TH anniversary of the first transmission of voice over the airwaves on Christmas Eve, members of the Muncie Area Amateur Radio Club are commemorating 25 years as an affiliated member club with the American Radio Relay League, the national association for amateur radio.

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Gary Lee, KB9ZUV, club president, pointed to the long history of service MAARC members have given to Delaware and surrounding counties. "From the very beginning, hams have been providing communication backup during emergencies ranging from spring storms, blizzards, and flooding," Lee said. "When the government set aside radio frequencies exclusively for ham radio, they did it with the understanding that hams would help where and as needed. "

Through the years, Muncie hams have been called on by National Weather Service in Indianapolis to provide trained spotters in the field during tornado watches and warnings as well as during other times of unstable weather to provide reports from the scene of other weather events. Lee continued, "As an adjunct to our work with NWS, we are fortunate to be associated with Delaware County Emergency Management Agency. Bill Gosnell and David Arnold have provided our club members invaluable training through the years." In addition, MAARC has worked with the Hoosier Heartland Chapter of the American Red Cross and other agencies. "Through the years, we have been fortunate to have a very active and involved membership. I have heard many stories of community involvement of some of our early members and wish I had gotten to know them, but their actions and memories keep our current members pushing to help our communities," Lee said.

"One of the great things about the amateur radio community is the willingness to help. We have about 40 members, but many times hams who are not current members will jump in and help us during an emergency and our members are willing to help other counties when needed. As a matter of fact, a couple of our members were in the Gulf following Hurricane Katrina with their church groups, but took their radios with them to stay in touch, since the communication infrastructure in that part of the country was decimated and amateur radio was providing the bulk of all communication in and out of the affected area," said Lee. 73's Jim McDonald, KB9LEI

The President's Corner

FROM THE LITTLE BROWN SHACK

Well folks, its a new year with new options for amateur radio. With the release of the new FCC R&O, the elimination of the Morse requirement is not far away. I hope that many of our technician class members will now study up and get their general class license and become active on the HF bands. Get that, no more excuses folks. I expect to see a whole herd of new generals by the end of the year. Sorry I couldn't attend the Christmas party, but I hope all who attended had a good time. My thanks go to Skip for picking up the slack while I was down. Now to the new year. There are several items I would like to get finalized during 2007.

1. Finalize the club's relationship with the Delaware County EMA.
2. Determine which club equipment will be kept, and which will be sold. Then, get that equipment sold off.
3. Give the club's constitution and by-laws a good going over and updating.



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4. Get some activities going to generate interest in amateur radio and the club in particular.

5. Elmer the membership along toward the goal of having everyone who wishes to have their general or extra class license.

So, let's all get our thinking caps on, and have a list of ideas ready for our January meeting.

Finally, remember that a list of ideas is good, but we will need willing workers to bring these ideas to fruition.

73, and lets all have a good year.

Gary Lee, KB9ZUV

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 February 12, 2007.

Editor's

Greetings to my fellow club members! I am happy to say that the club holiday dinner had a great turnout and most seemed to enjoy the evening. I do need articles for the newsletter and website so please help me out and send me some articles, photos, or ideas. The deadline for next month's newsletter is February 12, 2007. I would like to thank Dale, KC9WCB, and Jim,



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KB9LEI, for their contributions to the newsletter this

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month. Next, I would like to announce the formation of a new emergency communications group called East Central Indiana EMCOMM . It was created to form a trained communications group to support local emergency communications. If you would like more information contact myself at n9gqa@arrl.net or Joe Krupa, N1ESB, at jkrupa@mac.com. Thanks and 73's, Josh Beeson, N9GQA

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