



ARRL Affiliated Club Coordinator

March 2025 Newsletter

“Get the most from your ARRL membership by distributing this newsletter to all your fellow club members. And as always, I’m here to help you with all your ARRL needs!”

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Dudley KM4IYQ – ARRL E. TN. ACC

“Helping to preserve the future of Amateur Radio.”

ARRL TN Section/Division/National/International **News**

ARRL Audio News

Listen to the latest audio news from ARRL at: [March 2025 News](#)

ARRL Latest QST Issue Link

Be sure and be logged into the ARRL Website: [March 2025 Issue](#)

Hurricane Watch Net Founder Gerald Murphy, K8YUW, now a Silent Key

Gerald E. “Gerry” Murphy, K8YUW, passed away on February 25, 2025. He was 88 years old, and the founder of the Hurricane Watch Net (HWN).

According to a statement released by current HWN manager Bobby Graves, KB5HAV, Murphy, then 28 years old, was stationed at the U.S. Naval Mobile Construction Battalion Center in Davisville, Rhode Island, in 1965. During his time off, he handled countless phone patches and messages to and from military-deployed personnel as a member of the Intercontinental Amateur Radio Net (IARN) on 14.320 MHz.

On Labor Day Weekend that year, Hurricane Betsy was moving through the Bahamas, and many people were asking about this storm. Back then, hurricane forecasting was still in its infancy and the public didn't have access to 24-hour news and weather. "There was so much interest in what the storm was doing that it created a major disruption in IARN activities," said Graves. *"Murphy suggested to the Net Manager to move those interested in the storm up 5 kHz to get them off the net, and the Net Manager agreed. Marcy Rice, KZ5MM, located in the Canal Zone (Panama), followed Murphy, and together they established the first Hurricane Watch Net on 14.325 MHz."* For more info go to: <https://www.arrl.org/news/hurricane-watch-net-founder-gerald-murphy-k8yuw-a-silent-key>

ARRL The National Association for Amateur Radio Launches Dream Station Sweepstakes!

Newington, CT – January 3, 2025 – ARRL The National Association for Amateur Radio® has introduced a sweepstakes, offering members the chance to win an Icom Dream Station including a limited-edition IC-7760 HF/50 MHz transceiver, IC-PW2 amplifier, and microphone, generously donated by Icom America.

Go to the ARRL Sweepstakes Now : <https://www.arrl.org/arrl-sweepstakes>
The ARRL Sweepstakes will run from January 3 to December 31, 2025.

TN ARRL Affiliated Clubs Database Review is completed.

I have completed the review of the entire database for all of our E. TN affiliated clubs for accuracy and most up to date information. If you see anything that needs changing you may login and make those changes or contact me and I will be glad to make the changes for you. Email me at: km4iyq@arrl.net.

TNARRL and TNARES Websites Problems.

Have you noticed the TNARRL and TNARES websites are down? This is the result of a server crash. Our IT guys are working to restore these sites as soon as possible. Good News is the TNARRL site is back up and running but it is not complete and is a work in progress. TNARES website remains down but we hope to have it restored soon.

Dayton Hamvention 2025 Award Winners Announced

The recipients of the 2025 Dayton Hamvention® Awards were announced on March 11, 2025. *"The selection process was highly competitive, given the outstanding quality of nominations submitted this year. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to the winners for 2025,"* said Dayton Hamvention Awards Chair Michael Kalter, W8CI.

Technical Achievement Award:	Dr. Kristina Collins, KD8OXT
Special Achievement:	Julio Ripoll, WD4R
Club of the Year:	RV Radio Network (RVRN)
Amateur of the Year:	Neil Rapp, WB9VPG

For more details about the 2025 winners go to: <https://www.arrl.org/news/dayton-hamvention-2025-award-winners-announced>

Clubs Are Gearing Up for ARRL Ham Radio Open House – April 18th

Momentum is building for ARRL's Ham Radio Open House — an amateur radio event for clubs to put their most technological foot forward and show the public the true modern state of amateur radio. The events are to be held in April across the United States, on or close to World Amateur Radio Day (WARD) on April 18. This year's WARD commemorates 100 years of the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU).

The goal for participation is 50 clubs in 50 states – but the more the merrier. ARRL is working with Ham Radio Science Citizen Investigation (HamSCI and SciStarter to promote the event as part of April being Citizen Science Month.

“We’ve had a lot of clubs express interest and commitment to be a part of Ham Radio Open House,” said ARRL Public Relations and Outreach Manager Sierra Harrop, W5DX. *“Thanks to some great volunteer outreach efforts, clubs are seeing the value of showing off the true current state of amateur radio,”* she said.

Many other clubs in overlapping hobbies are being engaged. Several astronomy clubs have agreed to partner with local ham clubs to co-host the event.

A public information training workshop will be held for ARRL Public Information Coordinators, Public Information Officers, Section Managers, club leaders, and others with an interest in hosting and promoting an ARRL Ham Radio Open House. The live, interactive, webinar is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, March 19, 2025, at 8:30 PM Eastern / 5:30 PM Pacific. Look for a registration link next week.

Plan your Ham Radio Open House in April using the resources and tips at :
<https://www.arrl.org/world-amateur-radio-day>

Free ARRL Student Memberships Are Growing!

That's right, and the clubs really need to be pushing this for all their members who qualify. Student memberships do not get a printed magazine, but they do have access to all 4 magazines online and on the ARRL Magazines app for their smartphone, tablet, and I-Pad. In fact, anyone under the age of 16 who needs VE testing gets a reduced rate of \$5 for the exam fee and the ARRL will pay for the \$35 FCC application fee. That's a great deal for children and seems to be gaining popularity with the Boy Scouts. This deal is only good for VE teams testing under the ARRL VEC. For more information go to:

<https://www.arrl.org/student>

“Radio Connects” The 2025 ARRL Field Day Theme

ARRL FIELD DAY



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ARRL The National Association for Amateur Radio® has released the logo and theme for this year's **ARRL Field Day, June 28 – 29, 2025**.

The theme for 2025 Field Day is **“Radio Connects”** — highlighting the many ways that wireless technology connects people across distances near and far. The event is part picnic, campout, practice for emergencies, informal contest, and most of all, fun! ARRL Field Day is the most popular ham radio activity held annually in the US and Canada. On the fourth weekend in June each year, more than 31,000 hams get together with their radio clubs, schools, or friends to operate from remote locations.

Ham radio provides a connection — both for practical communications and to form relationships with fellow radio amateurs. No matter who you are, or what your background or interests are, if you have an interest in radio and wireless technology, radio connects you with others.

The theme is universal, says ARRL Public Relations and Outreach Manager Sierra Harrop, W5DX. *“Local amateur radio clubs bridge generations. Contacts made across town or around the world allow cultural exchange, right over the air. In times of crisis, radio connects those in need with information. The whole point of amateur radio is the connect, both literally and figuratively,”* she said. Amateur radio also inspires the next generation of technical leaders by providing a hands-on sandbox where students can gain experience in the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM).

Make your plans to connect with radio for ARRL Field Day. Use the Field Day site locator to find a site near you. Clubs planning to host a site may list their event information there, as well.

Improve Your Club's Message Fair Using the Radiogram Gateway!

Your club is planning to staff a table at a local community fair or event. Offer to send radiograms. Recruit volunteers to explain what a radiogram is and, later, send the messages. Who in your radio club is active on the traffic nets? How many members know the radiogram format or know how to send a radiogram message on the air? Fear not! Your club can put its best foot forward and hold an amateur radio message fair with minimal traffic-handling skills using an exciting new tool: the Radiogram Portal!

"It's not a problem if your club lacks an active traffic handler to check into the traffic nets," says Phil Temples, K9HI, who chairs the ARRL EC-FSC NTS subcommittee. "You merely set up a laptop at your message fair using a Wi-Fi connection and allow members of the public to enter their own messages. Later, a skilled traffic handler in your area will pull the message off the portal and send it in a timely fashion."

The Radiogram Portal was successfully demonstrated at the 2024 New England Division Convention. An extensive display sponsored by the Nashua (New Hampshire) Area Radio Society highlighted the NTS and the Radiogram Portal running on a computer, along with a trifold that pictured the NTS2 website, the NTS Letter, training videos, and a downloadable handout available for clubs and public gatherings.

For more information on the Radiogram Portal, visit : <https://nts2.arrl.org/radiogram/>

And Don't Forget the Swag!

2025 ARRL Field Day Radio Connects merchandise is available for preorder from the ARRL Store. All the fan-favorite gear is back: tee-shirts (complete with ARRL Sections checklist on the back!), mugs, and pins are available for shipping in late April 2025. Please note: any orders from the ARRL Store that contain 2025 ARRL Field Day merchandise will be held for shipping until the Field Day items are available in late April.

For more information about 2025 ARRL Field Day and the "Radio Connects" theme — or to start planning your activation. Go to : <https://www.arrl.org/field-day>

[Is Your Club Wanting To Host A Hamfest?](#)

If your amateur radio club is planning to host a convention, hamfest, tailgate, or swapfest, please consider applying for it to be an ARRL-sanctioned event. To learn what it means to be an ARRL-sanctioned event, and to get some ideas on how to prepare for and conduct a hamfest or convention, visit www.arrl.org/arrl-sanctioned-events.

To have your event sanctioned, complete the online application at www.arrl.org/hamfest-convention-application.

Please send a copy of the application that returns to you, to Steve Ewald at sewald@arrl.org.

The ARRL Hamfests and Conventions Calendar can be found online at www.arrl.org/hamfests. In addition, the Convention and Hamfest Calendar that runs in QST each month also presents information about upcoming events.

TN Hamfests/Conventions – Let's Go!

03/22/25 – West TN Hamfest & Swapmeet – Trenton, TN - hcarc.na8x@gmail.com

04/12/25 – Free Fest – Bartlett, TN - <http://maraonline.org/freefest>

04/19/25 – Greeneville Hamfest – Greeneville, TN - <http://www.greenevillehamfest.com>

06/21/25 – Knoxville Hamfest & TN ARRL Convention – Knoxville, TN -
<http://WWW.W4BBB.ORG>

07/19/25 – Greater Nashville & Middle Tennessee HamQuest – Lebanon, TN -
<http://midtnhamquest.com>

07/19/25 – MCARC Hamfest – Athens, TN - <https://mcminnarc.com/>

08/23/25 – Cedars of Lebanon Hamfest – Lebanon, TN - <http://smrclub.com>

To search for other hamfests go to: <https://www.arrl.org/hamfests/search>

Handy ARRL Links

- ARRL Home: www.arrl.org
- ARRL Property/Liability Club and Personal Insurance: <https://www.arrlinsurance.com/>
- Find help with RF assessments: <http://www.arrl.org/rf-exposure>
- Find an ARRL Affiliated Club: www.arrl.org/clubs
- Find your ARRL Section: www.arrl.org/sections
- Find a license class in your area: www.arrl.org/class
- Find a license exam in your area: www.arrl.org/exam
- Find a hamfest or convention: [Hamfests Calendar](#)
- ARRL Teachers Institute: [Teachers Institute](#)
- ARRL Learning Center: [Learning Center](#)

East Tennessee Affiliated Club Links

The following is a list of all the affiliated amateur radio clubs in the eastern half (my area) of TN.:

American Legion Amateur Radio Club – Sevierville, TN. <https://www.legion.org/hamradio3>

Andrew Johnson Amateur Radio Club – Greenville, TN. <https://ajarc.org/>

Amateur Radio Club of the University of TN – Knoxville, TN.
<https://www.utarc.org/p/home.html>

Big South Fork Amateur Radio Club – Huntsville, TN. <https://bsfarc.org/>

Bristol Amateur Radio Club – Bristol, TN. www.facebook.com/groups/w4udbarc/

Campbell County Amateur Radio Club – Jonesboro, TN. www.CCARClub.org

Carter County Amateur Radio Association – Elizabethton, TN. <http://www.wr4cc.org>

Chattanooga Amateur Radio Club – Hixson, TN. <https://www.w4am.net/>

Cleveland Amateur Radio Club – Cleveland, TN. <http://www.carc.cc/>

Cumberland Plateau Amateur Radio Club – Crossville, TN. <http://CPARC.net>

Dekalb-Cannon County Amateur Radio Club – Smithville, TN. <http://www.dccarc.org>

East Tennessee DX Association – Knoxville, TN. <http://www.etsdx.net>

Hawkins Hancock Amateur Radio Team, Inc. – Rogersville, TN.
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/536078334756112/>

Johnson City Radio Association, Inc. - Jonesborough, TN. <https://jcara.org/wp/>

Johnson County Amateur Radio Club – Mountain City, TN. <https://www.w4mct.com/>

Kingsport Amateur Radio Club – Kingsport, TN. <http://w4trc.org>

Bays Mountain Radio Club – Kingsport, TN. <http://w4trc.org>

Lakeway Amateur Radio Club – Talbott, TN. <https://www.facebook.com/lakewayamateurradio/>

Macon Area Amateur Radio Society – Lafayette, TN. <http://MaconHamRadio.com>

Middle East Tennessee Emergency Radio SE – Knoxville, TN. <http://www.metersinc.org>

Oak Ridge Amateur Radio Club, Inc. - Oak Ridge, TN. <http://www.orarc.net>

Off-Grid AuxComm Radio Club – Knoxville, TN. <https://off-gridauxcommradioclub.com/>

Plateau Amateur Radio Club – Monroe, TN. <http://parcltn.com/>

Radio Amateur Radio Club of Knoxville – Knoxville, TN. <https://www.w4bbb.org/>

Rhea County Amateur Radio Club – Dayton, TN. <https://www.rheacountyarc.org/home>

Roane County Amateur Radio Club – Kingston, TN. <http://www.ke4rx.org>

Sevier County Amateur Radio Society – Sevierville, TN. <https://seviercountyars.com/>

Smoky Mountain Amateur Radio Club – Maryville, TN. <https://w4olb.org/about>

Tellico Lake Amateur Radio Club – Lenoir City, TN. <https://tlarc.org/>

Unicoi County Amateur Radio Association – Unicoi, TN. <http://www.ucara.org>

University of Tennessee Amateur Radio Club – Knoxville, TN. utarc@utk.edu

University Amateur Radio Club – Johnson City, TN. info@etsu.edu

Wilson Amateur Radio Club – Lebanon, TN. <https://wilsonarc.org/>