



ARRL Affiliated Club Coordinator May 2024 Newsletter

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Make A Meaningful Difference – Send A Radiogram Instead A statement from our TN Section Manager...

“The Tennessee Section ARRL has seen a renewed focus on traffic handling over the last couple of years. These days, we have more traffic passed on the TN Phone Net in a week than was passed in the average month a few years ago. We handle a lot of mundane radiograms (welcome to the hobby messages, license renewal reminder messages, etc), and that’s a good thing. That kind of daily traffic helps keep us trained and the system running smoothly.

Despite the relatively unexciting and commonplace traffic passed through the daily net, every once in a while something happens that makes me realize what our work can mean to others.

Last week, I took a radiogram on the TN Phone Net originating from an operator in New York addressed to a non-ham near me. The message went something like “There is no love like the love a father has for his daughter”. I called the phone number on the radiogram, and a lady answered. I gave her my name and explained I was an amateur radio operator who lived nearby and that I had a message for her from a ham in New York. When I read the message to her, I could tell she was moved by it. She told me the message was from her father and expressed her appreciation for our efforts in getting it to her. I had written down the message on a blank radiogram as I took it off the phone net, so I said I’d drop it in the mail to her.

Several days later, my hamshack hotline phone rang. It was the fellow from New York calling to thank me for getting his radiogram message to his daughter. He was happy the message had taken a couple of days to make it through the National Traffic System because the message couldn’t have come at a better time. He said the day I called his daughter with his message, she had not had a good day at all, and the message from her father (700 miles away) really meant a lot to her. The timing was just right.

From this positive experience, I would like to make a couple observations:

If you are delivering a piece of traffic to the addressee that’s of a personal nature, please consider writing it down on a radiogram form and dropping it in the mail so they’ll have a copy of it. Telephone or email is the most common “last step” to get to the addressee these days, but there are still times when the actual paper message is important. Like someone mailing a card or a handwritten letter, a paper radiogram is something the person will likely hang on to and appreciate. I remember mailing a paper radiogram message to a new ham last year who was so excited about it that he called to tell me he had framed it and hung it in his shack next to his first QSO card. In today’s world of 30 second social-media video clips and 140 character “tweets” that quickly vanish from our smart phones, the old-fashioned paper radiogram is something “real” and “meaningful”.

Let’s also consider how we can help in originating traffic. Instead of sending someone a birthday card, send them a radiogram. Do you know someone who’s sick or in the hospital? Send them get well wishes with a radiogram. Field Day is coming up in June, so perhaps send a message to a new ham inviting them to visit your club’s Field Day site. How about sending a radiogram to one of your children or grandchildren just to let them know you’re thinking about them; would they not appreciate a personal note from you?

We live in a world where technological advances are moving forward at a pace that folks a generation ago could never have imagined. Despite all the means of communication we have at our disposal, the service we provide with the NTS and passing traffic remains relevant and valued.”

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ARRL Foundation Club Grant Program



The ARRL has long recognized that it is in the best interests of Amateur Radio to encourage and support amateur radio clubs. Clubs historically have recruited, licensed and trained new radio amateurs and have provided the community setting for radio amateurs to continue their education and training. The ARRL Foundation Club Grant Program, funded by a grant from Amateur Radio Digital Communications (ARDC), will make \$500,000 available to clubs, enabling them to more easily provide and expand these important services. The program will provide up to \$25,000 for worthy club projects, while requests for more than that will be referred back to ARDC.

The ARRL Foundation grants program awards limited funding to organizations for eligible amateur radio related projects and initiatives, particularly those with a focus on educating, licensing, and supporting Amateur Radio activities. Youth-based projects and initiatives are especially encouraged. The ARRL Foundation grants program accepts proposals on a cyclical model three times a year.

Grant proposals are accepted from:

- February 1 - February 28
- June 1 - June 30
- October 1 - October 31

All proposals will be reviewed by the Grant Committee at the close of each cycle. Once the Committee agrees on the proposals to fund, they will be sent to the full Foundation Board for a formal vote. Awardees will be notified approximately one month after the closing of each cycle. For more information click on the following link to the grant page: [ARRL Grants](#)

Storms and Tornadoes: Amateur Radio Ready



Strong storms and reports of at least 60 tornadoes have wreaked havoc in the Central U.S. for nearly two weeks. Homes and businesses across Nebraska, Oklahoma, Texas, Missouri, and Iowa were destroyed, and power is still down for more than 30,000 residents. On May 1, 2024, President Joe Biden declared a major disaster exists in Oklahoma, making federal aid available to those affected by last weekend's severe storms in Hughes, Love, and Murray counties.

Section Manager of the ARRL Iowa Section Lelia Garner, WA0UIG, reported that in Iowa, they have moved from response to recovery. Currently, nine counties are under the Iowa State Individual Assistance Grant Program and the Disaster Case Advocacy Program. "Amateur Radio has served our local agencies well. We recently networked at a central Iowa hamfest and are building our emergency communications capacity primarily through [the Amateur Radio Emergency Service® (ARES®)]. ARES resources [include] personnel, experience, meetings, training, [communications] equipment, [and] operating trailers. The opportunity to share our experience and knowledge gained in the field has been critical to supporting ARES in Iowa," said Garner.

Garner added that awareness is the best tool. She stressed that amateur operators and ARES members work to help the National Weather Service and other served agencies in order make their work and the community safer.

ARRL Emergency Management Director Josh Johnston, KE5MHV, agrees that everyone should stay vigilant in their awareness and preparations, even during periods of less activity. Make sure you are prepared at home and that your family has a severe weather plan. This is extremely important if you plan to be mobile or away from your home during a severe weather event. Your safety is the most important thing if you plan to be active during severe weather. Every ham who is interested in severe weather should take the SKYWARN storm spotting class offered by the National Weather Service," said Johnston.

He added that some of the most important aspects of preparation are communication and building relationships. These activities, including drills and exercises, need to be done during blue - sky days to ensure you will be ready during days with severe weather.

The ARRL Learning Center offers courses like on Basic EmComm and Intro to Radio for Emergencies & Disasters.

MFJ Ceasing On-Site Production



Updated 4:26:24 8:00 pm EDT with additional statement from Martin F. Jue, K5FLU.

MFJ Enterprises, Inc founder Martin F. Jue, K5FLU, announced that as of May 17, 2024, the company will cease on-site production at their Starkville, Mississippi, facility. Ameritron, Hy-Gain, Cushcraft, Mirage, and Vecronics brand products will be affected by the shutdown. In a letter posted to social media, Jue said he is looking forward to retiring.

Times have changed since I started this business 52 years ago. Our product line grew and grew and prospered. Covid changed everything [for] businesses, including ours. It was the hardest hit that we have ever had, and we never fully recovered. I turned 80 this year. I had never really considered retirement, but life is so short, and my time with my family is so precious.

Jue founded MFJ Enterprises in 1972, after building a CW filter kit that sold for less than \$10. Since 1990, the company has acquired several other legacy brands within the amateur radio market. Jue shared that the company will remain open to sell existing inventory because they have “a lot of stock on hand.” They will also continue to offer repair services for the foreseeable future.

Jue expressed gratitude to the many longtime employees of MFJ, some of whom have been with the company for 40 years. He also thanked MFJ dealers and radio amateurs for their patronage over the decades. He also sent a special message to ARRL Members, and loyal QST readers:

"I give my deepest heartfelt thank you to my fellow hams all over the world and especially to ARRL members and QST readers. In my youth, I was given a second-hand set of 1958 QSTs. I read them over and over until I practically memorized every word. This gave seed to MFJ. MFJ became a worldwide ham radio leader only because of you. As I turned 80, I cannot thank you all enough for 52 wonderful ham radio years. Thank you, 73s . . . Martin F. Jue, k5flu"

"Martin, We thank you! You have done so much to make amateur radio so enjoyable for so many years. I wish you the very best in your retirement. You've certainly earned every day of it!... Thanks again and 73, Dudley Pitts KM4IYQ".

Students to Promote Collegiate Amateur Radio at the 2024 ARRL National Convention at Dayton Hamvention®

Young adults planning to attend the 2024 ARRL National Convention at Dayton Hamvention® can look forward to meeting many other young hams at the event, including college students representing the ARRL Collegiate Amateur Radio Program (CARP). The convention is on May 17 - 19, 2024, at the Greene County Fairgrounds and Expo Center in Xenia, Ohio.

CARP will occupy a booth in the large ARRL exhibit area, which will be staffed with college students and advisors for the program. CARP will also have a forum at the end of the ARRL Youth Rally on Saturday, May 18, at 4 PM in Forum Room 3. The forum will be followed by a pizza party at a nearby restaurant.

"The CARP booth will be a great place to connect with other college-aged hams, and to learn more about the extensive network of college amateur radio clubs across the nation," said Andy Milluzzi, KK4LWR, from Clermont, Florida.

Andy and his brother Tony Milluzzi, KD8RTT, from Lenexa, Kansas, are co-advisors for CARP, and they moderate a monthly Zoom meetup to help network college radio clubs. The brothers have recruited many college students who are regular CARP participants to support the booth and related activities at Hamvention.

Morgan Lyons, KI5SXY, is one of the volunteers. She's a student at the Missouri University of Science and Technology and a very active radio amateur. *"I'm super excited to be working with ARRL at the CARP booth at Hamvention! This will be my second time at Dayton Hamvention, and I had so much fun last year. I'll also be helping with the Collegiate Amateur Radio Forum,"* she said.

The energy around CARP is exciting. Lyons, whose other interests include rocketry, is an aerospace engineering major and serves as president of the ARRL-affiliated Missouri S&T Amateur Radio Club, W0EEE, which recently celebrated 100 years of existence. She says that legacy is one she's proud to carry at the National Convention. "I love representing the college students in ham radio and showing folks that ham radio [will continue with the future generations]!"

Additional student volunteers will include Andrej Antunovikj, K8TUN, and Adam Goodman, W7OKE, both undergraduates attending Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio, and members of the Case Amateur Radio Club, W8EDU -- also an ARRL Affiliated Club. *"I'm looking forward to going to an amateur radio convention and meeting other students from the CARP program in-person,"* said Antunovikj.

The ARRL Collegiate Amateur Radio Program is sponsored in part by the W1YSM Snyder Family Collegiate & ARRL Affiliated Club Endowment Fund. The program was first established in 2017, and today includes an extensive community of participating students, alumni, and faculty. In addition to its monthly Zoom meetups, students can make connections through the ARRL CARP Facebook group and Discord. For more information about CARP, visit <https://www.arrl.org/collegiate-amateur-radio>

See the full list of ARRL National Convention activities at <https://www.arrl.org/arrl-expo>. Buy tickets for the convention on the <https://hamvention.org/> website.

CQ Magazine Publisher Dick Ross, K2MGA, SK

Longtime amateur radio publisher Dick Ross, K2MGA, has become a Silent Key. He passed away on April 27, 2024.

In 1960, Ross started working for Cowan Publishing Company and quickly became Associate Editor for CQ. In 1964, he was promoted to Editor of CQ, when Cowan Publishing moved its offices to Long Island, New York. As Ross became more involved with the business side of the magazine, he was elevated to Vice President/General Manager of the company in 1976. In this role, he was responsible for all fiscal matters and publishing operations for five publications.

His colleagues respected him greatly. *"Dick was a friend as well as my boss and we saw eye-to-eye on most things regarding amateur radio. Dick was a leader in the ham radio industry for decades and an innovator in ham radio publishing. He also built the CQ brand into worldwide leadership in many aspects of the radio hobby, particularly contesting and DXing,"* said CQ Editorial Director Rich Moseson, W2VU.

Ross had been Publisher of CQ magazine since 1979. As President of CQ Communications, Inc., he was also publisher of multiple magazine titles, including Popular Communications, CQ VHF, CQ Contest, WorldRadio, Communications Quarterly, CB Radio Magazine, Electronic Servicing & Technology, Modern Electronics, MicroComputer Journal, and Music

and Computer Educator. In addition, Ross oversaw the production and publication of CQ Communications books and calendars, the CQ Video Library, and more.

Ross was given the Dayton Hamvention® 2010 Special Achievement Award for his work on CQ. *“I will greatly miss his ideas, his insights, and his friendship. His passing is a great loss for our hobby,”* added Moseson.

Ross is survived by his wife Cathy, daughters Kate and Jennifer and their husbands, and five grandchildren. A memorial service will be scheduled at a future date.

TN Hamfests/Conventions

It's the beginning of the year and there are still hamfests being organized and reported to ARRL. Here is a list of TN Hamfests and conventions I have so far. Click on the name to take you to their website or ARRL details for more information:

06/15/2024 - [Knoxville Hamfest and Electronics Convention, ARRL Delta Division Convention](#) – Knoxville, TN.

07/20/2024 - [HamQuest 2024](#) – Lebanon, TN.

08/24/2024 - [Cedars of Lebanon Hamfest](#) – Lebanon, TN.

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.etchedxa.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 Amateur Radio Club – Johnson City, TN. utarc@utk.edu