



# *The Maury Amateur Radio Club*

## *January 2024*

*from Butch KQ4FWR...*

Amateur Radio is an interesting Hobby. It offers a range of skills, from electronic, radio Spectrum, Do-it-yourself projects and supporting emergency communications. Perhaps this last topic could become the most important in the event of any kind of disaster. Amateur radio can provide communications when all other modes become inoperative.

If the number of folks who passed a Ham Radio Exam this year is any indication of interest and growth of the Ham Radio Experience in and around Maury County, we are on a ROLL! Listed below are the folks who took and passed one, two or all three of the Ham Radio Exams during 2023. If you ever listen to the MTEARS Net on Monday evening at 2000L there are a good number of Maury County Hams who sign into the net. Maybe not as many as Davidson or Williamson counties, but Maury County, with fewer residents, is well represented.

What is really interesting are the number of events that are being conducted for Hams around Maury County. The events do not require membership in the Maury County Amateur Radio Club (MARC), but membership is encouraged. If you missed it here are some of the events that were held during 2023.

### *Antenna Party*

*Experimenters Net to encourage new Hams to explore the world  
of Amateur Ham Radio*

### *Annual Field Day*

*Four Exam Test sessions, (Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct)*

*Fox Hunt (2 events)*

*Jail Break Triathlon*

*Monthly Meetings*

*Picnic/Auction*

*Weekly Nets (ARES, Newbie, Club)*

Planning is already in progress to continue these same events for 2024, and perhaps add some additional events depending on interest and support. At present there are 63 Members listed on the MARC membership list. If you have not signed in and checked your information in the Roster, you should do so at least once a year. There are a number of members who have not updated their information. If you passed an exam during 2023 and your name is not on the list below please contact one of the club officers to update your status. Every effort was made to include every one we could find.

*73 Butch KQ4FWR*

### **Technician Class**

KQ4FWR	Wendell J. Geng (Butch)
KQ4FWZ	Craig A. Wills
KQ4FXD	Keith Herrington
KQ4IKI	George W. Haun Jr.
KQ4ILA	Michael L. Taylor
KQ4ILM	Charles H. Dickens
KQ4KBM	Chris Wilkerson
KQ4MBT	Clayton P. Leddin
KQ4MCK	William C. Ferrell
KQ4MDR	Brace E. McCoy

### **General Class**

KI4HWA	William H. Stevens
KJ4CRW	Jonathan C. Halterman

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KQ4FWZ	Craig A. Wills
KQ4IKI	George W. Haun Jr.
KQ4ILA	Michael L. Taylor
KQ4ILM	Charles H. Dickens
KQ4JUC	Jacqueline Daniel
KQ4MDR	Brace E. McCoy

### **Amateur Extra Class**

KJ4CRW	Jonathan Halterman
KQ4CHU	Nathaniel Gaw
KQ4FWR	Wendell J. Geng (Butch)
KQ4IKI	George Haun Jr. Now KM4D

# ***December 2023 Club Meeting Minutes***

**Meeting** called to order at 7PM by Travis, KO4HUO.

Attendance: 20 in-person (no Zoom call for the Dec meeting).

**Motion** made to accept the November 2023 Meeting Minutes as published in the club newsletter

Made by Buford, W4HVV

2nd by John, N5AAA

Motion Passed

**No Financial Report** available at the time of the meeting.

**Discussion** of the club's Volunteer Examiner (VE) Testing Program:

\* Paul WB0CJB has decided to hand over the role of Club VE Coordinator. Joe N4JW has volunteered to take on the role starting in January 2024.

\* Joe N4JW mentioned that he will start using HamStudy.org to handle scheduling. May also look at other tools for grading/paperwork submission.

\* We may also consider other VECs besides the ARRL if the club wants to head in that direction. Will gather data and present at a future meeting.

\* Joe N4JW mentioned that we may need to start using the club portion of the \$15 testing fee to purchase tablets and/or laptops for automating testing/grading. VECs require those funds to be held separate from the club's general funds. Most common solution is to have a 2nd bank account dedicated to the Volunteer Examiner program.



**Motion** made to have a resolution that authorizes Joe Duncan to open a second checking account for the club dedicated to Volunteer Examiner Testing funds.

Made by Keith KQ4FXD

2nd by Jonathan KQ4ATG

Motion Passed

**Discussion** about the Hotspot/D-Star Repeater:

Jonathan KQ4ATG asked if the club's W4GGM call could be used. John N5AAA will check, and also see if we can find an available 2M frequency pair for the repeater.

**Motion** With no other business, a motion to adjourn was

made by Rick K4PKA

2nd by KQ4FXD

Motion Passed

Meeting adjourned at 7:15PM.

No presentation this month. A game of "Dirty Santa" immediately followed.

Respectfully submitted by Joe, N4JW

# *from Buford W4HVV*



Santa came early at the Eastep ham shack. Carol gave me a LDG AT- PRO 600 auto antenna tuner. Attached is a picture of the ham shack with the new tuner.

Also included is the latest QSL, North Cook Island. This is not a new country for me but is one on a new band.

By the time you read this, Carol and I will be at our Texas QTH to keep warm. See everyone in the spring. 73 Buford W3HVV





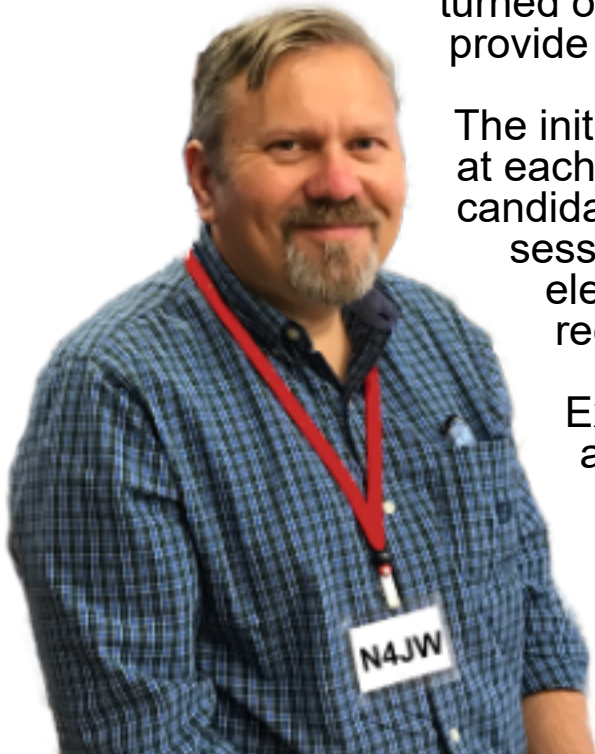
# ***VE Testing 9AM January 20th***

**Exam Session Time:** exam sessions start at 9:00 AM.

**Exam Location:** Columbia Power and Water Systems (CPWS) Training Room, 201 Pickens Lane, Columbia TN 38401. (Note: You cannot access CPWS from Highland Avenue so be sure to look for the sign on Pickens Lane).

We only offer in-person exam sessions at this time.

**What to Bring:** \$15 exam fee (if not already prepaid), your FCC Registration Number (FRN), and a photo ID. If you are an existing license holder upgrading to General or Extra, please bring a copy of your current license (not the CSCE). You may bring a calculator, but you must clear the memory prior to taking your exam. Cell phones may not be used as calculators, and must be turned off prior to starting the test. We will provide pens, pencils, and scratch paper.



The initial \$15 exam fee pays for one attempt at each of the three exam elements. If a candidate fails an element at an exam session and wants to re-test for the same element, an additional fee will be required.

Exam fees will only be refunded if we are forced to cancel the session due to circumstances beyond our control – inclement weather, power outage, etc.

Effective April 19, 2022 the FCC will charge a \$35 fee for NEW license applications (not for upgrades to General or Extra class). This fee will be paid directly to the FCC

once you pass your exam; we do not collect this fee at the test session.

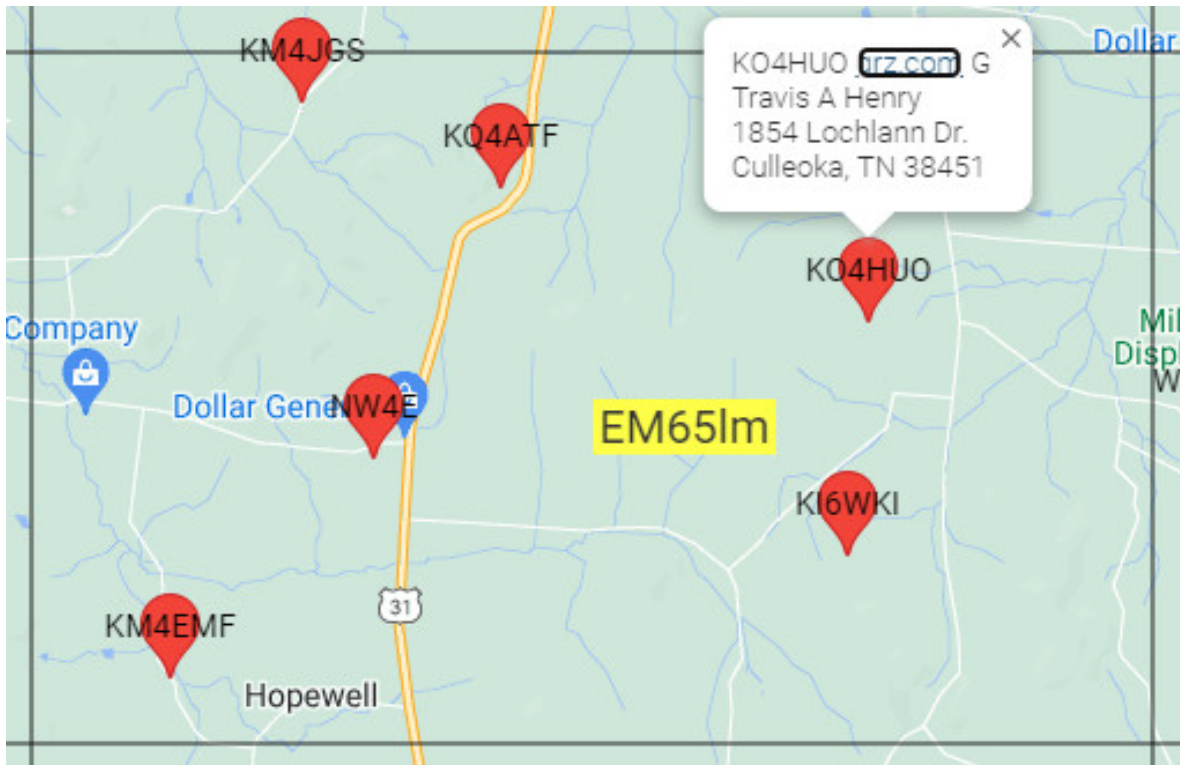
2024 Exam Session Test Dates  
January 20 – preregister by clicking [here](#)

If you have any questions about testing contact Joe N4JW  
[Joe@N4JW.com](mailto:Joe@N4JW.com)

# ***Amateur Radio License Map*** by KT1F Ross

Ross has created a mapping website where you can search for hams by callsign, Grid Square, Zip Code, or street address. You ever wonder if there are hams near you? Put in your 6 digit grid square and check.

[https://haminfo.tetranz.com/map?utm\\_source=amateur-radio-weekly&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=newsletter](https://haminfo.tetranz.com/map?utm_source=amateur-radio-weekly&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=newsletter)



***Wanted:*** 12 volt wall wart 500mA Sealed lead Acid battery charger.

***Free Free*** Assortment of Carbon Composite resistors. Many values and from 1 watt to 10 watts. Great for vintage radio repairs or for the suitcase set.



***FOR SALE*** TenTec Omni-D and Ten-Tec power supply with SURE 444D mic. If you are interested I want you to try it out first. Call for price.



Contact WA2BHS at 1 601 214 2975 or email at [wa2bhs38401@gmail.com](mailto:wa2bhs38401@gmail.com).



If you are wondering what Santa left under Everett's Christmas tree... another Bayou Jumper kit. oooooohh... the smell of melting solder!



# Anybody getting any QSL cards?



The shack of Bob K4HRK

# Callsign Lookup History

The "Flying Horse" Radio Amateur Callbook, in hard copy telephone book format, had been providing listings of amateur radio callsigns since the early 1920s. However, modern technology led to its demise in 1997. Then its resurrection in a CD-ROM format until 2002 when the plug was pulled on the CD-ROM. The first edition of the callbook appeared some time around 1920 or 1922 until it was discontinued in 1997. It listed all callsigns alphabetically.



When I was a Novice (1964) I would sometimes go to the library which had a CallBook in their reference section. It wasn't much use to me as the Novice license was only good for a year and with the CallBook not being new, most of the guys I wanted to lookup weren't in the book. I don't remember ever buying a Flying Horse Callbook but my bride (KF4YOJ) tells me otherwise.

Next came the CD ROMs. The first one I bought was put out by RT-Systems in Huntsville. It had a DOS based interface (before Windows) and was very popular. Before the internet as we know it today, QRZ published a CD Rom which sold well. QRZ eventually came out with a Windows interface that worked with Windows 95. During this same period the World Wide Web was born and on October 28, 1993, QRZ went online with <http://www.qrz.com> and a web based callsign lookup server. QRZ holds the distinction of being one of the first 5,000 websites in existence (there are many millions today).

73 Bill K4BX



## Newsletter Editor needed...

If you read last month's newsletter you know that the March issue will be my last. I've been doing the news since late 1993 or early 1994 so I've been doing it for about 30 years. It's time for someone else to take over. Contact any club officer if you would like to become the newsletter editor. 73 Bill K4BX