

# Marc News

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A Monthly Newsletter From Maury Amateur Radio Club

## The President Speaks

In this, it's first newsletter, I would like to present, briefly, the organization, purpose, and objectives of the MAURY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB. The MARC is an Amateur Radio or Ham Club, affiliated with the ARRL (American Radio Relay League) and composed of FCC licensed ham radio operators. The purpose of the club is to promote amateur radio in Maury and surrounding counties. At present we have a good foundation membership of 15-20 men who meet monthly to swap technical information, ideas, humor, and to "hoss trade" or repair or simply to look at each others new or rejuvenated equipment. Fellowship and fun usually dominate all our meetings.

We are suffering organizational and growing pains now, but we all are helping to get MARC in line to be a real asset to both the members and to the community. At present, MARC owns and operates an open 2-Meter repeater with an autopatch and will be offering informal help to any person with an honest interest in obtaining a ham license or upgrading an existing license. Various members with specialized interests are always glad to share their knowledge with anyone who will listen, so most phases of amateur electronics are represented.

Anyone wishing to participate in the club and it's related activities are asked to come to our next meeting on MARCH 18th at 7:30 PM and help us to become one of the top notch young clubs in Tennessee. Our regular meeting nights will be at 7:30 PM on each 3rd Friday night of each month.

The 2-Meter Repeater is a function unto itself. The input frequency is 147.72 MHz and the output is 147.12 MHz. It is an open repeater to transients and we only ask \$12.00 a year from hams wishing to use the repeater on a regular basis. You do not have to be a member of MARC to enjoy repeater privileges and members of MARC do not have to use or support the repeater.

MARC is a club devoted to all phases of Amateur Radio and the programs will be geared to the input interests of the membership. All interested persons are invited to attend our meetings.

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JOHN K4HRY  
President.

## WR4AIX NEWS

### GENERAL RULES FOR USE OF REPEATER, WR4AIX

MARC'S 2-Meter Repeater was established as a general use repeater with autopatch facilities. Rules for governing its use follow general guidelines of politeness and priority. When using the repeater, remember that autopatch activity takes priority over all other emergency communications.

When anyone needs the patch, a simple "break for patch" should be all that is needed for talking parties to "QRX" while patch is completed. In the event the autopatch call in tone is heard, the talking parties are asked to answer the phone and if possible help the calling party by relay or stand by while patch is completed. Other than the general good manners and FCC compliance concerning language and identification are that is required.

Use and enjoy "Old Squeaky" these come mornings. Good rag chewing and info swapping is the name of the game. The \$12.00 yearly affiliation dues are used for phone and electricity costs and general maintenance of the repeater and repeater site. It will be used for general expenses of MAURY AMATEUR RADIO CLUB.



BE SURE AND COME TO OUR MEETING THIS FRIDAY NIGHT AT 7:30 MARCH 18th, AND ALSO BRING A FRIEND. MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE OFFICES OF NATIONAL NAMEPLATES ON CARMACK BLVD.

# Bedford county news

The Amateur Radio Club of Shelbyville has a repeater on Horse Mountain 3 miles northeast of the center of Shelbyville on 147.66 - 147.06. Eight amateurs are very active on the repeater at the present time who live in Bedford County. One is an extra class, 4 advanced and 3 technicians. All operate both mobile and fixed. There are others active on the repeater who now live outside the county.

Three of these in this county also work 10 through 80 meters and one 10 through 160. One operates regularly on MARS. One regularly checks in on the Tennessee net and others check in on occasions. WA4AXH and WA4DGF have a regular schedule with YN1CCA in Nicauragua for contact with a Shelbyville couple who now live there. WA4AXH runs phone patches for that station and for others from outside the USA. He has run phone patches for those at the South Pole.

There are hams who have been inactive, but are indicating interest in getting back on the bands. Several technicians are working on getting their general license. There is an active novice in the Wartrace area of the county. One novice, not active on the novice bands, is working to get his general, and at least two are known to be preparing for the novice license.

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The Newsletter will be printed monthly, (I HOPE!) hopefully well before meetings so that the news can contain time, place and subject or activities planned for the club. Articles and news items are requested and needed from members and from groups in other counties, as well as brief letters and comments.

Deadline for material to appear in any issue will be the Second Friday in the month in which the material is to be printed. Closing date for the April issue will be April 8th, 1977.

Ham classified ads from members of MARC will be printed at no charge. Non members and commercial advertisers, please request rates.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

Several local hams will be trying to upgrade in May. We wish everyone much success. George WB4JCR and Melvin WA4WGN successfully passed the General in February and are now waiting on the new license. John K4HRY and Tom WB4VXW have been keeping the bands humming with RTTY signals. Glad to hear Hushel K4WKA on the local repeater. His new HW-2036 sounds mighty good. We may experience a local power failure soon, Bill WB4EBR is building a new Linear Amplifier. Everyone listen for Melvin WA4WGN on 3725 CW. He's the guy that was going to throw his key away after passing the general. Has anyone heard Finis W4GGM or K9DOG lately? Seems like someone mentioned that I might hear him and John on 10 + 1 Meters....More news in this column next month. (If we can find a writer) ANY VOLUNTEERS??????