

The President's Corner

At the end of September, HARC has 59 new members so far this year. That's phenomenal, even for a club our size. I want to thank each of you that invited new people, made guests feel welcome at our meetings, or helped a new ham to get started in the hobby. Some of our new members are brand new hams, looking for fellowship and an Elmer or two in the hobby. Other new members are new to our community and are looking to get plugged into the local scene. We also have hams coming back to the hobby and becoming more active after something has changed in their life or outlook. Let's continue to welcome new people and help them to find their place in our community.



HARC members showed up to run communications for the AYCE Century Bike Ride. The course winds through the hills of Southern Tennessee and includes some cell phone dead zones, so ham radio is particularly useful. Thank you to all who participated in this community service event. The Huntsville/Madison County Simulated Emergency Test is coming up Oct 25. AREAS/RACES welcomes check ins from all licensed hams in the area.

73,

Lisa N3WQL
President

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ARRL/ARES Simulated Emergency Test (SET) Reminder from Tim KK5H—Madison County Emergency Coordinator

Date: October 25

Time: from a bit before 8am until about noon.

Check in when you can, and leave early, if you must.

We usually begin with monitoring the 147.22+ (pl 136.5) repeater a little before 8, and see what mayhem ensues.

This year's scenario is a hurricane in the Gulf, forcing evacuees north, and severe storms in our area.

We are wanting to check in as many community areas in Huntsville and Madison Co., so please check in and help us out.

Read more about the event & how you can participate here:

<https://www.arrl.org/simulated-emergency-test>

The Huntsville Amateur Radio Club®

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Meeting location: Signals Museum, 1806 University Dr, Huntsville, AL 35801
Online via Zoom. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6588519706?pwd=Z2VxVGJ0SCsvN2NTSFJ5TE5BVk1Rdz09>

Meeting time: Every Friday, 7:30 PM (except on major holidays)

Mailing address: HARC, PO Box 2196, Huntsville, AL 35804

Visitors welcome at all meetings.

Club website: www.harc.net

Club callsign: K4BFT (<http://www.qrz.com/db/K4BFT>)

Mail reflector signup: follow the link below the HARC logo on the home page

HARC provided Public Service Communications for the All You Can Eat Century Bike Ride - photos & captions by Lisa N4WQL



Mark Mordiga, AA2MA, works at net control for AYCE. Net control was responsible for dispatching the sag wagons in addition to the usual net control functions.

Dick Christensen, W1TV, sets up a mobile rig in one of the sag wagons. The sag wagons have a crew of one bicycle mechanic and one ham. They travel the course and assist riders with mechanical issues.



Billy Gold, KM4BGF, Dick Christensen, W1TV, and Kevin Kimbrough, K4TTU, VP of the Lincoln County Amateur Radio Association at Rest Stop 2. Billy and Dick were passing through with sag wagons. Kevin was stationed at Rest Stop 2.

Meeting Minutes— by Don KZ4DJC

September 5, 2025 Called to Order at 7:30 PM By: Lisa – N3WQL Adjourned: 7:40 PM

Attendance: In Person 30 Zoom 12 Visitors 2 Total 44

Announcements:

Hamfest Workers Party Sept 19 - Signals Museum @6:30 PM

AYCE September 20 – see Tim Huffaker to volunteer.

Auction Night: September 26, 2025

CAVEC is now offering license renewals for \$37.

Includes FCC fee

For people struggling to get through the online process

Arduino Build Nights – Oct 10, Nov 14, and Dec 19

Last call for ordering kits

HARC Christmas Party Dec 12th at Signals Museum

Signals Workday September 13th.

Upcoming Events:

Huntsville Cycling Club -The All-U-Can-Eat Bike Ride is scheduled for mid-September -Volunteers needed. More to come.

Technician License Class begins September 9th 6-8 PM. Sign up at Giga-Parts.

General License Class begins September 13th 10-Noon. Sign up at Giga Parts

Upcoming Contests

September 2025

7th Tennessee QSO Party - <https://tnqp.org>

7th -17th 2025 Route 66 On the Air Event - https://w6jbt.org/?page_id=15

(ARRL)

13th -15th [September VHF](#)

13th -14th [EME - 2.3 GHz & Up](#)

20th -22nd [10 GHz & Up - Round 2](#)

Presentation:

Tonight: Friedrichshafen, the Largest Hamfest in Europe by Steve Warner.

Meeting Minutes—continued

September 12, 2025 Called to Order at 7:30 PM By: Rick – KE4IOH Adjourned: 7:40 PM

Attendance: In Person 33 Zoom 8 Visitors 3 Total 44

Announcements:

Hamfest Workers Party Sept 19th - Signals Museum- 6:30 PM

AYCE Bicycle Ride September 20th

Auction Night: September 26, 2025

Arduino Build Nights – Oct 10, Nov 14, and Dec 19

HARC Christmas Party Dec 12th at Signals Museum

Signals Workday September 13th.

ARRL Candidate Forum for Division 4 Director – October 2nd. 7:30 PM (Eastern) Sign up for a reservation.

Bill - K4IBY will be moderator.

Rocket City Marathon is looking for a Comms Coordinator

Upcoming Events:

Huntsville Cycling Club -The All-U-Can-Eat Bike Ride Sept. 20th

Giga Parts Jamboree – looking for operators – more to come

HARC Auction Night – Sept. 26, 2025

Upcoming Contests

September 2025

(ARRL)

20th -22nd [10 GHz & Up - Round 2](#)

Presentation:

Tonight: All You Can Eat Ride by Tim Huffaker.

New Memberships: Total for the Year 57

September 19, 2025 Hamfest Workers Party

Smoked Pork & Chicken dinner by Kelley Johns W4VPZ and OM Derek Johns

Some Highlights:

Attendance: 5531 down a little from last year's 5981

105 Volunteers and 19 Committee chairs.

24 Volunteers in the Youth Lounge

Meeting Minutes—continued

Vendors: 64, last year 57

29 Clubs & Organizations, 30 last year

Vendor badges: 133

Forum - 34 speakers - Kevin. "1210 people attended Forums"

Adult Solder Classes – both full. – signups were early. Scavenger hunt.

Flea Market – 429 sold out tables. Jim.

37 Media personalities. Most were YouTubers.

Monte Sano has been taken over.

DX Banquet was full – some would say overfull.

In appreciation of member's efforts to ensure the success of the Huntsville Hamfest, donations were made to the following clubs:

HARC	\$2,500
NARA	\$750
NADXC	\$750
HAYLARC	\$750
Signals Museum	\$750
NN4SA	\$750
Browncoats	\$750
Monte Sano SP	\$200

September 26, 2025 Called to Order @ 7:30 PM By: Lisa–N3WQL Adjourned @ 7:42 PM – Auction followed

Attendance: In Person 39 Zoom 5 Visitors 5 Total 49

Announcements:

Next week's meeting is Zoom only

Signals is not available on Oct 3rd and 10th. The meeting of Oct 3rd will be on Zoom only. Signals Museum and Giga Parts are also unavailable on Oct 10th. The Club may need a different location long term as Signals becomes more popular. Please make recommendations to any board member.

Arduino Build Nights – Oct 10, Nov 14, and Dec 19

Kits should have arrived (see Steve Molo)

If you have any last-minute request from people not on the list from last week, I have a couple of extras.

Meeting Minutes—continued

Still looking for a volunteer to organize the communications for Rocket City Marathon

YOTA Announcement by Steve Molo – Date June 9-12 @ Cyber School on Wynn Dr.

HARC Christmas Party – December 12

Committee Reports:

Treasurer's Report – Bill Yell (on ZOOM) – Approved by Club Vote

Presentation:

Tonight: Auction Night

Next Week: Simulated Emergency Test by Steve Smith KM4CJ

New Memberships: 59 to date.

Charles Calvert - KN4YSS

Ben Lambert - KV4TL

HAYLARC Happenings—by Lisa N3WQL



HAYLARC participated in the All You Can Eat Century Bike Ride on September 20. HAYLARC members Kelly Johns, W4VPZ, Stephanie Clark, KR4FCO, and Johnna Jenkins, KQ4LIC operated Rest Stop 4. This rest stop is down in a valley so they used Kelley's SUV, parked on a nearby hill, to relay their signal. Lisa Shier, N3WQL, was the HARC photographer for the ride.



Our October social lunch will be a picnic at 11:30 on Oct 9 at the Madison County Nature Trail (5000 Nature Trail Rd SE, Huntsville, AL 35803). The nature trail is located on top of Green Mountain, so contact Lisa if you want to carpool. Bring your own lunch.

Our October activity will be participation in the Madison County AREA/RACES Simulated Emergency test from 8 AM - noon on October 25. Members can deploy around the county or participate from their home stations.

ARES Monthly Meeting Minutes – by Steve KM4CJ

September 11, 2025

The meeting was conducted at the Madison County EMA EOC.

There were 22 in attendance.

The meeting started at 18:00 central time.

EMA – Chris, AI4U, thanked everyone for there support to the EMA. He encouraged folks to use the 147.220 repeater.

Steve, KM4CJ, gave a budget report of \$1594.

Tim, KK5H – We are looking for input to select another volunteer fire department to install a new station. Let Tim know of a location that has local hams to support. Next month's program will be on final preparations for the 2025 SET scheduled for October 25, 2025.



Program:

Steve, KM4CJ, provided an overview of the 2025 SET preparations. The scenario will be a major hurricane entering the Alabama coast and moving north through the state. We are looking for operators to participate. There are deployed positions, mobile stations, and home base station positions available. Let an officer know if you are interested or want to talk about how you can participate.

Meeting adjourned 19:00 central time.

Respectfully Submitted

Steve Smith

Assistant Emergency Coordinator

ARES Madison County

General Announcements

For those who are interested in learning CW but need some Elmering, Laura K4CNY has created a GroupMe group that you can use to ask questions and arrange with Elmers for on-the-air practice.

If you are interested in Elmering, we can always use your help!

To join, click here: https://groupme.com/join_group/70112276/7m2J4Tpk

Interested in local POTA activations? Connect here.

<https://groups.io/g/harc-pota/messages>

You can request a subscribe here, or write me here for an invite.

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Time flies. Days turn to years, years into decades. It's a lot easier to renew your FCC license before it expires. That goes for your XYL too. Ask me how I know.

Handy Bookmarks:

What contests are this weekend? <https://www.contestcalendar.com/contestcal.html>

What DXpeditions are active? <https://dxnews.com/calendar/>

What are the solar conditions? <https://www.qrz.com/>

Huntsville Amateur Radio Club <http://harc.net>

North Alabama DX Club <http://nadxc.org>

Huntsville Area YL Amateur Radio Club <https://haylarc.wordpress.com/>

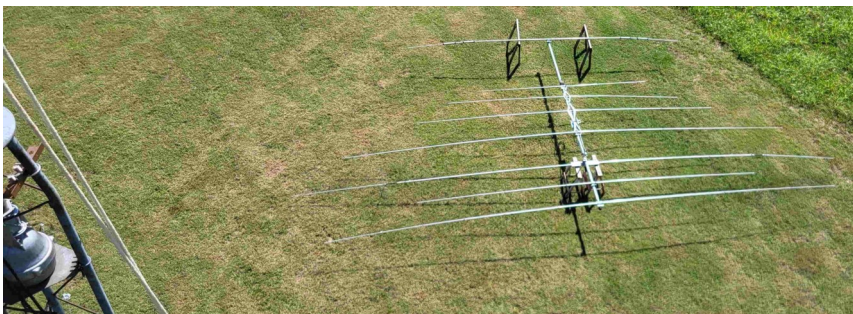
Madison Co ARES/RACES <https://madisoncountyaalema.gov/amateur-radio/>

North Alabama Repeater Association <http://n4hsv.net/>

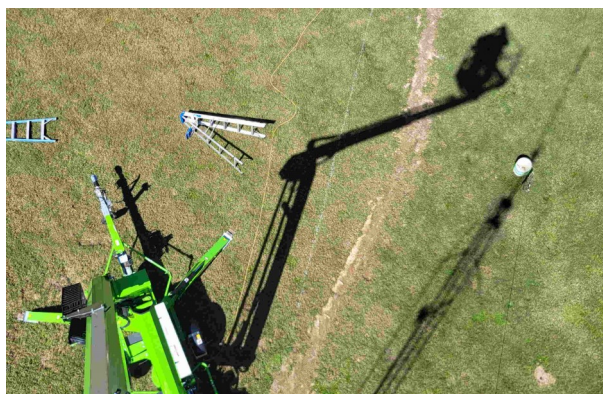
Marshall Space Flight Center Amateur Radio Club <https://www.nn4sa.org/>

From Your Publisher

This issue is a little late because I've been busy putting this... Up here...



With this.



Program and Project Managers

Madison Co Emergency Coordinator	Tim Holland KK5H
Field Day Chairwoman	Leigh Bartlow WD4CPF
Public Information Officer	Open
K4BFT Club Station Trustee	Laura Morgan K4CNY
Picnic/Food Coordinator	Warren K4MMW & Karen Alford
Training/Education Coordinator	John Morgan N4CNY
VOX Publisher	Mark Brown N4BCD
Property Manager	John Equi KM4VSY
Video Manager	Billy Gold KM4BGF
Webmaster	Steve Molo KI4KWR
Club Historian	Jonathan O'Rear KD4MPW
Repeater Program Announcer	Kelley Johns W4VPZ

Important Exam Info (updated September 2025)

Schedule:

- 1st Saturday each month (holidays → 2nd Saturday)
Madison Co. Fire Training Academy, 300 Shields Rd, Huntsville, AL
Time: 9:00 AM (arrive 8:30–9:00)
- 2nd Wednesday each month
GigaParts, 6123 University Dr, Huntsville, AL
Time: 5:30 PM

Registration: Please register ahead of time

- Details and sign-up: <https://cavec.us/testsched/>
- You need an FRN to register
- FCC FRN info: <https://www.fcc.gov/wireless/support/knowledge-base/universal-licensing-system-uls-resources/getting-fcc-registration>

Contact:

- Email: vec@cavec.us

What to bring:

- Legal photo ID (driver's license, passport, student ID, etc.)
- If no photo ID: bring 2 forms (SS card, birth certificate, utility bill, etc.)
- Any CSCEs not yet in FCC database
- Exam fee: \$5 cash (exact change)
- FCC Registration Number (FRN) – see FCC site for details

Calculators:

- Non-programmable calculators are allowed.
- Programmable calculators are not allowed unless the testing team can clear or reset the memory on site before the exam. The Session Manager has final say.
- Calculator apps on phones or tablets are not allowed.

Online Exams:

- Remote sessions are available. See the Get Licensed page at <http://cavec.us> for details.

Additional Services from CAVEC:

- Full-Service License Renewals: CAVEC offers complete support with renewals and administrative updates. More information: <https://cavec.us/renewals>
- Club Station Call Sign Administrator (CSCSA): CAVEC is authorized to process Club Station Call Sign requests. More information: <https://cavec.us/cscsa>



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