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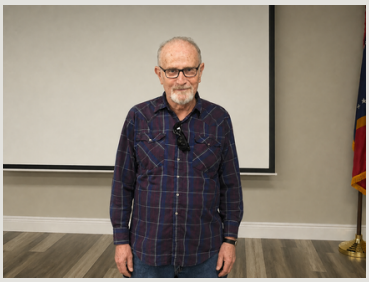
June 2026 Edition

KEEPING YOU INFORMED

We are excited to bring you the latest from the MCARA Club news & events for the month of June. You'll see the basic information on the events coming up and some of the activities taking place in the MCARA Club and among the members. You'll see updates and be able to find information to learn about up-coming events.







Scott Owens
AD5HS, MCARA President

From the Desk of the Editor

Welcome to the June addition of the MCARA Splatter. The President extends his welcome to each of you and thanks you for being a member or a visitor to the MCARA club. Amateur Radio operation is a rare hobby that seems to be fading with each year that passes. Ham radio has a rich history dating back over a century.

The origins of amateur radio can be traced to the early 1900s, with significant developments occurring around 1910 when many enthusiasts began setting up transmitters. This period saw a rapid expansion of amateur radio, leading to widespread use and even some interference with commercial and military communications.

Key Historical Milestones:

- Early 1900s: The first amateur radio operators emerged, experimenting with wireless communication.
- 1910s: A surge in amateur radio activity led to regulatory challenges due to interference.
- Transatlantic Communication: The success of the transatlantic cable in the late 19th century paved the way for innovations in long-distance communication, influencing amateur radio development.
- Modern Era: Despite the rise of digital communication, ham radio remains active, with a dedicated community continuing to grow.

Current Trends:

While the number of new licenses has seen a decline in recent years, the community remains vibrant, with many operators still pursuing advanced licenses for greater privileges.

So again, we welcome you to our humble news letter, the MCARA Splatter.
Bill Downs, N5OCT, MCARA Splatter Editor & PIO



The Purpose of the MCARA

OUR PURPOSE IS TO PROMOTE AMATEUR RADIO INVOLVEMENT AND GROWTH. WE WORK TOWARD THIS THROUGH: ON THE AIR ACTIVITY, ENJOYABLE FELLOWSHIP, PUBLIC AWARENESS, EDUCATION, TRAINING, AND COMMUNITY SERVICE. WE OFFER MANY OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR CLUB MEMBERS TO EXPERIENCE NEW AND MEANINGFUL FACETS OF AMATEUR RADIO THROUGH HANDS ON ACTIVITIES. IF YOU ARE NOT A CLUB MEMBER AND WOULD LIKE TO KNOW MORE ABOUT US, YOU ARE WELCOME TO SIT IN AT A MEETING, JOIN US ON OUR WEEKLY NETS, OR VISIT DURING OUR ACTIVITIES, AND COMMUNITY SERVICE EVENTS. PLEASE CONTINUE TO CHECK OUR WEBSITE, AND FACEBOOK PAGE FOR UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION.





MCARA Club Meeting

July Meeting, Fire Station #1, 1515 23rd Ave, Gulfport, MS 39501... begins at 1845!



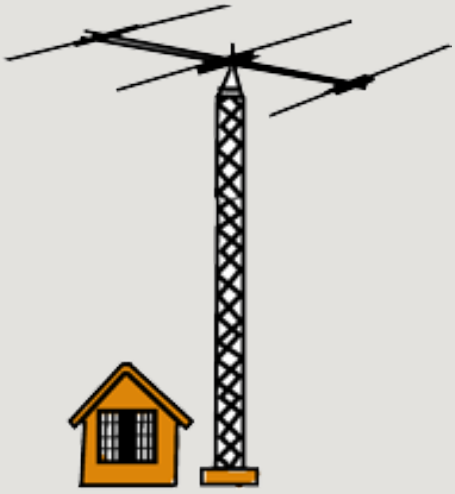





CLUB ACTIVITIES & EVENTS
W5SGL REPEATER ACTIVITY

TUESDAY NIGHTS - AMATEUR HOUR
7:00 PM
ALL AMATEUR RADIO OPERATORS WELCOME.

For other Nets in Mississippi
See the following link.
arrlmiss.org



No June Testing

Although there were no testing in June ‘26; we still had Volunteers to show up in case someone wanted to test. Although Amateur Radio is a lost art; many of stay eager to introduce the ‘art’ of ‘Ham’ Radio to anyone and everyone that are interested. Doesn’t matter the age. Ham Radio will be the last form of communication when all other forms of communication can not be used.
See you next month testees.



GETTING YOUR AMATEUR RADIO LICENSE

MCARA IS VERY MUCH INTERESTED IN HELPING YOU OBTAIN YOUR LICENSE. WE HAVE MEMBERS WHO WILLINGLY CONDUCT FACE-TO-FACE GROUP INSTRUCTION COVERING THE AMATEUR EXTRA CLASS LICENSE. ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE ON OBTAINING YOUR GENERAL CLASS LICENSE IS ALSO AVAILABLE ON AN AS-NEEDED BASIS. ONCE YOU ARE READY TO TAKE YOUR TEST, OUR TEAM OF ARRL ACCREDITED VOLUNTEER EXAMINERS (VE'S) ARE PREPARED TO CONDUCT YOUR TESTING SESSION.

Test Sessions are held on the 1st Saturday of every month at 9:30 AM
We will no longer be testing at the Bel Air Baptist Church in Gulfport.
Testing will be at the Harrison county EOC at the Harrison county courthouse. Address is 1801 23rd AVE. Gulfport. You will need to enter the north door by the parking garage.



Your VE Team Members

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-Number of testing sessions attended according to the ARRL as of 02 June 2022-

Become a Volunteer Examiner and join us the first Saturday of each month.
http://www.arrl.org/volunteer-examiners

For more information on obtaining your Amateur Radio Operator’s license, please see the MCARA website at W5SGL.com

Other MCARA Club Information

MEET & EAT

Thursday Night Meet & Eat

The MCARA Meet & Eat is currently meeting at Denny's restaurant on Canal Road at the Flying J, just off I10. (9351 Canal Rd, Gulfport, MS) at 5:30 pm every Thursday night, unless **otherwise posted on the MCARA Club Facebook.** Come enjoy fellowship and 'wisdom' of the Elmers. Besides, the food is great.


















No matter where we meet, it's always great to break bread with our friends and enjoy a good conversation!

ELECTED POSITIONS

Scott Owens AD5HS - President
Steve Harrison W5SPH - V. President
Sheila Dodd KJ5MJK- Secretary
Carl Lawrence AG5ZH - Treasurer
Jesse Brunet KI5HVD- Activity Chairman

APPOINTED POSITIONS

Stu Cole N5LBZ -Repeater Trustee
Carl Lawrence AG5ZH- Club Webmaster
Noel Dastugue N5FTY - Facebook Admin
Bill Orehowsky N5GQ - Net Manager
Norm Gholson WB4YBY - Callsign Trustee
Bill Downs N5OCT - Club Newsletter

MCARA Repeater Information

Yaesu Fusion DR-2X
Freq: 146.730 (-0.600 KHz)
Tone Squelch 136.5 Hz
Mode: FM & C4FM

Location:
30°25'56.1"N 88°57'22.6"W

Check out the added accessory on the MCARA Facebook page 'General Chat'

Don't feel like posting a question or comment, use the 'general chat' to add comments to a conversation or topic!

MCARA Membership

If you would like to join the MCARA please go to the MCARA Club website at W5SGL.com and click on club membership and download the PDF application. Email it to secretary@mcara.org or fill it out and bring it to the club meeting the 3rd Monday of each month. Meeting location and times can be found in this newsletter.

Other MCARA Club Information



MCARA Fusion Net

ATTENTION MCARA CLUB MEMBERS! The MCARA has a new 'Repeater Net'. It is being held on the W5SGL MCARA Club Repeater on Monday nights at 19:00 (7:00) pm. Hosted by Mark Lacy, W5TXR on 146.730 (-0.600 KHz) Tone Squelch 136.5 Hz. You can often find MCARA members during the week talking on the Fusion Simplex frequency 145.56250. Everyone is welcome to join the Fusion Simplex frequency when not on the net. If you would like to join the 'chat' messenger on Facebook, contact Mark lacy or Noel Dastugue, N5FTY and they will gladly put you in the chat group.



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Email editor at Julie4Bill@gmail.com or text your information to 228-236-7331





Other MCARA Club Information

FUSION NET

The MCARA Fusion Net is every Monday at 19:00 with the exception of meeting night and holidays. on 146.7300 repeater.
Net Report for 23 MAR 26 was 14 checkins
We explored C4FM Fusion on simplex on 145.5625
Steve was simplex controller.
Net controllers
On occasion we will rotate net controllers

Mark W5TXR
Alternate - Ben W5SOF
Alternate - Steve W5SPH
Alternate - Noel N5FTY
Alternate - Ed KG5UN

W5TXR/B EM50kk 144.2800 CW
W5TXR/B EM50kk 432.3500 CW
W5TXR-10 EM50kk 144.3900 FM
W5TXR/N EM50kk 444.1000 C4FM

"It's not the Class of the license that the Amateur holds. But, the Class of the Amateur that holds the License." -mal

"Experience can a difficult teacher, She gives you the test first and the lesson afterwards"

"Ego is the anesthesia that deadens the pain of stupidity" t

"Being criticized by people, Who you want to be nothing like, Is actually success"

"For there shall be no reward to the evil man; the candle of the wicked shall be put out" - Proverbs 24:20

W5TXR/B 144.2800 Beacon

Mark Lacy, W5TXR has put a beacon online for anyone in the need to know.
Some of you had questions about beacons....For those that are not familiar with beacons, these are low power devices that transmit CW information regularly, usually every 30, 45, 60 seconds.
Reception of beacons is an indication of propagation conditions relative to the transmitter and station receiving the beacon.

There are beacon stations on HF (20-10 meters) VHF, UHF, even on 5, 10 and 24 Ghz.

https://www.ncdxf.org/beacon/

Beacons are almost always omnidirectional, and horizontally polarized. As a general rule, CW and SSB are horizontally polarized in all bands, And AM and FM are vertically polarized. There is a 30 dB difference between horizontal and vertical polarization. As with horizontal polarization, the E-field is parallel to the Earth, the M-field is at 90° (perpendicular to the Earth). We classify electromagnetic wave polarization as linearly polarized or circularly polarized. Left hand and right hand circular polarization are used for satellite communications.

(that is a lesson for another day)

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Another MCARA Event Worth Attending!



Ben McMath
W5SOF

This year's ARRL National Field Day was hosted by Ben McMath. The event was held at Stu Cole, N5LBZ's property. There was not the turn out that the club expected, we lost internet for a while, and other than it being hot as can be, the event seemed to turn out ok. There were over 85 contacts not quite as many as last year; but none the less, I believe the event was a success.
Unfortunately, I was unable to attend; however, I came out to visit during set up and shut down and the spirits of the operators were high and eager in spite of the heat. I did regret TTom's cook out. He always makes some killer burgers and hot dogs.









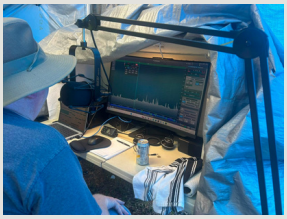










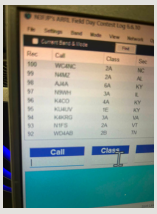














Editor’s Closing

That's all for this Month's Splatter.
Stay tuned to this frequency until next month, where the adventure continues!



Bill Downs
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THE RADIO AMATEUR’S PRAYER... Dear Lord and Father, HEAR us now as we call to You. RECEIVE this, our Prayer. Teach us to LISTEN to Your Word. Keep us IN TUNE with Your Will. Grant us the CAPACITY to obey Your Commandments. Help us to RESIST evil and the SIGNALS of Satan.