

May 10, 2018

Subject: MCARC

To All Members,

April was a busy month for the club. We completed our repeater repair fundraiser and I must say what a great success it was. We raised enough funds for the repair and to have a little left over for some other projects that the club would like to undertake. The winner of the AR-15 was a local ham from Broken Arrow. Congrats to him and Thanks for the donation. I want to say Thank You to all the members who worked hard at selling the raffle tickets. It is a great thing to watch the membership pull together and accomplish a task as big as this one. The 147.060 repeater is on the list for the climbers to replace the Antennas. So, when we come up on the list in the mid to late June we will be ready. It will be exciting to see what the 06 repeater will do with new antennas and a rebuilt repeater machine. We should be back up to our former glory.

Ham fest was great a lot of people and gear for all. Our tables were utilized by our members and they bought sold and traded thru both days. What a great time. We have made some changes to the net on the 06 repeater. With Larry Yarbrough's situation the club has elected to have different net controls. The volunteers have been outstanding. The new controls have surprised us all! The expertise that they have shown is amazing (didn't know some of them had it in them) LOL! Great Job GUYS.

The club is still in need of a Web Master. So, anyone interested please contact me for the details. The website has been updated and new easier programming has been installed making editing simpler.

June is coming fast, and the Field day is on the horizon, so everyone should be thinking of what gear they are going to bring and operate. As in the past we will be needing volunteers for putting up antennas and canopies, operators, security, tear down crew and last and most importantly cooks to feed the troops. So be thinking of what you can do and be ready to give your specialty at the May meeting.

This month's exercise for the club is a bugout 2-3-man radio team. This is a prefield day event. It will consist of 2 or 3-man radio team that transmits on simplex and HF Battery power only, your portable antenna and your rig. The goal is to bugout to a predetermined location for your team setup and make as many contacts as possible in a 3-hour time frame. The follow up to this exercise is a simplex net to see who you can contact locally from your home QTH.

Lastly we are coming into storm season, time to think and check your grounding on your rigs and antennas. Hope everyone stays alert and safe and get those portable radios ready.

Thank You 73

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