

MCARC October Meeting Minutes

Promotional discussions on how to get more community members interested in HAM Radio. Specifically discussed were Weather Conditions Reporting, Search and Rescue, and Event Management Participation.

Cory has asked members to bring their Bug Out Bag, or portable deployable radio stations, to display and discuss during the November meeting.

Paul's Technician Training/Coaching Class - get a list of those interested, organize, and systematically find the best dates. Once we have 10 interested participants, we will schedule a date, hoping that half of them can show up. (update: 10/23 - the list is growing, and we have over 10 attendees ready for Dec 10th, with 7 of them unlicensed.) The licensed attendees would like to participate in the training as a refresher.

After Action report for Hindostan: Everyone was invited, and several showed up. Gary provided a Canopy. There is interest in doing a special events station next year. The new banner was displayed. Andy optimized the site placement for wire radials and said we were invited back and can choose the location of our choice. Several attendees, of various ages, showed interest and asked questions about HAM Radio and MCARC.

Local POTA activations were discussed. We're going to work on times/places.

We discussed providing free radios (Baofeng, etc) to new members if they pass their licensing test:

We discussed finding teachers to approach at both Shoals and Loogootee about starting an Amateur Radio Club at each school. Getting the teacher/leader licensed would be a priority, then the basic technician level knowledge would be teach the students.

Strategy and planning for the shutdown of the Loogootee Repeater and Antenna relocation during the painting of the water tower :

- 1) Figure out what type of antenna we have on the Loogootee site
- 2) Check to see who owns the property on the south side of the tower (now determined to be Stoll Brothers)
- 3) Check inside the fence to see if we have enough clearance to put up a temporary mast to host the antenna
- 4) Erect a temporary antenna at the current repeater site to keep the repeater online and usable

Hoosier Hills Fest - Nov 8 (table is reserved for items for sale by club members)

Lynnville, Oct 18th - Ham 7 - noon Central

Create and participate in RACES / ARES / Skywarn: Andy will research RACES/ ARES requirements.

Do we want to get our club associated with AuxComm and participate in the weekly check-ins?

Jan 24 /25 is Winter Field Day: Paul, Colonel, Chad, John, Jay, and Crystal said they would be interested in participating.

Ham Club Breakfast: Nov 1st

Christmas: December meeting at Lakeview for Christmas (Dec 9th)

Meeting closed.