

McMinn County Amateur Radio Club, Inc. Information

The McMinn County Amateur Radio Club, Inc. serves the McMinn County area.

The club maintains a club station at the Athens EOC with club call KG4FZR.

Additional non-club stations are located at

the McMinn County 911 Center, Athens Regional Hospital and Woods Memorial Hospital.

Regular monthly MCARC meetings are held the 2nd Monday of each month at the Athens City Hall at 7:00 PM. All are welcome!

The club officers for 2008 are:

President, Wade Smith, Jr.-KI4IQA

Vice President, Don Shane-K4DLS

Secretary, Evan Ray-WA4PNI

Treasurer, Lynn McConkey-N4NLM

Women's Auxilary, Barbara McConkey-KI4IPZ

If you would like to contact one of the folks above, please send an email to kg4fzr@yahoo.com and include in the Subject line who the mail is for, such as To MCARC President, etc. The mail will be forwarded to the intended recipient.

The club uses the following frequencies:

145.310 (-) 141.3 WA4PNI, in Madsionville, TN, with remote receivers in Decatur and Athens.

145.150 (-) 141.3 KG4FZR, next to WJSQ, Athens, TN

442.275 (+) 141.3 KG4FZR, next to WJSQ, Athens, TN

443.275(+)100.0 KG4FZR No Pone, Decatur, TN

147.060 (-) 141.3 KF4PVQ, next to WJSQ, Athens, TN (Privately owned, open to public)

224.300 (-) 141.3 KF4PVQ, next to WJSQ, Athens, TN (Privately owned, open to public)

Simplex frequencies monitored/ used by club members are 146.520, 146.580, 446.000, & 446.100.

We also use 147.510 (141.3 tone) simplex as a general ragchew frequency.

Some HF frequencies we frequent are (nightly) 1.939 (7-8ET PM) & 28.587 (8-9ET PM) and (mornings) 3.980.

The MCARC club station also operates as "KG4FZR-7" on APRS with digipeater!

Look for our call and the "EOC" symbol in East Tennessee.

IMPORTANT NOTE ABOUT OUR DIGI!

THE KG4FZR-7 DIGI is a WIDE1-1/TNn-n digi & IS A LIMITED TWO-WAY IGATE.

IT ALSO GATES LOCAL SEVERE WEATHER RELATED DATA TO THE RF SIDE OF APRS.

WE HAVE AN APRS SECTION ON OUR WEBSITE IF YOU NEED SETUP HELP.

The club members are active in ARES, RACES, Skywarn, MARS and participates when requested in civic duties, such as JOTA for the Boy Scouts, the Athens Christmas Parade, Watts Bar Nuclear Plant drills, as well as other activities.

The club participates in Field Day the last full weeked in June each year, and has the MCARC Hamfest the 3rd Saturday in July each year, both at Athens Regional Park.

Regular Phone nets are held each and every Monday evening at 8:30 PM on the 145.310 repeater and the 442.275 net follows the close of the 2 meter net.