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President's Corner

February is a gateway month for us as we ready to transition from winter to spring. It is a good time to inventory our equipment and make sure everything is working.

With spring comes the chance of severe weather. The Skywarn program is a valuable partnership between the National Weather Service and dedicated volunteers who work together to enhance the safety and resilience of communities during severe weather events. By providing timely and reliable information, Skywarn spotters help save lives and protect property from the impacts of hazardous weather. If you are interested in learning more about the Skywarn program, visit www.weather.gov/SKYWARN

Those with a deeper interest in weather and meteorology can attend the free event Severe Weather Awareness Day on Saturday February 24, 2024. This annual event features many of our local TV meteorologists and special guest speakers for a full day of all things weather. See more information and register at www.weather.gov/ohx/swad2024

Spring is also the start of our community service season. Our club supports many charitable walks and bike rides around the area. If you have never volunteered for one of these events, it's a great opportunity to meet fellow hams from around the area. It's also a great opportunity to test out your equipment in the field. We make announcements about these opportunities via the club website and on our weekly club nets.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at these events.

73

Dan



*89 Years of
Community
Service*

Weekly Net on Monday at 7:30pm 146.670(-)

Other Net Information

10M net Sundays 7:30pm 28.415 (USB)

Bible net Mondays-Fridays at 6:00am on 146.670

Davidson Co. ARES training net Mondays at 7:00pm 147.015

MTEARS net Mondays at 8:00pm 442.800 Tone 107.2

License Exam Session

March 9, 2024

Phone: 615-268-0266

Email: K9FQ.mm@gmail.com

Pre-registration begins at 8am

Testing begins at 9am

Crieve Hall Church of Christ

Nashville School of Preaching Entrance

4806 Trousdale Drive Nashville, TN 37220

www.nashvilleveteam.org

Upcoming Contests

February 2024

13-17 [School Club Roundup](#)

18-19 [International DX-CW](#)

March 2024

2-3 [International DX-Phone](#)

Club Dues

Nashville Amateur Radio Club membership dues for 2024 are \$20 for regular members and \$10 for associate members. Please mail dues to the clubhouse address at 205 Downeymeade Drive, Nashville, 37214; submit online at www.hamclubonline.com; or pay in person to club Treasurer Randy WE1W at a meeting. Note that dues paid online will be assessed \$1 extra for processing fees.

FCC Will Add Vehicles for Pirate Radio Enforcement

By Paul McLane; January 24, 2024; radioworld.com via [Amateur Radio Weekly](#)

To help fight pirate radio, the Federal Communications Commission hired four full-time people in fiscal 2023 and is in the process of hiring more. That's according to the FCC Enforcement Bureau's annual report to Congress about its enforcement efforts to fight illegal radio. The FCC has also ordered six vehicles to support the hires with mobile direction-finding equipment. "These six vehicles will be outfitted in the 2024 and 2025 calendar years ... and will include specialized hardware and software for the detection for pirate radio operators," it wrote. "We also purchased additional equipment that will help us identify and locate pirate radio operators."

The FCC must submit the report under the Preventing Illegal Radio Abuse Through Enforcement (PIRATE) Act, which became law in 2020. The act increased the maximum monetary penalties for pirate operators; those caps now are \$119,000 per day and \$2.4 million total. The commission reported to Congress that during the past fiscal year, it announced its first proposed fines under the act, including a maximum one against César Ayora and Luis Angel Ayora for pirate broadcasting in Queens, N.Y. That fine was later affirmed, though there has been no indication that it has been paid. Though not in fiscal 2023, the commission in November also proposed major fines against three more operators in the New York City area.

The act also requires the FCC to conduct annual enforcement "sweeps" of pirate radio in the five markets with the most pirate operations; the commission said it began sweeps in late 2022, though it gave no details other than to say that it is seeking to hire agents in areas where it conducts the sweeps. The PIRATE Act also gave the FCC more enforcement authority over property owners and managers that allow pirates on their property.

In FY23 the Enforcement Bureau said it issued 44 notices to owners and landlords, including 25 related to pirate sweeps. "Because pirate radio stations often cease operating for a period of time but then return, the bureau will continue to monitor the properties for which notices were provided and will initiate enforcement action where appropriate," it stated. And the act required the FCC to build a database of pirate enforcement efforts. It debuted in January last year and has been updated through Dec. 31. The database lists 90 enforcement actions over the past 3-1/2 years, including the fines discussed above, a few consent decrees and other NALs, and the notices to landlords. New York, Massachusetts and Florida have seen the most enforcement activity during that time, with New York alone accounting for almost 40% of the actions.

DLARC Preserves "Ham Radio & More" Radio Show

January 30, 2024 via [Amateur Radio Weekly](#)

Ham Radio & More was a radio show about amateur radio that was broadcast from 1991 through 1997. More than 300 episodes of the program are now available [online](#) as part of the Digital Library of Amateur Radio & Communications (DLARC).

Ham Radio & More was the first radio show devoted to ham radio on the commercial radio band. It began as a one-hour show on KFNN 1510 AM in Phoenix, Arizona, then expanded to a two-hour format and national syndication. The program's host, Len Winkler, invited guests to discuss the issues of the day and educate listeners about various aspects of the radio hobby. Today the episodes, some more than 30 years old, provide an invaluable time capsule of the ham radio hobby.

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Don't Miss These Next Meetings!

Next Meeting:
Thursday February 15, 2024 7:00PM
NARC Clubhouse
205 Downeymeade Drive, Nashville, TN 37214

Breakfast (attendance varies):
First Saturday of the month

Shoney's
546 Donelson Pike
Nashville, TN 37214

March Meeting:
Thursday March 21, 2024
NARC Clubhouse
205 Downeymeade Drive, Nashville, TN 37214