

October 2025

# Mount Vernon Amateur Radio Club



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## **MVARC ARES Sunday Night Net**

Mount Vernon 146.790 repeater

**Check-in starts at 9:00 pm**

Unable to access the repeater from where you are?

We are on IRLP (EchoLink) K8EEN-R Node 809800

## **Meeting Minutes**

**Terry, KI8N**



### **Call To Order**

The June 2025 meeting of the Mount Vernon Amateur Radio Club was called to order by President Frank, KC8EVS at 6:00 pm. This meeting was held at Ariel-Foundation Park with a fish fry by Don, W8PEN and members provided covered dishes.

### **Minutes of the Last Meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as presented in the Club Newsletter without objection.

### **Treasurers Report**

To be presented at the October meeting.

### **Committee Reports**

- **Repeaters**

Roger, KE8ICI reported the repeaters are working well and he has the Henry 2M amplifier at this home.

- **EchoLink**

The EchoLink system is located and continues to operate well at Don's QTH, W8PEN. The EchoLink software was recently updated.

- **Directors**

Director's report by G Michael Jacobs, KE8HGE. Officer elections are coming in December. All positions are available, let Michael know if you are interested in holding an office.

### **Old Business**

The club gathering for OSPOTA went well and thanks to everyone who participated. Don has combined and submitted the log to both OSPOTA and POTA. Limited interaction with the attending public and no new member recruits.

Next events:

- Centerburg Old Time Farm Festival: September 20 and 21 at Memorial Park
- MVARC POTA at Mohican State Park on October 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am using the same shelter as OSPOTA. More discussion at the October meeting.

The raffle for the end-fed antenna was won by Wayne, WB8WB but he said to draw another ticket and give it to someone else. The winner was then Ralph, KC8REB. Congratulations Ralph. This raffle resulted in donations of \$105 to the club.

Meeting adjourned, motion by Emery, W8TW and Terry, KI8N.

# MVARC OCTOBER MEETING



**NOTE:  
NEW DAY & TIME**



**October 11, Saturday  
10:00 AM**

Academy Building, Fairgrounds Rd.

## Training Class Schedule

G. Michael, KE8HGE



Sessions meet weekly on Tuesday evenings, starting at 6:30 pm

**Study Session Schedule, 2025**

**Technician Class License**

October 28 to December 16 – Testing session December 17



## OSPOTA at Mohican State Park





## September Meeting and Fish Fry



## MVARC Calendar / Events

### WEEKLY EVENTS

**Sunday:** 9:00 PM ARES Sunday Night Net

**Wednesday:** 4:45 PM — Dinner at Southside Restaurant

**Friday:** 9:00 AM Breakfast—Foundation Park

### CLUB MEETING

**Saturday October 11<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM – Academy Building on Fairgrounds Road**



## ARRL Sanctioned Hamfests

Ohio ARRL hamfest and conventions

[Ohio Great Lakes Division ARRL Sanctioned Hamfests](https://arrrl-ohio.org/hamfests/)

Or

<https://arrrl-ohio.org/hamfests/>



## Miscellaneous Rambling

**Terry, KI8N**



Hope everyone has been “radio active”. In September Cath, WA8KJJ and I attended the Findlay Hamfest for the 100-year ARRL affiliation celebration for Findlay Amateur Radio Club. Scott, N8SY presented an ARRL proclamation and plaque to the president of the club. It was a nicely done presentation, and several members of the club were recognized for their club longevity and involvement.

This month Cath and I took the motorhome to Maumee Bay State Park campground for four days on vacation and hit more sewing and quilt shops on the Ohio Shop Hop. We visited ten shops on this trip.

The Shop Hop is complete for 2025, and Cath visited 51 shops this year.

Maumee Bay is a gorgeous location on Lake Erie where the camp spots are spread out so there is room between campers. I also activated this POTA location three times with a total of 477 contacts. These made up the majority of radio contacts I had in September.

I completed adding an antenna mount on the truck. I used a bed stake mount and ran a braided cable to the truck bed for the ground plane. Mounting and checking out 20M, 40M, and 10M Hustler Resonators with an antenna analyzer shows a good SWR and resistivity. It works much better when the Resonator is mounted on a 54” MO-3 mast which raises the antenna above the truck cabin. I plan to use this for POTA activations when the weather gets cooler and it is not advisable to sit outside. I can then put up an antenna, run the coax into the truck, and operate comfortably from the passenger seat.



I made an error this month I did not anticipate. I tried to clean some small dark spots off the outside of the shop garage door, and I used an unlabeled spray bottle which must have contained oil and grease remover I had been using on a car engine. This stuff took the paint off the garage door and left a green colored tint where I sprayed it. So, I spent three days repainting the garage and two worn man doors with two coats of paint on each so it would not look like such a mess. It was the price of being inattentive!

September just seemed to blow by and poof it was gone. I kept busy sending out information regarding the ARRL’s Amateur Radio Emergency Preparedness Act (HOA bill) to Ohio section affiliated clubs. I hope MVARC club members submitted their letters via the website in support of this grassroots effort. There is a letter and QR code about this measure in this newsletter.

Until next month – “Be safe and Ham it UP”!



## YOU CAN HELP US

### CHANGE THE LEGAL RIGHTS OF AMERICAN HAMS

The ARRL is focused on reducing legal restraints on the ability of American Amateur Radio Operators to engage in the active practice and enjoyment of Amateur Radio.

One of the most insidious and increasing threats to the survival of Amateur Radio and our ability to serve our communities and Nation, as we are required to do by Federal regulation, is the proliferation of private land use restrictions that prohibit the installation of outdoor antennas and that sometimes actually deny Federally licensed Amateurs from operating any amateur radios, regardless of where their antennas are located — in their attics, hidden in trees, or mounted on their vehicles.

Federal law — since 1996 — has guaranteed to every American — except Amateur Radio Operators — the right to erect antennas outside or on their residences for the purpose of TV reception, satellite TV and internet access, wireless internet access and even wireless internet redistribution. But Amateur Radio operators are denied the equal right to erect comparable antennas.

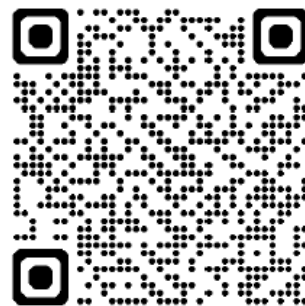
Since 2005 Federal law has also guaranteed to every American the right to proudly display the American Flag by installing flagpoles in their yards. But, despite that right to install vertical poles in their yards — American Radio Amateurs are denied the right to use those vertical flagpoles as vertical antennas.

We believe the denial — to licensed Amateur Radio Operators — of the rights guaranteed to all non-Amateur Radio licensed American homeowners — the right to install antennas on the land they own — is without justification and should not be permitted to continue.

To eliminate these private land use restrictions, the ARRL has worked over the past several years with our elected officials to draft Congressional legislation — H.R. 1094 in the U.S. House of Representatives and S. 459 in the U.S. Senate — that when passed will extend to all Hams the right to operate from their homes and the right to install antennas on the land they own. We have bipartisan support for this legislation.

**BUT, WE NEED YOUR HELP TO PASS THIS LEGISLATION!!!**

For ease of access to <https://send-a-letter.org/hoa/> , point your phones at:





## MVARC 2025 Club Officers

**President**  
Frank, KC8EVS



**Vice President**  
Emery, W8TW



**Secretary / Treasurer**  
Terry, KI8N



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