



## The Antenna

Hello Wilson Amateur Radio Club (WARC) members! Welcome to the 1st edition of the Quarterly version of **The Antenna!**

If you have an article or technical paper you would like to contribute, send it to me! Have you purchased some new gear and want to do a short review? Send it! Is there an upcoming contest or hamfest everyone should know about? Let me know! (My contact info is at the end of the newsletter)

## Recent events

Winter Field Day- Jan 25th-26th

Members of the club occupied a cabin in Cedars Of Lebanon State Park to participate in Winter Field Day 2025. Winter Field Day is an exciting annual event for amateur radio enthusiasts and it offers a unique opportunity for radio operators to set up field operations in remote locations, enabling them to connect with other participants worldwide. More can be found [Here](#).

We ran a total of 4 stations at any one time in the Indoor category, with considerably more than four operators participating across the weekend. We had a number of visitors show up to watch or get on the air themselves! Some of the visitors were new hams, prospective hams getting ready to test (and pass) their tech and upgrade to general, and some out of county visitors from other clubs. The cabin was well appointed and very comfortable and long as you didn't slip down the stairs in the middle of the night! (no names 😊 ) Thanks to Bill Uthoff, KK4WU, for coordinating the cabin!

It was a great time to hang out and play radio as well as practice setting up your station in a new environment.

Our club's Winter Field Day results were 203 QSOs with a final score of 2,639 points after the multiplier was applied. We accomplished 36% of the Objectives. For more on the scoring and how it worked, please see the Winter Field Day link above.

## Upcoming Event Calendar:

### **Club Meetings**

Club Meetings are held the first Saturday of every month. **That would make the next meeting April 5th 2025.**

Meetings take place at 115 Oak Street, Lebanon, TN in the Wilson County EMA training center.

Testing for new Technician licenses, or license upgrades, is held at 4:30 PM at the above location. Pre-registration is not required; **walk-ins are welcome.**

#### Please Bring:

- \$15 Cash (testing fee)
- Your FRN number from the FCC's CORE System or a copy of your current FCC license if upgrading.
- One Government issued ID or two other forms of identification.

\*Calculators may be used if the memories are erased. Devices such as cellphones, tablets, etc., may not be used.

### **Contests and Events:**

#### **Contests:**

**(Thanks to Rick Vantrease, KO4ULT, for this one)**

The CSVHF Spring Sprints will be coming to a radio near you, starting in April.

Below is the current posted schedule.

144 MHz Monday April 14, 2025. 2300z (7pm EDT) to 0600z (11pm PDT), operate no more than four hours between your first contact and your last contact.

222 MHz Tuesday April 22, 2025. 2300z (7pm EDT) to 0600z (11pm PDT), operate no more than four hours between your first contact and your last contact.

432 MHz Wednesday April 30, 2025. 2300z (7pm EDT) to 0600z (11pm PDT), operate no more than four hours between your first contact and your last contact.

Microwave (902 MHz and up) Saturday May 3, 2025. 0800 AM – 0200 PM Local

50 MHz Saturday May 10, 2025. 2300z through Sunday May 11, 2025, 0300z

Full rules can be found [here](#).

#### **Hamfests:**

[Dayton Hamvention](#) May 16 - 18 The Granddaddy of them all! Xenia, Ohio

[Knoxville Hamfest, ARRL Tennessee State Convention](#) June 21, 2025 - Knoxville, TN

[The Greater Nashville HAMquest](#)- July 19th, Wilson County Fairgrounds, TN. We may know some folks associated with this event. ;)

[Huntsville Hamfest](#) Aug, 16-17, Huntsville, Alabama

### **Other:**

[Macon Area Ham Radio Society Fox Hunt](#): April 26th. See flyer at link in highlighted text to the left. (Thanks again to Rick for this one!)

Know of any other upcoming hamfest we should all know about? Send me a link!

## **Featured Article**

This section will include articles written by members of the club or suggested by members of the club. Articles could cover a range of topics, including recent club projects, technical tips, reviews, or other interesting topics related to amateur radio.

The FCC has opened up for comments about potential rules to delete or amend:

[Link to ARRL article](#)

## **Whose Shack is That!?**

**Are you proud of your shack and want to show it off in “Whose Shack is that?”**  
**Send a picture to [thedoobie1@gmail.com](mailto:thedoobie1@gmail.com) with the subject line, “Whose Shack is that?”**  
**and include any information about your setup you would like to share.**

## **Ham Radio Resources**

Random links to resources that you might find helpful.  
Send suggestions for some of your favorites!

[Practical Antennas](#) - Considerations and recommendations for various antennas

[Interested in QRP \(Low power operations\) ?](#)

## **QRT**

Thanks for reading and I am open to receive feedback on this newsletter at the email address **and** subject line below.

**PLEASE** send submissions for interesting articles or reviews to be included in the next issue!

Use the email address and subject line below.

73!

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