

BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Mid-State Amateur Radio Club has many benefits. Some of them include:

► Learning the Latest: *Spark Gap*, our monthly newsletter, along with our monthly meetings and our weekly video tech discussions will help keep you informed of the latest club and amateur radio news and keep you connected to fellow hams.

► Club Activities: MARC Social Dinners, the annual picnic and guest presenters or demonstrations at monthly meetings. These give members firsthand access to some of the newest and most exciting facets of amateur radio. Additionally, our club events, Winter/Summer Field Days, Parks on the Air, Touch a Truck Event, Greenwood Band Traffic Control give you the perfect chance to get out and enjoy the hobby with other operators and help the public at the same time!

► Help and Support: The club's members are remarkably diverse and bring a vast amount of knowledge with them at every meeting. Whether fixing an antenna or considering a new rig, you will find the knowledge of our Volunteer Technical Expert group is an invaluable asset. Our Tuesday Tech Discussions and monthly Weather Ops on WebEx. After monthly meetings, our Volunteer Technical Expert group are ready to help you answer any questions you have.



The Mid-State Amateur Radio Club meets the third Saturday of each month at 8:00 am at the Johnson County REMC Community Room at 750 International Drive, Franklin, IN. We invite the public to attend all meetings.

Becoming a member of the Mid-State Amateur Radio Club is easy! Visit our website for more information at:

www.midstatehams.org



MARC is affiliated with the American Radio Relay League (ARRL), the country's largest amateur radio organization, serving as a valuable information and support resource for anyone interested in amateur radio. Visit the ARRL at www.arrl.org



What is the Mid-State Amateur Radio Club?

HOW IT ALL BEGAN

The Mid-State Amateur Radio Club was founded in February 1984 as a non-profit organization to promote amateur radio and provide resources for new and experienced hams alike. Since then, we have remained one of the larger and more active amateur radio organizations in this part of the state. Our club is changing and expanding constantly, and we expect to maintain our status and leadership well into the future. MARC provides many benefits and resources to area amateurs.

We exist to promote the hobby of amateur radio and provide a fellowship and knowledge resource for new or existing hams to share their hobby with others as we serve our community.

Local students participating in Kids Day 2025.



Our members are the eyes on the sky for the National Weather Service Skywarn Program for Johnson County. Our club owned repeater is the official Skywarn repeater for Johnson County. We serve the community interest by supporting emergency communications when called upon by the county officials, because;



“When All Else Fails – Amateur Radio Works!”

WHAT THE MID-STATE AMATEUR RADIO CLUB HAS TO OFFER.

*MARC maintains two repeaters covering Johnson County and the surrounding area.

*The 146.835 MHz repeater primarily operating conventional FM is the official Skywarn repeater for Johnson County. The 443.525 repeater uses conventional FM and C4FM Digital mode with Wires-X connectivity. These repeaters are free to use and open to all licensed radio amateurs.

* MARC maintains an APRS digipeater on the frequency of 144.39 MHz. This Digipeater allows local hams to send packets to the worldwide APRS network.

* MARC sponsors a weekly open to all amateur traffic and social net on our VHF repeater. The net begins at 7:00 pm local time every Sunday featuring local news, announcements and *Amateur Radio Newsline*.

W9MID Repeaters

146.835 / 146.235 MHz

443.525 / 448.525 MHz

Both use 151.4 Hz PL tone



AMATEUR RADIO LICENSE TESTING

Interested in getting your amateur radio license? For test preparation and study materials, visit our web site for links to multiple sources under the RESOURCES tab. We can help you prepare for your exam with tips and ideas to prepare for your test. This is the perfect opportunity for you or someone you know to get that amateur license or upgrade to a higher-class license.

MARC provides an accredited Volunteer



Examiner Team that provides testing for all levels of amateur growth and participation in our hobby. We offer testing after our regular monthly meetings starting about 9:30am. You must pre-

register for your test at our website under our FCC LICENSE EXAMS tab.



Study hard, register for your test then come to the meeting...our Volunteer Examiner Team is eager to serve!