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CLUB MEETING NEW LOCATION

SEPTEMBER MEETING - COMPLETE GUIDE ON HOW TO GET THERE!

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The new ZeroBeat Newsletter, the official publication of the Montgomery Amateur Radio Club published on the first day of each month. Contents: Articles about new products - antennas - techniques and ideas - items for sale - humor - announcements and upcoming events - letters to the editor - articles about old products - profiles of club members - event pictures. The ZeroBeat wants your contributions! Email articles to me at CASKYWARN@GMAIL.COM in Microsoft Word format or plain text. Comments are welcome!



Your club needs you!

Help keep our repeaters on the air!

Support our mission!

Now with easy on-line renewal!

Go to w4ap.org click on JOIN/RENEW

Mobiles click top left menu button 



Help keep amateur radio flourishing in Central Alabama for education, discovery, public service, and great fellowship!

Directions to the Club Meeting Site

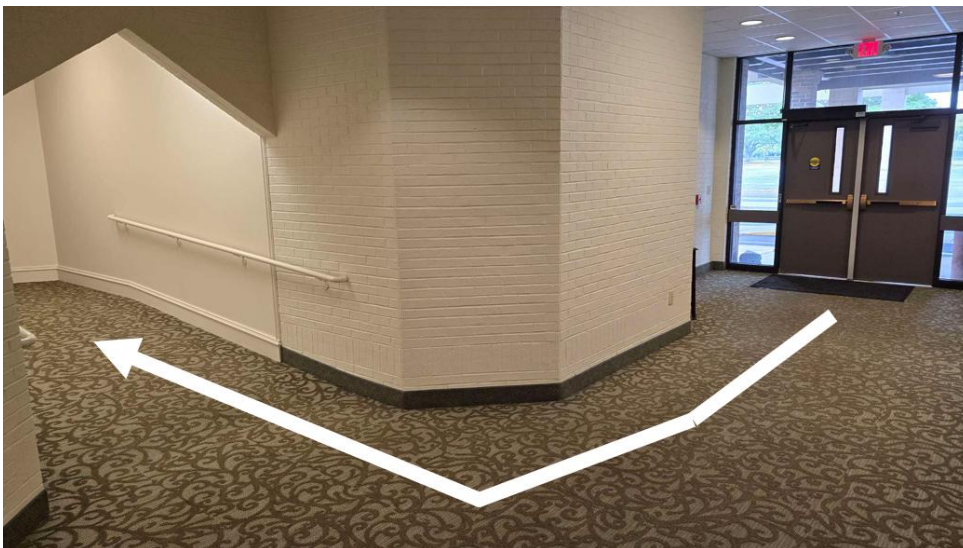
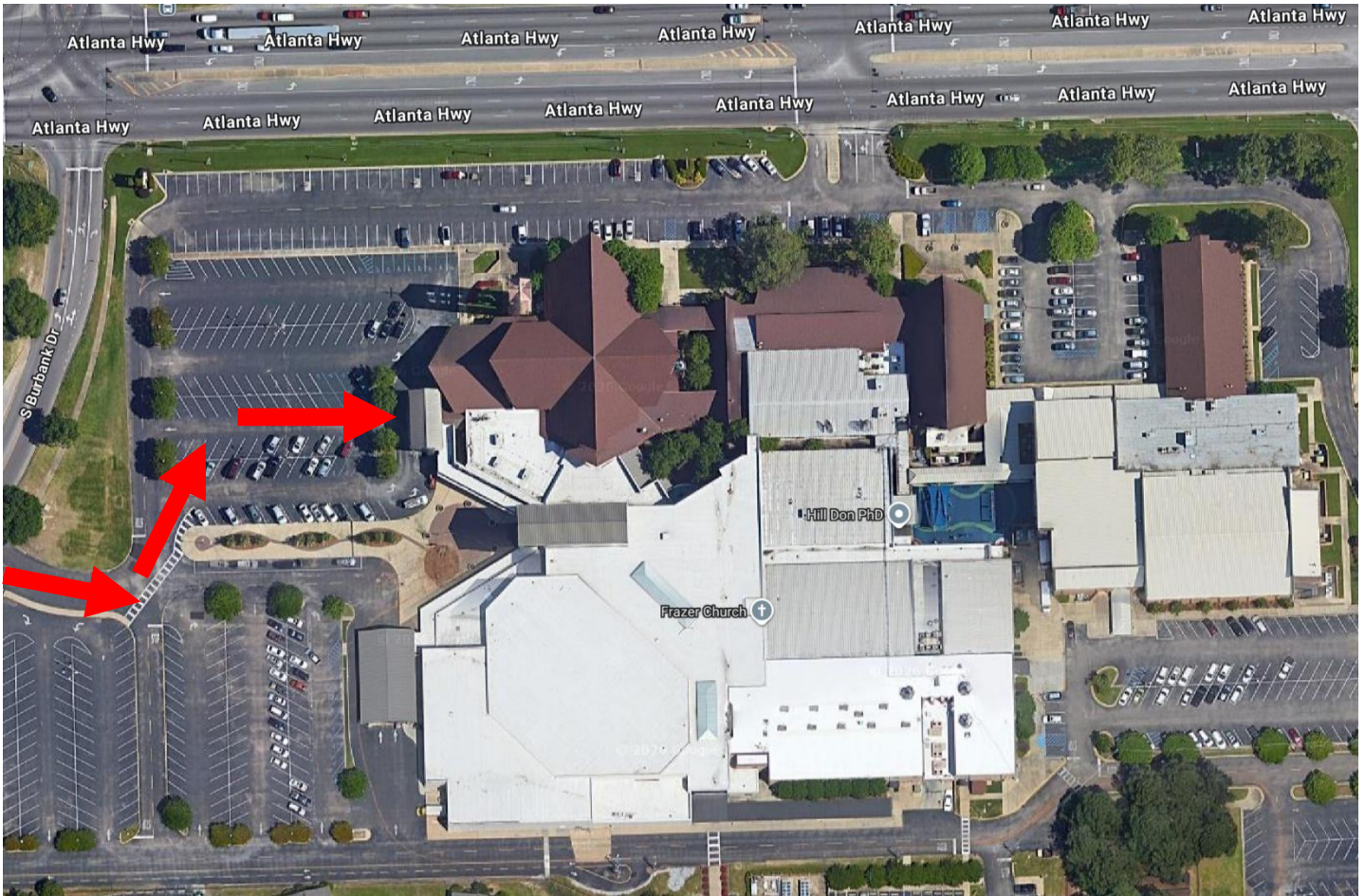
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The first meeting in our new location will be an exciting event. We will meet in "The Parlor", a room in Frazer Free Methodist Church. The room has lots of amenities: a counter with sink, adjacent rest rooms, a sitting area with couches in the back, a big-screen TV for presentations, and easy access. To mark this special event, in addition to the usual raffle, we will have a raffle for two door prizes: two Wouxun KG-UV96 dual-band handheld radios, NIB.



Enter the parking lot that is to the west of the church from Burbank Drive. As you are facing the new main entrance with the "WELCOME" sign above the doors, go to the covered drive-up to your left and park nearby. Enter through the door in that covered drive-up.





When you come in the door, go straight ten feet then turn right onto a short hallway to "The Parlor." The room will be set up with chairs and tables.

Ham Radio Licensing Class



Offered by the
Montgomery Amateur
Radio Club

Eight Thursday evenings,
Jan 7 – Feb 25, 2027
with testing on March 4, 2027

Enrollement fee is \$ 40.00
which includes the ARRL
License Study Guide.
(FCC license fee will be extra)

Join the fun!
Get your license!

To enroll go to
w4ap.org



MARC Will Offer A Technician Licensing Class Jan – Feb 2027 (testing in March)

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Fred Springall KR4YK is organizing a Technician Class for January and February 2027 with testing in the first week of March. We already have four potential students and are hoping for more. Members of MARC are asked to publicize this class.

The following members have already signed up to teach certain parts of this class:

Lew Nyman K1AZE

Scott Poole W4SPA

Otto Arnoscht N4UZZ

Charles Houser KD4AXP

Jere Whitehouse W4CRS

Dennis Egbert K4PDQ

Gene Simmons KK4IB

Ken Brittin AK4KN

Fred Springall KR4YK

Jerome Goddard II W4IJG

Rob Slagle KK4RDS

Jamie Whitehead KQ1USA

1. All sessions will be held at Frazer Church.
2. Normal class hours are from 6:00 PM until 8:30 PM on 8 consecutive Thursdays with exam the week following the last class.
3. Ten-minute breaks at 7 PM and 8 PM.
4. Class member expectations/responsibilities will be covered in the first module.
5. Tuition (\$40) includes the study manual, administration supplies and break drinks/snacks.
6. Amateur Radio Technician Exams will be scheduled at the end of the course. Class members are responsible for obtaining their Federal Registration Number from the FCC prior to the test session. The testing fee is not included in the tuition price.
7. There is an optional (no additional charge) "New Operators Class" that will cover basic operational procedures, net operations, specific antennas, etc. This class is scheduled for the two weeks following the testing session.

Planned Club Activities (Updated August 31, 2026)

Coax installation party at Frazer, Tuesday, Sept 1, 2027

KK4IB will lead a group to run more coax from the tower and the roof into the station.

Antenna raising party at Frazer, Tuesday, Sept 8, 2027

The big station antenna raising party! We need all hands on deck! The fan dipole will be installed on the tower. 8:00 AM – 10:30 AM.

Glassner Autumn Challenge Sat Oct 17, 2026

We provide communications for the Glassner ride through South Montgomery County. Members are invited to sign up at mgmbikeclub.org or just google "Glassner Autumn Challenge." Click on GLASSNER > 2026 Volunteer Form then scroll down to "Ham Radio Operator". Click on the box for the 6:00 AM shift (don't worry, you do not need to be there at 6:00 AM) – a pop-up will direct you to scroll down to the form to complete for sign-up. I will be doing the assignments, so let me know special assignment requests!

Scout Spookaree Sat Oct 24, 2026

Two ham operators will be making contacts on HF for groups of scouts at Camp Tukabatchee from 11:00 AM until 5:00 PM. We will provide two radios (one Icom IC-7300 and one Yaesu FT-DX10) with band filters to operate on 20m and 40m. Antennas will be in place (endfed verticals).

SET – Simulated Emergency Test Sat Oct 31, 2026

All day operators will report simulated emergency traffic and check into nets. Nets will be operating all day. Logs and reports will be furnished to the ARRL. We are asking members to check in on the 84 repeater as well as the 444.500 repeater with or without simulated traffic. We are also preparing to pass a large amount of ICS213 messages via digital modes on VHF.

Hamfest Sat Nov 14, 2026

Our hamfest continues to be a great success every year! Sign up to volunteer now!

Technician Class Thursdays Jan 7 – Feb 25, 2027

See article in this issue of ZeroBeat for details.

Additional events:

Monthly club meetings, Christmas Party in December, monthly ARES meetings.



Montgomery County ARES Digital Emcomm Net Thursdays

Montgomery County ARES runs a digital emcomm net on VHF Thursday evenings from 8:00 pm local time to 9:00 pm local time. ARES members participating in the net will set up their stations sometime after 7:00 PM LT but no later than 8:00 pm local time and leave the station running and beaconing in the designated digital mode. After that, they can leave their station unattended because all net procedures involve automatic exchanges that require no further operator input.



The net will conclude at approximately 9:00 pm local time after net control sends a request to the station at Frazer to list all stations heard.

We now have a station operating FSQ from Bald Knob. We have had check-ins from North Prattville, Millbrook, Pike Road, and Ramer.

Stations can send a signal report request to the Bald Knob station at any time.

The MGM-ARES groups.io files area has a one-page cheat sheet on how to set up your radio for this digital net. We are excited about a new version of FSQ operating at much higher speeds (coming soon).

Local Nets Are Inviting Your Participation!

Otto N4UZZ

NOTE: Technicians can participate in the nets on 10m.

- The Cradle of the Confederacy Net and 10-10 International Chapter meet weekly on 28.350 MHz on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM CT on upper side band.
- Monday nights at 8:00 PM CT the UHF Net: ragchew and to answer equipment questions. New hams and old hams invited. 444.500 W4AP Bald Knob repeater.
- Sunday night at 7:00 pm the Hams for the Lamb Net practices Christian fellowship and mutual support on the 146.84 W4AP repeater. All amateur radio operators are invited.
- Sunday night at 8:00 PM local time the Central Alabama 2m Net meets on the 146.84 W4AP repeater to exchange news, announcements, and for ragchew
- Thursday evenings, 7:00 PM Skywarn Net on UHF. Weather topics. Storm spotter training. Contact the net manager at caskywarn@gmail.com to join.
- Thursday evenings at 7:30 PM local time the Montgomery County ARES Net meets on UHF to discuss topics of preparedness. Contact Mac Montgomery.AL.ares@gmail.com
- MGM-ARES runs a digital net Thursday nights 8:00 PM – 9:00 PM CT. Details are available by request to Montgomery.AL.ares@gmail.com
- The Alabama Emergency Net Mike meets daily at 6:00 PM on 3.965 MHz LSB for statewide traffic handling. (This net requires General Class privileges.)

**Do you want to look up events or nets?
The club calendar on the front page of our website
<https://w4ap.org>
is always up-to-date with the latest details.
Just click on an event to get everything you need to know.**

MARC Happenings for September 2026

The Lunchbunch meeting schedule: all meetings at 11:00 AM

Sept 2, 2026	Pizza Perfect, 428 Coliseum Blvd, Montgomery, AL 36109
Sept 9, 2026	San Marcos, 61 N Burbank Dr, Montgomery AL 36117
Sept 16, 2026	Fried Tomato Buffet, 6561 Atlanta Hwy, Montgomery, AL 36117
Sept 23, 2026	Full Moon BBQ, 7660 Eastchase Pkwy, Montgomery, AL 36117
Sept 30, 2026	Vicki's Lunch Van, 106 Coliseum Blvd, Montgomery, AL 36109

To join the club or Lunchbunch email list, send request to CASKYWARN@GMAIL.COM

The MARC 2m Net	meets every Sunday at 8:00 PM CT on UHF 444.500 MHz
The Hams for Lambs Net	Christian fellowship meets every Sunday at 7:00 PM CT on 444.500 MHz
MGM-ARES Meeting	every fourth Thursday of the month, 7:00 PM, at the EMA
Skywarn Net	every Thurs 7:00 PM except fourth Thur of the month, caskywarn@gmail.com
MGM-ARES Digital Net	every Thursday 8:00 PM – 9:15 PM montgomery.county.ares@gmail.com
Central Ala UHF Net	Mondays (except club meeting nights) 8:00 PM 444.500 W4AP
Club Breakfast	Sat, Sept 19, 2026, starting at 7:00 AM Chappy's, Carmichael at Perry Hill Road,
Club Meeting	Mon, Sept 21, 2026, 7:00 PM Frazer Church, 6000 Atlanta Hwy, Montgomery AL 36117
CAVEC Testing	Monthly on the second Monday. Pre-registration is required. For details see the calendar on w4ap.org

For details on all events: go to w4ap.org
Scroll down to the club calendar, click on any event for details

Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1412939275643917/>
MARC Business page: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61586661405752>

Club Officers:

President:	Otto Arnoscht N4UZZ
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Director 2:	Fred Springall KR4YK (2023 - 2027)
Director 3:	Mac McWhorter KO4UWY (2026 – 2029)
Director 4:	Jerome Goddard II W4IJG (2026 – 2026)