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HAMFEST

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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!



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



Please go to this website

<https://ethercalc.net/ftw16zisp0tq>

and see which positions still need to be filled! Just write in your name and call. The website automatically updates for everyone!

The hamfest is one of the most important things our radio club does. We get lots of people from around Alabama who only go to one hamfest – ours! Please help make our hamfest a success.

Also, call Lew at 334-273-9655 to check with him as to where he needs the most help.



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



Stations can send a signal report request to the Red Cross 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. It also gives a list of basic commands such as requesting a signal report.

The file is password protected. If you do not have the password, you can email me at memarc840@gmail.com and request it.

The Dalraida Jammer

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When it comes to jammers and trolls, we simply have to recognize reality: we have no effective regulations and oversight. None. Some people point to a recent FCC Finding of Apparent Liability where they issued a fine of tens of thousands of dollars against a chronic jammer. They point to that as an example of FCC enforcement. They did not read the entire FCC document. It turns out that this is the third finding against this jammer, that the first one was issued in the 1990s and was for over ten thousand dollars back then, and that the jammer has not paid any of the fines but is laughing them all off. He simply continues jamming.

What we have done

We did not have much trouble locating the source of the jamming. Mr. Obochi D. Obochi, the jammer, is now on record. We have filed numerous complaints and reports with the FCC. None of them have even been acknowledged. We have filed a suspicious activity report with the Department of Homeland Security with his name on it. In accordance with the guidance of the “see something, say something” we filed reports with the Mobile Field Office of the FBI and with the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency. After all, he is sabotaging our efforts to maintain disaster preparedness. Furthermore, he has no license for any radio service.



We have sent copies of these reports to major law enforcement agencies in the area. We have asked several people in authority to write letters to urge investigation of this matter. That is all we can do and all we should do. We have also mailed letters to many people, asking them to write a note to the FBI urging them to investigate this matter. Only one person has responded. Congressional Representative Shomari Figures contacted the FBI asking them to give this matter attention and consideration. It is notable that no state ARRL leaders responded or bothered to write a note.

SHOMARI C. FIGURES 2ND DISTRICT, ALABAMA 225 CANNON HOB WASHINGTON, DC 20515 TELEPHONE: (202) 225-4931	Congress of the United States House of Representatives Washington, DC 20515-0102	REGIONAL MINORITY WHIP HOUSE TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE Subcommittee on Highways & Transit, Vice Ranking Member Subcommittee on Water Resources & Environment Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management HOUSE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE Subcommittee on Nutrition, Foreign Agriculture, and Horticulture, Vice Ranking Member Subcommittee on Commodity Markets, Digital Assets, and Rural Development
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October 3, 2025

Mr. Otto Johann Arnoscht
7159 Old Southwick Pl
Montgomery, AL 36117-8507


Dear Mr. Arnoscht,

Thank you for contacting my office the difficulties you have been experiencing. Please know I want to do all I can to be helpful.

In an effort to be of every possible assistance to you, I have already been in touch with officials at the U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Investigation to request they give this matter their utmost attention and consideration. Just as soon as I have something to report I will be back in touch.

Should you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact Mrs. Brandy Jackson in my Mobile District Office at (251) 283-6280.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely,

Shomari C. Figures
Member of Congress

Where do we go from here?

The first rule of engagement when dealing with jammers, is: Don't feed the trolls. That means that we do not react to them. When they cover up a transmission, we simply ask that the transmission be repeated. We act like any problems are technical glitches.

This means that we do not yell on the frequency about what a low-life, moron, nutcase, evil-doer the jammer is. This is what feeds him! This is how he gets his entertainment. It also means that we do not make threats like stating that we know who he is or where he lives. That feeds him even more.

Some of you may want to act out your rage at the troll's actions and go burn down his house. This will simply escalate the situation. He will come and burn down your house. You will have a Hatfield and McCoy warfare that can last for years. Is

that your idea of amateur radio as a hobby? Yes, there are areas of the country where this has been going on. I remember Westcars (the HF net on 7251) on the West Coast. Back in the seventies some people thought that Westcars was being used to get around long distance charges for phone calls. It probably was. But the battle deteriorated into jamming, screaming on-air arguments, threats, and finally bigger and bigger lawsuits. The result was that the trolls were able to destroy the net completely and bankrupted some of the amateur radio operators with legal actions.

I am calling on all of us to not feed the trolls. Further, I am calling on us to stand up and tell others not to feed the trolls. Let everyone know that feeding the trolls only makes the problem worse. Tell everyone to stop reacting to the troll. Tell people who want to rant and rave about what an evil person the jammer is that their comments are not helpful.

**Do not meet the enemy
where he wants you.
Instead, cut off his
supply and starve him
out.**

(From The Art of War)

Alabama Section S.E.T. Set for October 25, 2025

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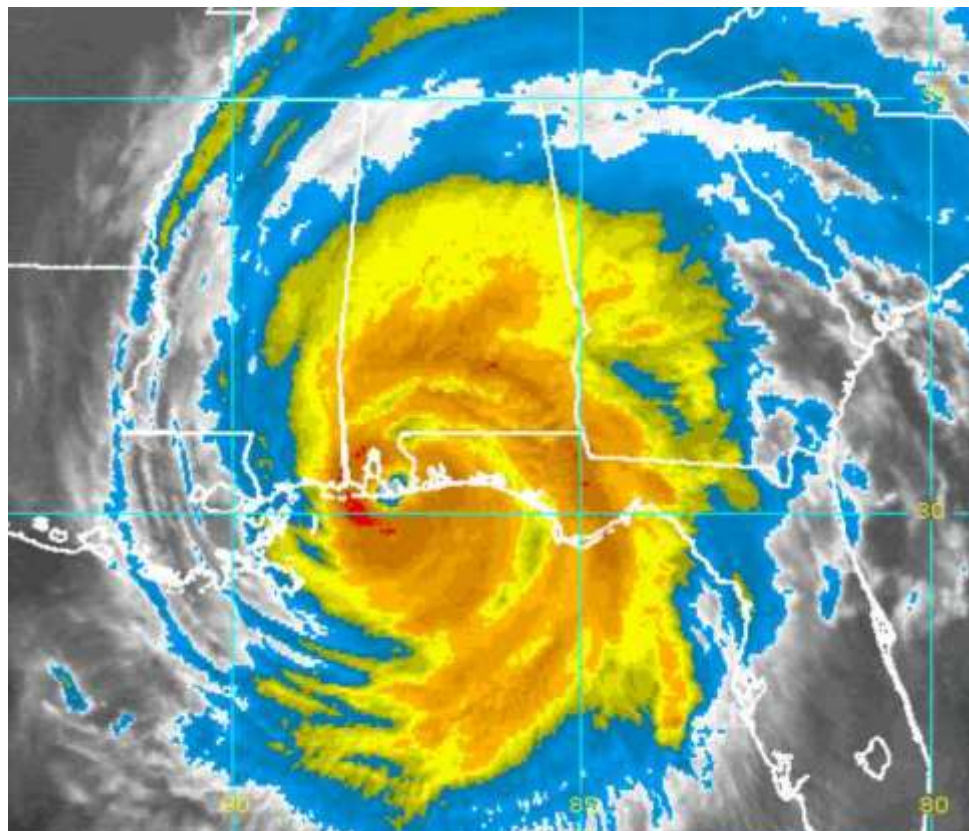
The Simulated Emergency Test (SET) for the Alabama Section is set for Saturday, October 25, 2025. During this exercise, we exchange messages related to a simulated disaster. For this year, the scenario is a hurricane moving through the state in a north-easterly direction from

Mobile to Anniston, disabling electric power, internet, and cellular services.

In Central Alabama, we will call an ARES Net from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM CT.

During that time we will pass as many simulated disaster messages and situation reports as possible.

Messages can include: reports of flooding, residents stranded, motorists stranded, persons reporting to shelters, persons being transported to hospitals, hospitals accepting patients, damage



Hurricane Ivan making landfall in Alabama, 2004.

to structures, gas stations open or closed, wind damage.

Last year our joint effort with Elmore and Autauga Counties led the state, and the state led the nation. This is a great way to demonstrate our preparedness for disaster and ability to support the EMA, the Red Cross, and other agencies.

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.
- The QCWA (Quarter Century Wireless Association), rag chew after the Cradle of the Confederacy Net on 28.350 MHz 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
- MGM-ARES runs a digital net Thursday nights 8:00 PM – 9:00 PM CT. Details are available by request to memarc840@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 October 2025

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

Oct 1, 2025	Pizza Perfect, 428 Coliseum Blvd, Montgomery, AL 36109
Oct 8, 2025	San Marcos, 61 N Burbank Dr, Montgomery AL 36117
Oct 15, 2025	Sommer's Place, 7972 VOcthn Road near VOcthn & Taylor
Oct 22, 2025	Full Moon BBQ, 7660 Eastchase Pkwy, Montgomery, AL 36117
Oct 29, 2025	Chili's Grill and Bar, 7355 Eastchase Pkwy, Montgomery, AL 36117

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 146.84 W4AP
The Hams for Lambs Net	Christian fellowship meets every Sunday at 7:00 PM CT on 146.84 W4AP
MGM-ARES Digital Net	every Thursday 8:00 PM – 9:15 PM CT memarc840@gmail.com
Central Ala UHF Net	Mondays (except club meeting nights) 8:00 PM 444.500 W4AP

Club Breakfast Sat, Oct 18, 2025 starting at 7:00 AM
Chappy's, Carmichael at Perry Hill Road,

Club Meeting **Mon, Oct 20, 2025, 7:00 PM**
Red Cross, 5015 Woods Crossing, Montgomery AL 36106

CAVEC Testing Mon, Oct 13, 2025, 6:30 pm
Community Room, Renfro's Foodland,
9168 East Chase Parkway Montgomery, AL 36117

ARRL-VE Testing Sat, Oct 25, 2025, 9:00 AM, Renfro Food Market Chantilly Corner
Pre-registration required Lewin.nyman@gmail.com

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/>

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