

## BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

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

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

\*Club Activities: Monthly Diner Socials, Annual Picnics and in some months, MARC may arrange a special guest or demonstration at a Saturday meeting. These give members firsthand access to some of the newest and most exciting facets of amateur radio. Additionally, our special club events 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 very diverse and bring a vast amount of knowledge with them to every meeting. Whether fixing an antenna or considering a new rig, you will find the knowledge of our Elmer group an invaluable asset. Our free "Tuesday Tech Talks" on WebEx are open all members and offer a great opportunity for you to learn about the latest technologies and get your technical questions answered! Our Elmers are ready to help you.

Becoming a member of the Mid-State Amateur Radio Club is easy. Simply visit our website for an application!



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 - The public is invited to attend.

Visit our website for more information at:

[www.midstatehams.org](http://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](http://WWW.ARRL.ORG)



## What is the Mid-State Amateur Radio Club?

### HOW IT ALL BEGAN

The Mid-State Amateur Radio Club was founded 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 and existing hams to share their hobby with others as we serve our community.



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 with 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 the Johnson County and surrounding area.

The 146.835 MHz repeater is an analog-only repeater and is the primary Skywarn repeater for Johnson County. The 443.525 MHz repeater is an Analog/Digital system using the YAESU DR-1X C4FM/FM Digital Repeater. Both use a 151.4 Hz PL tone for input and output. These repeaters are free and open to all licensed radio amateurs for their use.

\* 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’s traffic and social net on our VHF repeater. The net begins at 7:00 pm local time every Sunday featuring local news, announcements, NTS traffic, as well as rebroadcasts of Amateur Radio Newslines.



Interested in getting your amateur radio license? Of course, there is **no longer a morse code requirement** to get your license. For test preparation and study materials, visit our web page for links to multiple sources under the RESOURCES tab. Perfect timing! Sunspot Cycle 25 is on its way and will bring lots of chances for long-distance communication. 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. For test preparation and study materials, visit our web page for links to multiple resources under the RESOURCES tab.

### **AMATEUR RADIO TESTING**

MARC provides an ARRL accredited Volunteer Examiner Team that offers testing for all levels of amateur radio licensing, to encourage new growth and participation in our hobby. Testing is offered 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 VE Team is eager to serve!