

Madison Area Repeater Association

Newsletter

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Welcome to the New Website

W9HSY.ORG

We've launched our new website at <https://w9hsy.org> the club call sign. We are using Wordpress to power the site which will give us much more freedom to update it frequently and make it much more responsive for club business. We are just getting it populated now and we hope to have it serve the Ham community in the Madison area much more easily and fully than the old site which was much more difficult to update.

146.760 to be updated



Stay tuned. We will be upgrading the "76" repeater soon. We have noticed some conflict between our FM analog and the Digital traffic on the "15" repeater. What we've decided to do is make some changes to accommodate both kinds of traffic more easily. After a number of months of listening we've found that the "76" doesn't get much traffic at all, while the "15" get quite a bit, particularly of analog traffic. We will be taking advantage of that difference by replacing the current repeater on "76" a new Yaesu System Fusion repeater and connecting it to the internet so hams in our area can take advantage of C4FM digital mode and WIRES-X without affecting the analog traffic on "15" Once this is complete we will have DSTAR, C4FM/WIRES-X and FM analog capabilities in our area. We'll keep you posted.

REPEATERS

Mode: FM Analog
Output: 147.150 MHz
Offset: 600 kHz
Squelch: 123.0 Hz
(CTCSS)

Mode: DStar
Output: 145.305 MHz
Offset: -600 KHz
Squelch: DStar

--Coming Soon--

Mode: System Fusion/C4FM
Output: 146.760 MHz
Offset: 600 kHz

MARA Newsletter Signup

We will be starting to send our newsletter from time to time once again. We are using MailChimp to manage our subscribers so you will be able to unsubscribe any time you feel you need to. You can sign up to receive our newsletter at this webpage: <http://eepurl.com/gdCid5>

Mark your calendars

This may seem ridiculous, but we've created a schedule of MARA Hamfests going out for the next 10 years for all of you who need to plan ahead. No, really, it isn't that crazy. Given that our event has always been in April we always have to work around Easter and Holy Week. For those of you who are observant this helps you. Even for those of you who are not, often, tradition would have it that families travel during that week to spend time with other family members. Because of this we engaged in the thought experiment to see how Easter and Holy week might affect MARA Hamfest dates going out a few years. Normally, we shoot for the third weekend of the month, except where that would be affected by Easter. So, get out your calendars. We publish here Hamfest dates for the next 10 years! And you thought we used a dart board.



MARA Dates and Easter			
Year	Easter	Hamfest	Saturday of Month
2019	4/21/2019	4/13/2019	2
2020	4/12/2020	4/18/2020	3
2021	4/4/2021	4/17/2021	3
2022	4/17/2022	4/23/2022	4
2023	4/9/2023	4/15/2023	3
2024	3/31/2024	4/20/2024	3
2025	4/20/2025	4/26/2025	4
2026	4/5/2026	4/18/2026	3
2027	3/28/2027	4/17/2027	3
2028	4/16/2028	4/22/2028	3

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