

# THE PLATTSMOUTH AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

# Communicator

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## Hy-Gain, Cushcraft Return

(ARnewsline 4/17/26) Production of the Hy-gain and Cushcraft antennas and antenna products popularized by MFJ Enterprises will be going forward under new ownership and in a new home in Linton, Indiana.

The Indiana-based manufacturing and engineering business, ITU Corporation, has purchased both brands from Martin F. Jue, K5FLU, president and founder of MFJ Enterprises. MFJ, which Martin founded in Starkville, Mississippi, halted production in the spring of 2024.

Manufacturing of the two brands will resume at a property that formerly housed the National Guard Armory. The 15-acre site is being repurposed for the production.

In a statement announcing the deal, Martin expressed confidence that ITU would honor both brands' tradition of service to the amateur radio community. He said that he was certain that ITU's Dave and Kambi Carpenter: "share our commitment to American-made quality and customer satisfaction. They bring the engineering expertise and manufacturing passion necessary to keep these products and these trusted American high-performance antennas on towers worldwide for years to come!" The Carpenters are also the owners of the electronics supply store TekShack.

ITU, which has its company headquarters in Duggar, Indiana, has also purchased MFJ's designs, tooling, specialized equipment, manufacturing and marketing rights for use in the Linton location. The company plans to move all manufacturing operations there from Mississippi, a transition that is expected to take about two months.

<https://www.arnewsline.org/>

## FCC Looking at Space Spectrum

(ARnewsline 4/10/26) Expecting that orbital laboratories, inhabitable spacecraft, in-space repairs and many other related uses are going to have a need for greater access to the RF spectrum, the Federal Communications Commission is seeking comment on ways to make that happen. The agency voted last month to address new ways to support tracking, telemetry and command for a variety of on-the-horizon initiatives.

The FCC published the proceeding on its website, referring to the uses as "weird space stuff." The agency said that the proposed rulemaking is part of a larger effort to modernize policies in support of the quickly growing space sector. It encouraged comments in particular from companies involved in different aspects of lunar missions, satellite-servicing or related operations.

One of the potential frequency ranges referenced in the

Notice of Proposed Rulemaking is frequency range 2305 MHz to 2315 MHz, which overlaps part of the amateur radio allocation on 13cm. The proposal is Docket Number 26-54.

## Federal Emergency Response Network Upgrade

(ARnewsline 4/10/26) A mobile phone network created to provide public safety agencies around the United States with reliable emergency communications, is poised for service upgrades after reaching an agreement with the federal government and the network's private-sector partner AT&T.

Under the deal, AT&T, which built and maintains the network known as FirstNet, will cover the cost of \$1 billion worth of the network's improvements. At the same time, AT&T will reduce its bill to the federal government by another \$1 billion for its continued support to FirstNet. The government selected AT&T to build the network in 2017, when the service was first known as the Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network. Its creation was driven by the breakdown in emergency communication for public safety agencies and first responders in the aftermath of the terror attacks of September 11th, 2001.

<https://www.firstnet.com/>

## Experiments on 4M & 8M Bands

(ARnewsline 4/10/26) In the hope of gaining insights into seasonal propagation trends, Sporadic-E, Trans-Equatorial Propagation and low-band VHF path behavior, the experimental station WQ2XDM has been conducting experiments using the digital weak-signal modes WSPR and FT8 on the 4 metre and 8 metre bands. The license was granted to John K9JMS, who is asking fellow hams to monitor reception and send him reports for data collection. He recommends using PSK Reporter and station logs and screenshots to record time, SNR, grid and frequency details while monitoring FT8 on 40.680 MHz.

The station's website says John will publish a final white paper and an open dataset. The location in Florida is key to the experimental activity because of the region's recurring tropospheric ducting in the Gulf/Atlantic region. Florida's low latitude makes it especially suitable for capturing Trans-Equatorial Propagation and equatorial ionospheric phenomena.

According to the station's page on QRZ.com, the project is aimed at strengthening the case for more interest in and access to 8 metres. Signal reports or queries can be sent to John at the email address WQ2XDM.fl@gmail.com.

<https://www.qrz.com/db/WQ2XDM>

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Note: Thanks to all who have paid their dues and those who have given additional donations. All donations are greatly appreciated. Please let me know of any corrections.

**Meetings are 8am the last Saturday of most months at Mom's Café in Plattsmouth.**

**Tuesday night get-togethers at Plattsmouth Burger King at 6 PM or so.**

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# MINUTES of the MEETING

The March Meeting was held at Mom's Café on March 28, 2026. The meeting was called to order by President Roger Behrns at 8:00 am. Those in attendance were Roger (KBØOGO), Kevin (KIØPY), John (KCØHYD), Jim (WØJRN), Bill (KEØXQ), Erik (KFØFHH), and Tom (ABØER).

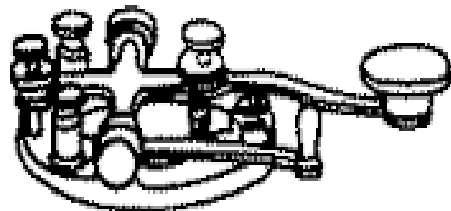
The Minutes of the February meeting were approved on a motion by John and seconded by Jim.

The Treasurer reported receiving dues and donations of \$100. This leaves \$722.55 in the General Fund and \$385 in the Repeater Fund for a total of \$1107.55. The report was accepted on a motion by Jim and second by Bill.

The club liability insurance policy is up for renewal for \$300.

Roger is sending a request to the village of Murray for Field Day.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:36 on a motion by Jim and second by Tom.



PLATTSMOUTH ARC MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION FORM					
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Membership Type <input type="checkbox"/> Primary(\$15) <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse (\$5) <input type="checkbox"/> Student (\$5) <input type="checkbox"/> New Ham		● Additional donations are gratefully accepted. ● New Hams are free during the year they receive their first license. ● Please give this form and dues to the club treasurer or any club officer.		Donation for: <input type="checkbox"/> Repeater fund <input type="checkbox"/> Insurance <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> General	
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Meeting Calendar

8am, Sat April 25  
8am, Sat May 30  
at Mom's Café.