



Madison County Amateur Radio Club

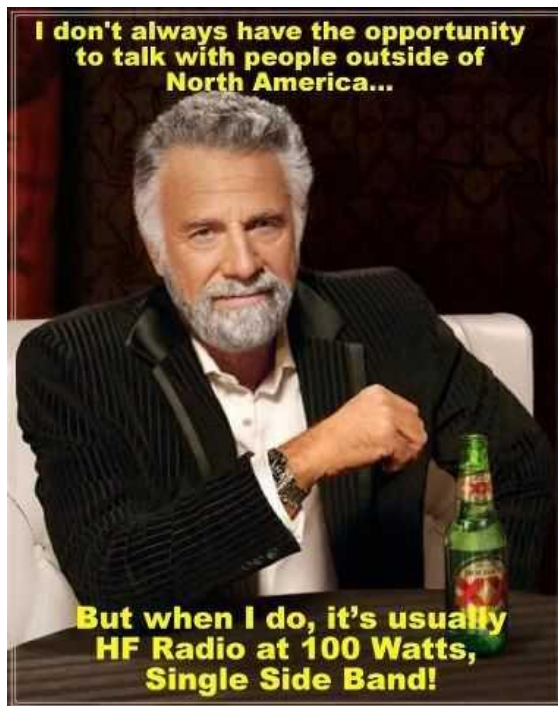
QSO

www.w9vcf.org

April 2022



Next meeting will be May 2nd, at 7pm at the EOC at 200 N Delaware St, Anderson.



Thanks to Charlie Dixon - KD9RZG

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From the President -

Greetings everyone. I will try to make this brief however who knows. Don't forget the QSO party in May. We will hold this at the EOC. Next we have a big undertaking. We will be updating the constitution and by-laws which hasn't been done in a long time. Going through old correspondence it was discovered (according to law) we need to add a section on Code of Conduct and Harassment including sexual. This process could take several months so come with questions and ideas to make this and our club better. 73's Lew

From the Vice-President -

Hams and Eggs

Since becoming a ham, I have endeavored to learn as much as I can about the hobby. I have read books, watched dozens and dozens of YouTube videos, and researched various topics online. However, the conversations that I have had with other hams at our Saturday breakfast gatherings have benefited me the most. I have by far learned more about antennas, standing wave ratio, programming a Baofeng, and calling CQ while eating breakfast with the guys. We are fortunate to have so many experienced hams who are more than willing to help the newbie learn and grow in the hobby. Plus, the camaraderie of the local ham community keeps us connected with each other. If you haven't joined us for breakfast in a while, I encourage you to come out and be a part of the Saturday discussions. It's not only informative, there's always plenty of lighthearted chats and laughter as well.

Breakfast every Saturday 9:00 AM

Anderson Grill

2038 S. Scatterfield Rd. (across from the old mall)

Anderson, IN 46016

Oh yeah, we're going to need more coffee!

Don't forget to join the Wednesday evening net each week at 8:00 pm. 145.390 MHz / PL 151.4

Tim - KD9PSR

MCARC - Minutes of Regular Meeting

April 4th, 2022

Location: EOC, 200 N. Delaware St. Anderson, IN 46016

President's Call to Order: President Lew - K9LBB called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Motion to accept March minutes: Passed.

President's Comments: President Lew brought up proposed changes to the Club Constitution and By-Laws and stated Dennis W9DO had handouts for the club members to review and we would discuss it next meeting. Ike N9IKE asked if we wanted to continue our membership in the Indiana Repeater Council. Present Lew asked Alan K9YI his thoughts as Alan had experience and knowledge with the Council. Alan stated he thought we should continue our membership based on favorable membership status if keeping our repeater club status and frequency versus issues from other repeater clubs (implied). President Lew asked for a motion to continue membership in the Council. Motion was passed. Ike N9IKE will send a check for \$8.00 to the Council.

Show and Tell: Dennis W9DO, passed out proposed revisions to the Constitution and By-Laws and placed same on the big TV screens for viewing with short discussion.

New Correspondence: Solicitation mail from the American Cancer Society (X2).

Treasurer's Report:

Beginning balance as of 03/07/2022	\$ 2,318.96
Expenditures (returned mail Star Bank)	\$ 7.00
Deposits (Dues)	\$ 60.00
Balance in bank as of 04/04/2022	\$ 2,371.96

Motion to accept Treasurer's report seconded and approved.

VP Tim - KD9PSR said nets are going well. Volunteers are still being accepted to run the nets. Tim asked Jeff K9DYR about certification for ARES for members operating as Net Control. Jeff said members who run the club nets were qualified for ARES.

Media/Newsletter/Awards Gary W9GNR stated the points standings for the top five members. He also stated points list was on the wall in the radio room.

Trustee: Mark - W9MWM

Activities: Paula - KD9SZJ mentioned the Indiana Convention and Hamfest is in Peru on May 7th.

Tech Committee: Doug - N9DR/Tim W2VZ. Doug was not present but sent in a message about the condition of equipment. Said the Kenwood and Yaesu HF radios were 25 years old or so and the power trailer needs repaired. Club needs a VHF/UHF radio.

EMA Jeff - K9DYZ stated he is working on grants. We are in good shape for the June exercise. We are OK on frequencies to use for the exercise. EMA has outreach training on Apr 23rd 1100-1300 12th and Meridian and 1400-1700 Old Everett Education Center.

New Business: Ike N9IKE stated the club really needs to do an inventory of equipment to list what we have and want covered on the insurance. One member wanted to know what was going on with the web page. It appears broke and not updated. Tim KD9PSR stated we could keep the URL to start a new web page (implied). He said he might be able to find a business charging about \$25 a year for keeping the URL active. President Lew asked Tim to check on that. No one knows the User ID or Password for the current website.

Old Business: Dues report: 22 paid, 20 unpaid. Sweatshirt and T-shirt order done. Mike, KC9DJU has been handing them out.

Sick Report: No comments.

Attendance: There were 17 members present.

Adjournment: President Lew - K9LBB concluded the meeting at 7:50 PM.

MADISON COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Communicators are needed for the June Exercise.

We will be pushing this at meetings and other means. Participation is open to all licensed hams whether they live in Madison County or not. Those involved in the EOC Team do not need to sign up as communicators.

I know it is a ways off, but please consider participating in the June Full Scale Exercise. We need licensed Amateurs to participate as communicators. Some need to have go-boxes with antenna, suitable for reaching the EOC from locations around the county. If you do not have a go-box, you will be paired with someone who does. All locations will be teams so inexperienced operators can be matched with experienced operators.

Tuesday, June 7, 2022 0900-1200

1200-1600

Wednesday, June 8, 2022 0900-1200

1200-1600

Please let me know the times / days you want to participate and if you plan to bring your go-box.

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THE EC SHACK

Gary-W9GNR

New FCC Application Fee Will Not Apply to Amateur Radio License Upgrades

04/04/2022

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) staff has clarified in response to an ARRL request that the new \$35 application fee will not apply to most license modifications, including those to upgrade an amateur radio licensee's operator class and changes to club station trustees. The FCC staff explained that the new fees will apply only to applications for a new license, renewal, rule waiver, or a new vanity call sign. As previously announced, the new fees take effect on April 19, 2022.

"We are pleased that the FCC will not charge licensees the FCC application fee for license upgrade applications," said ARRL Volunteer Examiner Coordinator (VEC) Manager Maria Somma, AB1FM. "While applicants for a new license will need to pay the \$35 FCC application fee, there will be no FCC charge for future upgrades and administrative updates, such as a change of mailing or email address. Most current licensees, therefore, will not be charged the new FCC application fee until they renew their license or apply for a new vanity call sign."

ARRL previously **reported** that the new \$35 application fee for amateur radio licenses will become effective on April 19, 2022. Further information and instructions about the FCC Application Fee are available from the ARRL VEC at www.arrl.org/fcc-application-fee.

-FOR SALE-

ITEM	ASKING PRICE	SELLER	CONTACT
HAVE AN HAM RELATED ITEM FOR SALE? ADVERTISE HERE!! E-MAIL w9vcf.mcarc@gmail.com with your Item, asking price and preferred contact info!!			

EVENTS

Every Wednesday	MCARC 2M Net 8:00 PM - 145.390 pl 151.4 Followed by an informal ragchew on 28.465
Every Thursday	Donut Meeting 09:00 AM at the EOC
Every Saturday	Breakfast at Anderson Grill 09:00 AM at 2038 S Scatterfield Rd, Anderson
May 2nd	MC ARC Meeting at the EOC 7pm
May 7th	Indiana QSO at EOC; 1100hrs to 2300hrs [11am - 11pm]
May 17th	VE Testing at the EOC 7pm
SPECIAL EVENTS	
May 7th	Arizona QSO
May7-8th	QSO's: Idaho, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Utah, Washington, Wyoming, Connecticut, Delaware
May16 -31	Memorial Day; 7.235, 7.240, 14.045, 14.255
May 21	Armed Forces Day; 7.040, 7.250, 14.040, 14.250
CONTESTS	

Have something to contribute to the newsletter?

- Participated in any recent contest?
- Have an interesting QSO?
- Try an experimental antenna?
- Get a new piece of equipment you'd like to offer a review about?

We'd love to hear about it. You are more than welcome to write a piece about something above or something else you feel worthy of sharing. If you would like to write a piece for the newsletter, please submit your article, along with any pictures that you'd like included to the club email, w9vcf.mcarc@gmail.com.

Also, if you have anything for sale that you would like to advertise in the club newsletter, please send it to the above email.

Thank you, Gary - W9GNR

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Meetings are at the Madison County EOC
200 N Delaware Street
Anderson, IN 46016

HAMFESTS

North Central Indiana Hamfest, ARRL Indiana State Convention

HAMFEST/CONVENTION

05/07/2022

Start Date: 05/07/2022

End Date: 05/07/2022

Location: Miami County 4-H Fairgrounds

1029 W. 200 North

Peru, IN 46970

Website: <http://www.ncihamfest.com/>

Sponsor: Cass County, Grant County, Kokomo, and Miami County Amateur Radio Clubs

Type: ARRL Convention

Talk-In: 147.345+ (131.8)

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