



Madison County Amateur Radio Club

# QSO

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**JANUARY 2023**

Next meeting will be JANUARY 2nd, at 7pm at the EOC



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## **From the President -**

Let me start by introducing myself for those that don't know me. My name is Lynn Edens ( K 9 R L E ) I'm married to my wife of 7 years this past Thanksgiving.

My wife is an Emergency Medical Technician with the Franklin Indiana Fire Department. I have an 18 year old son and a (very active) 13 year old daughter and I have 3 bonus teenage step daughters. We live in Elwood and I joined Madison County Emergency Management when I was 19 and I took a couple years off and missed it horribly and came back.

I started my career as a 911 dispatcher with the City of Elwood in 2010 before consolidating with Madison County 911 Dispatch. This January I will have 12 years with Madison County.

As I mentioned I've been a member of the Madison County EMA for around 20 years as a volunteer (with a break) and in February of 2022 through prayer and blessings I was offered the full time EMA Deputy Director Position under Director Dyer's new administration and my life dream came true.

It had also been my dream for many years to get my amateur radio license, I had even started classes on several occasions under Dick Elmore, Steve Riley but the more intense it got I just didn't feel I was smart enough, I couldn't catch on. These guys who I looked to as idols that were hams I just didn't think I could reach their status.

So I had a stack of certificates but the one I truly wanted most and strived for was missing. That is until I got under Jeff Dyer's wings, with his support and encouragement I didn't give up this time. Yes, I may have taken it a little too serious but after so many attempts and try's I had promised myself I wasn't going to let him down.

In May of this year I got my technician license. So yes I am a new Ham but it is truly in my blood and one of my greatest accomplishments and one of my proudest moments. I have begun to start studying for my General and I hope in the coming year I will be able to upgrade.

When I was nominated for President I never in a million years thought I would be named. I'm truly shocked and speechless. In a few weeks, as we start the new year I am beyond honored, blessed and privileged to lead the Madison County Amateur Radio Club next year and I simply can't thank you all enough for entrusting me as your new President.

Just as with EMA the radio club is NOT ABOUT ME, or officers, or positions, or status. The club is ALL about you the members! Without each one of you there would be no club.

We do this for enjoyment, No one wants to take time out of their busy lives to come to a meeting and sit through fighting, bickering, being put down or leave thinking the meeting was a waste of time. We want to have fun, have a good time, be on the radio, make contacts and learn more about our hobby.

Over the past several years the club has had to work thru major adversity. And look we have even grown in membership. WHAT A TRUE STATEMENT TO THE JOY OF AMATEUR RADIO. It stands the test of time and adversity.

For the coming year we would like to bring back the true meaning of Amateur Radio – Advancing our skills in the technical and communication phases of the radio art. The key word here is ART – Amateur radio is both a practical skill and an art!

So many times, the real reason being a Ham is lost in politics, getting mad because of what one member said about something, money, club rules and so on. Remember why you became a HAM? Most of you would say a hobby and service that brings people, electronics and communication together. To use ham radio to talk across town, around the world, or even into space, all without the Internet or cell phones. It's, social, educational, and can be a lifeline during times of need. BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY TO HAVE FUN AND LEARN!

Do you want to set up a ham radio station anywhere! In a field? At a club station? At home? In MCU 2? Your 2023 Officers want to bring back the fun and learning in the new year..

We come from all walks of life -- mechanics, students, kids, pastors, bus drivers, teachers, retiree's, postal employees and neighbor next door.

MCARC are all ages and all ranges of operators, experience and talents. Whether through Morse Code on an old brass telegraph key, voice communication on a hand-held radio or computerized messages transmitted via satellite, we all use radio to reach out to each other and to the world.

Let's build on this in the coming year.

We want to continue building stronger the club's professionalism, activity, learning, teaching and friendship .

We have an amazing group of members and officers for the new year and the Officers look forward to continuing what has been built before us and build on that and expand the club even more?

Greg Hunt ( K 9 A L C ) the 2023 Activity Director already has a January calendar of events made up that is available and is working on several great activities, trainings and ARRL functions in the new year.

From all your 2023 Officer's, we thank you so much and look forward to having and absolutely fantastic year ahead of us.

Best Regards,

Roger "Lynn" Edens



## From the Vice-President -

Chevy, Ford... Icom or Yaesu?

Recently, a guy asked me if I knew where the nearest Chevrolet dealership was located. He told me that he needed to have some minor repairs done to his Silverado 4 X 4 pickup truck. He then said, "If I was driving a Ford pickup, I would naturally know where a Ford dealership would be because they break down so frequently." That made me chuckle. But, I've never really been caught up in the competitive discussions between Chevy, Ford, or Dodge trucks. Neither have I been in a debate of which radio is the best. Whether it is a Kenwood, Icom, Yaesu, or even a Baofeng, if it works for you, it's a good radio. There are a lot of different brands on the market, each one having their own distinctive features. The same could be said about hams. Our organization is a melting pot of people from different backgrounds and interests. Some are known for being outspoken, while others are more reserved. What makes our club so appealing is that everyone is welcome to participate in events and get involved in our programs. Regardless of one's age, education, profession, or ethnicity, everyone in our community is invited to be a part of the Madison County Amateur Radio Club. That's why I enjoy belonging to our group. I encourage our members to extend an invitation to their friends to visit one of our monthly meetings and see what our organization is all about.

If you know a ham in our area who is not a member of our club, they can still be a part of the Wednesday evening net. Encouraging them to participate in the net might be a way to get them interested in joining our club. Remember, the net is every Wednesday at 8:00 pm. on the 145.390 MHz repeater with PL tone 151.4.

73

Tim

KD9PSR

**MCARC - Minutes of Regular Meeting**

**Dec 5th, 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 with the Pledge of Allegiance.**

**Motion to accept November minutes: Motion passed..**

**President's Comments: President Lew congratulated N9OLC, Dale Bloomer for winning the Most Active Ham Award and Jacket, and stated Dale now has the honor of keeping the points totals for 2023. Dale disputed this and implied Gary W9GNR will still do it. The question for our next meeting is: How much will Gary charge Dale to do that?**

**Show and Tell: Ferrin Nice N9VZL brought in QSL cards to show for his contacts.**

**New Correspondence: None**

**Treasurer's Report:**

|                                           |                    |
|-------------------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Beginning balance as of 09/05/2022</b> | <b>\$ 2,559.42</b> |
| <b>Expenditures (Jacket)</b>              | <b>\$ 124.12</b>   |
| <b>Deposits (Dues)</b>                    | <b>\$ 154.00</b>   |
| <b>Balance in bank as of 05/02/2022</b>   | <b>\$ 2,589.30</b> |

**Motion to accept Treasurer's report seconded, approved, and passed.**

**VP Tim - KD9PSR Not available.**

**Media/Newsletter/Awards Gary W9GNR No report**

**Trustee: Mark - W9MWM Repeater working OK.**

**Activities: Paula KD9SZJ - Nothing to report. She was thanked by President Lew for her planning the Christmas Party but stated the staff at the Golden Corral had no idea we were coming. Miscommunication by staff there.**

**Tech Committee: Doug - N9DR/Tim W2VZ/Charlie KD9RZG Nothing to report.**

**EMA: Jeff - K9DYR mentioned the FST has several long time members who are starting to leave so there will be vacancies. He said the EMA was fortunate to have so many Hams available in our county for support. Many counties are not so lucky.**

**New Business: The club, by voice vote, accepted the membership application, and welcomed Harry Burkart WA9RCY. Harry is a long time amateur from Alexandria and is a General Class. Ike stated the new membership cards are in and are being issued to those members paying 2023 dues.**

**Election of new officers for 2023 was by unanimous voice vote. They are:**

**President - Lynn K9RLE**

**Vice President - Tim KD9PSR**

**Sec/Treas - Ike N9IKE**

**Media/Newsletter - Gary W9GNR**

**Trustee - Mark W9MWM**

**Activities - Greg K9ALC**

**Tech Committee - Dennis W9DO**

**Old Business: None**

**Sick Report: None**

**Attendance: There were 18 members present.**

**Adjournment: President Lew - K9LBB concluded the meeting at 7:39 PM.**

# THE EC SHACK

*Gary-W9GNR*

Here is a neat checklist for your Amateur Radio accomplishments sent in by Dale - N9OLC

| 7:54 AM Wed Dec 28 LTE 73%                          |                                                                                             |                                                                                                |
|-----------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Band Worked                                         | Mode Worked                                                                                 | Activity (or mode of op)                                                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> - 2,200 M (135 kHz)        | <input type="checkbox"/> - SSB                                                              | <input type="checkbox"/> - Repeater QSO (2 M and up)                                           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> - 630 M (472 kHz)          | <input type="checkbox"/> - CW                                                               | <input type="checkbox"/> - Repeater QSO (10 or 6 M)                                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> - 160 M (1.8 MHz)          | <input type="checkbox"/> - AM                                                               | <input type="checkbox"/> - Simplex FM QSO (VHF/UHF)                                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> - 80/75 M (3.5/3.8 MHz)    | <input type="checkbox"/> - FM                                                               | <input type="checkbox"/> - SSB QSO (VHF/UHF)                                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> - 60 M (5.3 MHz)           | <input type="checkbox"/> - PSK (31, 63)                                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> - CW Contact                                                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> - 40 M (7 MHz)             | <input type="checkbox"/> - FT4                                                              | <input type="checkbox"/> - Contest Contact                                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> - 30 M (10.1 MHz)          | <input type="checkbox"/> - FT8                                                              | <input type="checkbox"/> - Satellite Contact                                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> - 20 M (14 MHz)            | <input type="checkbox"/> - Other WSJT- X Modes (FSK441, JT6M, JT65, etc.)                   | <input type="checkbox"/> - Fox Hunt (ARDF)                                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> - 17 M (18 MHz)            | <input type="checkbox"/> - JS8call                                                          | <input type="checkbox"/> - WinLink Contact                                                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> - 15 M (21 MHz)            | <input type="checkbox"/> - Packet radio (AX25)/APRS                                         | <input type="checkbox"/> - EchoLink Contact                                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> - 12 M (24.9 MHz)          | <input type="checkbox"/> - SSTV or Fast Scan ATV                                            | <input type="checkbox"/> - WAS (work all 50 states)                                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> - 10 M (28 MHz)            | <input type="checkbox"/> - Digital FM- DMR, D-Star, Fusion, etc.) including Hotspots        | <input type="checkbox"/> - Work 50 countries                                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> - 6 M (50 MHz)             |                                                                                             | <input type="checkbox"/> - Work 100 countries                                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> - 2 M (144 MHz)            | <input type="checkbox"/> - Pactor, Clover, Olivia, Throb, DominoEX, MT63, Thor, AMTOR, etc. | <input type="checkbox"/> - WAC- Work All Continents                                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> - 1.25 M (222 MHz)         |                                                                                             | <input type="checkbox"/> - POTA (Parks On The Air) or SOTA (Summits On The Air) Chaser Contact |
| <input type="checkbox"/> - 75 cm (440 MHz)          | <input type="checkbox"/> - FAX or Hellschreiber                                             | <input type="checkbox"/> - POTA or SOTA Activation                                             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> - 33 cm (902 MHz)          | <b>Club</b>                                                                                 |                                                                                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> - Higher Microwave Bands   | <input type="checkbox"/> - Attend an ARC meeting                                            | <input type="checkbox"/> - POTA Activator                                                      |
| <b>Build or Install</b>                             | <input type="checkbox"/> - Present at ARC meeting                                           | <input type="checkbox"/> - Work you State QSO party                                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> - New VHF/UHF Antenna      | <input type="checkbox"/> - Head a committee                                                 | <b>Build/Test/Repair</b>                                                                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> - New HF Antenna           | <input type="checkbox"/> - Attend a Hamfest                                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> - Electronics Kit or Homebrew                                         |
| <input type="checkbox"/> - New Mobile Radio         | <input type="checkbox"/> - Teach a Licensing Class or be a VE                               | <input type="checkbox"/> - Use an Antenna Analyzer or nano-VNA to measure                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> - New Mobile Antenna       | <input type="checkbox"/> - Mentor a new ham                                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> - Fix non-working Radio                                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> - Computer/Radio Interface | <input type="checkbox"/> - Write a newsletter article                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> - Aurdino, Rasp Pi or other microprocess Proejct or Program           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> - Club building project    | <input type="checkbox"/> - ARRL Membership                                                  |                                                                                                |

## -FOR SALE-

| ITEM                                                                                                                                                                                                   | ASKING PRICE | SELLER       | CONTACT            |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------------|
| Yaesu 817 QRP Radio with power supply                                                                                                                                                                  | \$480.00     | Dale - N9OLC | dbloo42927@aol.com |
| LDG 817 Auto tuner with cables                                                                                                                                                                         | \$80.00      | Dale - N9OLC | dbloo42927@aol.com |
| Power Supply 12vdc 30a 360w switching                                                                                                                                                                  | \$35.00      | Dale - N9OLC | dbloo42927@aol.com |
| Kenwood TM-216A 2m mobile transceiver w/cigarette plug and Mag mount                                                                                                                                   | \$95.00 obo  | Dale - N9OLC | dbloo42927@aol.com |
| <b>HAVE AN HAM RELATED ITEM FOR SALE? ADVERTISE HERE!!</b> E-MAIL <a href="mailto:w9vcf.mcarc@gmail.com">w9vcf.mcarc@gmail.com</a><br><b>with your Item, asking price and preferred contact info!!</b> |              |              |                    |
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## EVENTS

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|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 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                      |
|                                |                                                                                               |
| January 2nd                    | MC ARC Meeting EOC 7pm                                                                        |
| January 17th                   | VE Testing at the EOC 7pm                                                                     |
| January 28th thru January 29th | Winter Field Day - Details to be given at Club meeting                                        |
| <b>SPECIAL EVENTS</b>          |                                                                                               |
| January 1st                    | Kids Day 28.350 - 28.400 14.270 - 14.300 7.270 - 7.290                                        |
| January 2nd thru January 31st  | Straight Key Month 3.550 7.055 14.050 21.050                                                  |
| January 7th thru January 8th   | RTTY Roundup 80m 40m 20m 15m 10m Jan 7 1800 UTC to Jan 8 2359 UTC                             |
| January 21st thru January 22nd | VHF Contest see <a href="http://www.arrl.org/january-vhf">http://www.arrl.org/january-vhf</a> |
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## 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](mailto: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

### Madison County Amateur Radio Club Contact Information

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### Officer Contact Information

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|---------------------------|--------------|--------|-----------------------------|
| President                 | Lynn Edens   | K9RLE  | redens@madisoncounty.in.gov |
| Vice President            | Tim Bailey   | KC9PSR | kd9psr@gmail.com            |
| Secretary/Treasurer       | Ike Jones    | N9IKE  | ikester#hrtc.net            |
| Activities                | Greg Hunt    | K9ALC  | RWilco.85@gmail.com         |
| Trustee                   | Mark Mace    | W9MWM  | kd9nau@gmail.com            |
| Technical Committee Chair | Dennis Owen  | W9DO   | w9do@arrl.com               |
| Newsletter Editor         | Gary Sherman | W9GNR  | w9gnr@arrl.com              |

Meetings are at the Madison County EOC  
200 N Delaware Street  
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## HAMFESTS



**WHAT? WAIT .... NO HAMFESTS?**

**The nearest Hamfests is in Georgia on January 14. That is a long weekend.**