



Madison County Amateur Radio Club

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MARCH 2023

Next meeting will be MARCH 6th, at 7pm at the EOC



If March comes in as a Lion



... Does Ham Radio become Corned Beef Radio?

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From the President -

March Madness is upon us! We are 3 months into the year already and we sincerely hope so far you are enjoying being part of the club. We look forward to warmer weather, so we have the opportunities to do more fun stuff! We continue to grow our membership and interest in the club and more important Ham Radio.

We have started thinking about our outreach events this year and even already getting invites. Thanks to Gary W9GNN we got some updated ARRL Ham Radio Flyer handouts. Also, a HUGE SHOUT OUT to Dale N9LOC, Jeff AK9JS, Greg K9ALC, Ferrin N9VZL for instructing and teaching our first general class at the EOC. We have 5 setting in on this every Saturday session trying to get the knowledge and understanding to pass the general test.

If this works out this group may look into putting on a technician class later in the year. WOO HOO!

Sometime in March we are planning to do a SIMPLEX net check in on a Sunday night net and practice our relaying skills and don't forget the new UHF net on the 3rd Thursday of the month.

Remember Storm Spotter Training March 14th at 6pm at Anderson University. Dale and Jeff N9LOC and AK9JS will be representing the MCARC with a table and demonstration during the event.

Severe weather season is approaching, and we have already seen significant outbreaks in other parts of the nation, but even with new technology local storm spotters are needed.

With modern technology we can track storms like never before but there is still one important piece of older tech that experts are using to keep the public safe during a significant weather event.

The ham radio operators are essential to our local severe weather operation program.

The amateur radio operator is not only vital for providing real time information to forecasters, along with pictures and videos, but for keeping communication lines available.

The amateur radio team is not only important during the event or prior to the event setting up for the storms but also even after following a severe weather outbreak or catastrophic weather event.

The ham radio system is older technology but when a storm takes down other modes of communication, we can still operate giving local first responders and law enforcement a fall back for when an emergency strikes.

We have a long history of a very active storm spotting team here in Madison Co. we have our annual Stormnet training coming in March and encourage all Amateurs to attend.

This training ensures that we not only keep ourselves safe but the public as well and we are fully prepared to take on a storm to assist the National Weather Service.

Safety is number one and you don't want to endanger yourself or others by going unprepared.

This is what we do and why we do it.. Each one of you makes up the club and team of volunteer professionals.. You're all the BEST..

-73-

Lynn

From the Vice-President -

ARE YOU READY?

The recent earthquake in Turkey serves as a reminder of the importance of reliable communications in times of crisis. When nature disasters strike and traditional communications fail, it can be crucial to have a back-up option. That's where we come in. As amateur radio operators we need to be prepared. One way to help ensure our equipment is functioning properly, and to give us on-air experience is participate in our nets. Every Wednesday evening at 20:00 hours, you can interact with others in our area in an informal net: Our repeater is found on the 145.39 MHz frequency, with a PL tone of 151.4. Don't let an emergency catch you off guard. The net gives us a peace of mind knowing that we're ready no matter what comes our way.

Tim

KD9PSR

MCARC - Minutes of Regular Meeting

Feb 6th, 2023

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

President's Call to Order: President Lynn K9RLE called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Motion to accept December minutes: Passed.

President's Comments: Lynn thanked those who participated in Winter Field Day. Dale N9OLC made 6 contacts and Greg K9ALC made 8 contacts. Initial UHF net was successful so we will do it monthly on the 3rd Thursdays at 8 PM. Freq is 443.350 PL is 110.9. Tell the Net Control whether you are base/mobile/portable and from where you are transmitting. Format will be ragchew. Steve WA9CWE is having to reset the repeater after short time outs. Next net is Feb 16th.

Lynn reminded everyone of the storm spotter training at Anderson University York Auditorium on March 14th at 6 PM. Dale and Jeff AK9JS will man the desk and asked for input. It was suggested to have a Go Box set up on the 82 freq and responders replying. Also, a loop of bad weather playing on a monitor. Gary W9GNR will make up a flyer handout.

Show and Tell: Dale has ham radios and equipment donated to the club by a SK's family and showed them. He will ask Steve to conduct another on line auction.

Secretary/Treasurer: Ike - N9IKE

Treasurer's Report: Previous Balance	\$ 2,589.30
Expenditures	\$ 200.00 Yearly Club Liability Ins.
Credits	\$ 246.10 Dues
New Balance	\$ 2,635.40

Motion to accept Treasurer's report seconded and approved.

VP Tim - KD9PSR stated the initial UHF net went well.

Media/Newsletter/Awards Gary - W9GNR said the points list is up on the board in the radio room and has been updated. Gary said if you are NOT getting the club newsletter, get him your e-mail address. Points leaders are (1) Mike KC9DJU and Jeff AK9JS, (3) Mark W9MWM, (4) Lynn K9RLE and (5) Greg K9ALC and Gary W9GNR. Gary is starting a new section called "DX Noise." Send him your DX information.

Trustee: Mark - W9MWM present but nothing noted.

Activities: Greg K9ALC not present. Was out sick.

Tech Committee: Dennis W9DO stated the 39 repeater is up and running but it is old and we should be thinking about replacing it. A replacement would be estimated at about \$1900. It was suggested to start a separate fund for the repeater purchase and start fundraisers..

EMA Jeff - K9DYR said several people are taking FEMA courses and encouraged us to do so. Rick W9CGA suggested training on large animal's welfare during disasters. Lynn recommended weather training during disasters. .

New Business: It was suggested the club get QSL cards for contests, field day, etc. Gary will do a follow up to check on them. A member thought we may have some QSL cards in storage. It was reported that a Ham Club in Bryan Ohio is causing interference on our club freq. Dennis stated the Constitution/By-Laws required the election of 2 assistants for the Tech Committee. 3 volunteer nominations were accepted and it was decided the election would be at the March club meeting.

Old Business: Lynn stated he contacted Kyle to get the Facebook passwords but they are no longer valid.

Sick Report: Greg K9ALC

Adjournment: President Lynn concluded the meeting at 8:37 PM.

Tech Committee Report -

There is no change in the 80M antenna. The SWR is still too high to use. The three club computers in the Comm Room now have access to the HP LaserJet printer sitting in the corner behind the Icom 7300. The printer is connected to the Icom 7300 computer, and that computer must be running to print. The printer will appear in the printer list on all three computers. Personal computers brought into the Comm Room can access the printer as well. They must be connected to the network switch on the countertop. Do not connect to the network switch under the counter. Once the computer is connected to the switch, the LaserJet printer must be installed on the computer as a shared printer. Installation needs to be performed only one time. Any questions about the printer or how to access it should be directed to the Tech Committee.

73,

Dennis, W9DO

THE EC SHACK

Gary-W9GNR

World Amateur Radio Day Theme: Human Security for All

The International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) announced that Human Security for All (HS4A) will be this year's theme of [World Amateur Radio Day](#) on April 18, 2023.



The day is being celebrated with a 2-week operating event occurring April 11 - 25. Special event stations will be operating from around the world, making two-way radio contacts to call attention to the HS4A campaign.

The [concept of human security](#) measures the security of an individual by things essential to one's well-being. This includes economics, food, health, the environment, personal factors, the community, and political factors.

Amateur radio is uniquely positioned to address those challenges by promoting technical knowledge, practical skills, innovative technology, and the deployment of backup systems at the community level that can be called upon in times of emergency.

IARU, a federation of the national amateur radio societies of over 150 countries worldwide, is the global advocate for amateur radio through its Sector Membership in the International Telecommunication Union, an agency of the U.N., and other activities.

The [United Nations Trust Fund for Human Security](#) and the [World Academy of Art and Science](#) are partnering with [IARU](#) in the campaign.

In a release, the partners wrote, "Amateur radio has repeatedly demonstrated its ability to address human security needs. It is a truly global communications medium comprising some three million radio enthusiasts connecting communities and the peoples of the world."

ARRL participates in World Amateur Radio Day each year. It was on this day in 1925 that the IARU was formed in Paris. ARRL co-founder Hiram Percy Maxim was its first president. For additional World Amateur Radio Day resources, visit <http://www.arrl.org/world-amateur-radio-day>.

From YL KD9SZJ -

I was curious how many female ham radio operators are in the United States. The total is 15% of the ham radio operators are women. That means men hold over 75% of the license ham radio operator in the United States. I still wonder why this is so. I wasn't interested until someone said if something happens that will be the only reliable communication. Well as a mother, I wanted to make sure that I always have a way to communicate with my family. So that is my reason for getting my ham license. I also wanted to be legal in my communication, as I have also heard if anything happens, no one will care if you are legal or not. But what happens when it passes, is it worth not being legal. Just food for thought.

I was surfing Facebook and to my amazement there is a Facebook page for just women ham operators. There are also sites for male and female, but this one was designated for women only. It is a very interesting page, go check it out. The page is YL Ham Radio Operators. There are also special events for these women.

I would love to meet you and learn from your experience in the ham world. I am usually at the meetings on the first Monday of the month at the EOC at 7pm. Come join me so I am not the only female in a group of Elmers. These Elmers are all willing to help, so don't be shy about asking questions, that is what ham radio is about, LEARNING.

73,

Paula, KD9SZJ

DX NOISE - This is the DX Contacts from the Membership during February 2023. This is **not** a competition. This is for **you** to tell the club the contacts you made during the past month. Tell us the contact, date, time, band, frequency, signal and audio level, ssb, FM, CW, FT8 and any comments.

Some information from Ferrin - N9VZL

Just some info for hams looking for world contacts and hard to find countries.

Dates active		Country	callsign	logging	how they will be transmitting	
2023 Feb20	2023 Feb26	Dominica	J79 [spots]	Club Log OQRS	FM5BH 20221229	By VE3DZ as J74D and FM5BH as J79BH; HF; QSL via FM5BH direct w/ SASE
2023 Feb20	2023 Mar03	Curacao	PJ2 [spots]	LoTW	TDDX 20221118	By W1USN as PJ2/W1USN, AA1M as PJ2/AA1M, W1SR as PJ2/W1SR; HF; QSL also OK respective call (B/d)
2023 Feb23	2023 Feb24	Pitcairn	VP6AND NEW [spots]	E51AND Direct	DXW Net 20230220	By E51AND; @VP6MW; HF; SSB slow CW; 100w; Hex beam; QSL: 636 Mooney St., Independence, OR 97351, USA
2023 Feb23	2023 Mar02	Chatham Is	ZL7 NEW [spots]	LoTW	TDDX 20230223	By ZL1VV as ZL7/ZL1VV; 20 17 15 10m; SSB; 100w; spare time operation
2023 Feb24	2023 Mar02	Palau	T8 [spots]	See Info	EA1CS 20230119	By JH7IPR as T88UW, JF6CHA as T88CH; HF; mainly FT8, some CW SSB ; QSL T88UW via LoTW, Club Log OQRS, JH7IPR (B/d)
2023 Feb24	2023 Mar07	St Vincent	J8NY NEW [spots]	LoTW	KY7M 20230223	By VE7NY KO8SCA K7AR VE7CT VE7XF N7RO fm FK93jh; 160-10m; SSB FT8

-FOR SALE-

ITEM	ASKING PRICE	SELLER	CONTACT
The shelves are empty			
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
Every Saturday	General License upgrade class 1030 - 1200 at the Madison County EOC
March 6th	MC ARC Meeting EOC 7pm
March 16th	MC UHF Net 8pm - 443.350MHz, PL tone 110.9Hz WA9CWE
March 21st	VE Testing at the EOC 7pm
SPECIAL EVENTS	
March 4th & 5th	International DX Phone Contest 0000z - 2359z 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, and 10 meter bands.
March 6th - March 12th	100 years of WWV Time 7.048 7.248 14.048 14.248
March 15th	104th Birthday of American Legion 7.242 14.342 FT8 14.074
March 18th	Cherry Blossom Special Event 1400z-20000z 7.225 14.240
March 19th	Kentucky Bourbon Trail 1300z-2100z 7.230 7.245 7.260 7.265
March 29th	National Vietnam Veterans Day 1800z-2100z 7.275

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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HAMFESTS

Wabash Valley Amateur Radio Association

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W9UUU

Club Station

Terre Haute, IN

K9IKQ/R

Repeater



Hamfests

The WVARA sponsors two hamfests per year in March & November. Each hamfest features:

- Admission \$10 (Children 12 & Under Free)
- Free Tables
- Commercial Vendors
- All-Indoor Flea Market
- Main Prize (Must be present to win.)
- Hourly Door Prize Drawings
- DXCC, VUCC, & WAS Card Checking
- Breakfast Available

Hours: 8:00 am until 12 Noon (EST/EDT)
(Doors open at 6:00 am for vendor setup.)

Location: Clay County 4-H Fairgrounds
6550 North State Road 59
Brazil, IN
(39° 29' 03" N, 87° 07' 30" W)

[Map & Driving Directions](#)

Talk-In: K9IKQ Repeater -- 146.685.MHZ (PL 151.4 Hz)