



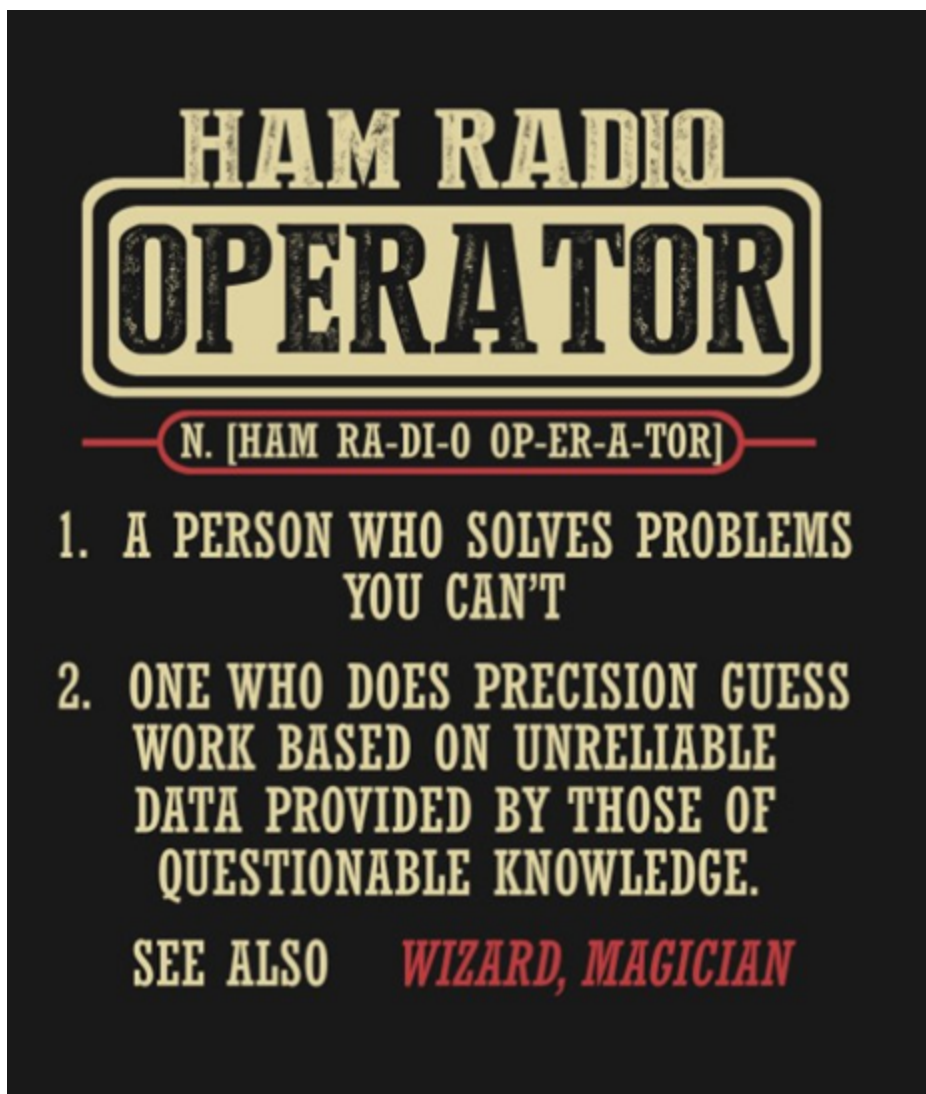
Madison County Amateur Radio Club

QSO

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APRIL 2023

Next meeting will be APRIL 3rd, at 7pm at the EOC



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From the President -

April Showers bring May flowers, just remember that on the cloudy, rainy days we encounter this month.

It's wonderful seeing Madison County Hams coming out in full force, our history is rich and started back in 1947 and here we are still going strong. I can say if it wasn't for my mentors and hams I always looked up to like WA9CWE, KA9SYP, K9FOI (CR Brown) and K9DYR I wouldn't be here, so remember members there's always someone out there looking up to you and dreaming... Be that inspiration to someone.

The donut meetings have over filled the ECC and moved to the meeting room which is a GREAT site to see and the nets are growing each week, we had around 80 attend the annual Storm Spotter Training (and yes that season in Indiana is upon us) and it's all because of each of you! The club is alive and going strong and let's keep it going. ALL AMATEURS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.

I was so happy to see what a fantastic success the recent auction was and a big boost for both clubs and we owe a big debt of gratitude to Steve Riley WA9CWE for handling this for us. His retirement job may end up being an auctioneer. We are definitely getting a kitty built up for a newer repeater.

With warmer weather hopefully around the corner things will start to pick up for the club.

As you know there are lots of exciting things happening, Dale N9LOC, AK9JS, K9ALC, N9VZL and others are going all in with plans this spring and summer of hosting Saturday workshops on different Ham Radio Tasks from the communication task book as well as the current Saturday General Classes. The county's fairs and festivals will start in June for outreach. This is what amateur radio and the club is all about getting together and furthering our hobby and getting the word out about our service.

Upcoming events to look forward to include the Indiana QSO Party 2023 which takes place May 6-7-(the first Saturday in May). The purpose of the Indiana QSO Party (INQP) is to encourage contact with Indiana amateur radio stations by other Indiana hams and hams worldwide. Stations outside of Indiana work Indiana stations only. Indiana stations work everybody, including other Indiana stations. See the rules for the rest of the details.

I know I don't need to ask this but who is getting excited for Dayton HamFest? May 19, 20 and 21st? I just thought I'd put that in here so you didn't forget about it. haha

It's that time for us to start planning for ARRL Field Day 2023 on June 24-25. It's the largest on-the-air event on the ham calendar and is just around the corner. It will be a great opportunity to get outdoors and gain experience assembling equipment in the rough and operate a station under challenging band conditions.

At the meeting this month we will be discussing a new possible location for us to go to for either Indiana QSO and Field Day or both?

Also remember to read over the by-law and constitution changes so we can vote on those at the meeting and put that subject to rest.

We should also have a report regarding the radios in the ECC and a recommendation on how to proceed with that issue.

This month we will start hosting the 443.350 net twice a month on the second and fourth Thursdays.

Once we get our inventory of all the club's assets and old equipment in the barn we may have another auction or open it up to members who could use the stuff we aren't going to keep.

I just want to thank each one of you for keeping amateur radio alive and strong in Madison County.

Blessings and 73's to all....

Lynn

From the Vice-President -

Ham it up!

I recently heard someone say that the repeaters were dead. They said, "I listen all day long and I don't hear anyone talking." Well, there is a simple solution, talk. Give your call sign and let others know you are listening. Ham radio is cool, but it can be a bit nerve wracking to someone who has little or no experience engaging in a QSO. If you suffer from mic-fright, it can seem scary at first, but you won't regret a moment of it. And after a few "contacts," you'll be wanting to make more. If you're a new ham and you don't know others, I would encourage you to come to the Saturday breakfast at the Anderson Grill. There you can get to know other hams in the area which makes your QSO's more meaningful. And stop by the EOC on Thursday mornings for an informal gathering where you can eat a donut and share conversations about ham radio or any other topic of interest. Ham it up!

73

Tim

KD9PSR

MCARC - Minutes of Regular Meeting

March 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 February minutes: Passed.

President's Comments: Thanks to Gary W9GNR for getting flyers for handouts for storm spotter training. Lynn said to keep the radio room clean as they do have visitors coming thru. He also asked whether we should keep old equipment not being used and what would be the cost to update radios. Lynn said we need an inventory of club equipment. The tech committee will research and report on the costs to repair/update older equipment and the club can decide what to do.

Show and Tell: None.

Secretary/Treasurer: Ike - N9IKE

Treasurer's Report: Previous Balance	\$ 2,635.40
Expenditures	\$ 0
Credits	\$ 140.00 Dues
Repeater fund donations	\$ 50.05
New Balance	\$ 2,825.45

Motion to accept Treasurer's report seconded and approved.

VP Tim - KD9PSR stated the 443.350 Thursday night net is going well.

Media/Newsletter/Awards Gary - W9GNR said the points list is up on the board in the radio room and has been updated. Points leaders are (1) Mike KC9DJU, (2) Mark W9MWM, (3) Jeff AK9JS, (4) Gary W9GNR, and (5) Kenny WA9QEK. Gary said there were 4 nets for 77 hours, 1 storm net for 1 hour, and training for 152 hours.

Trustee: Mark - W9MWM said everyone is still trustworthy.

Activities: Greg K9ALC stated the upcoming calendar is not finished but will be posted soon in the ECC. He said 10 meters is opening up. Apparently, there is a 10 contest coming up.

Tech Committee: Dennis W9DO stated the printer is up and running in the ECC. If anyone wants to use it, log in to the shared printer.

Sick Report: None

EMA Jeff - K9DYR Encouraged everyone to invite people to the storm spotter training on March 14. He mentioned that EMA personnel had attended training for the Solar Eclipse 4/2024. They may be deployed for crowd control, traffic control, and emergency nets. .

New Business: There were 3 applications for membership. Voted in were Laurie Fisher KG8PU, Anthony Poitras KD9EZR, and Charles Souter WB9KUL. Welcome!

Old Business: Elections for assistants to the Tech Committee were held. Jeff AK9JS and Steve K9SJH were elected to fulfill the open positions per the club by-laws.

Mike KC9DJU and Doug N9DR volunteered to check club equipment for serviceability/damage/outdate to help the club determine whether to sell/dispose of same.

A motion was passed to send out an e-mail to members with the updated by-laws so we can vote on it next meeting.

Club members are still attempting to contact previous members (admins) who may have passwords to our social media accounts.

A motion was made to exclude those members who are 75 and older from paying yearly dues. Motion passed.

Saturday morning license study class going well. There are plans for another one later in the year.

Dale N9OLC reported **Steve WA9CWE** will conduct the donated gear auction via e-mail beginning Mar 12th for 1 week. Profits will be split between the 2 clubs.

Adjournment: President Lynn concluded the meeting at 8:44 PM.

Order Form

Hooded sweatshirt Front has name and call S - XL \$30

Back has 3 color large club logo 2X & 3X \$34

Color is light grey 4X & 5X \$38

Pocket T shirt Front has name and call S- XL \$18

Back has 3 color large club logo 2X & 3X \$21

Color is white 4X & 5X \$24

Polo shirt w/collar Front has name and call S - XL \$30

Back has 3 color large club logo 2X & 3X \$34

Color is white 4X & 5X \$38

What are you ordering _____ What size _____

First name you want on your item: _____.

Your Call. _____ Amount paid _____

It takes 2 weeks to finish this order. All orders must be in by the end of the club meeting on 3 April 2023 if you want to wear your shirt to the Hamvention. Money to N9IKE; Make out checks to MC ARC.

Tech Committee Report -

There is no news from the Tech Committee.

“Everything is on cruise control.”



THE EC SHACK

Gary-W9GNR

Amateur Radio Included in FEMA Guide for National Emergency Preparedness

03/22/2023

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has released a final version (March 2023) of the National Incident Management System (NIMS) Information and Communications Technology (ICT) Functional Guidance. The guidance, which provides a framework for communications resources within incident management, officially includes support from amateur radio operators. The expanded Communications Unit (COMU) structure now includes the Auxiliary Communicator (AUXC) role, which covers personnel from services that provide communications support to emergency management, public safety, and other government agencies. This includes amateur radio.

NIMS guides government, non-governmental organizations, and the private sector to work together to prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters and other emergencies. “This is a major step in the recognition of the need and usefulness of amateur radio and other communications services in our national preparedness,” said Josh Johnston, KE5MHV, Director of Emergency Management for [ARRL The National Association for Amateur Radio®](#). “It also gives official guidance to pave the way for future training and education of volunteers in ARRL’s [Amateur Radio Emergency Service® \(ARES®\)](#),” Johnston added.

The NIMS ICT guide (PDF) is available at

https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/documents/fema_ict-functional-guidance.pdf.

From YL KD9SZJ -

A Challenge

I understand that we are all busy today, but no one is any busier than anyone else. I worked outside the home for twenty-nine years. During that time I grew a vegetable garden of three thousand square feet, along with flower gardens, canning, quilting, sewing, knitting, crocheting, and took some college courses. Doing all this while still raising a family and all that goes with that. Before retiring I join the ham radio club and starting learning about ham radio. I am always interested in learning new things. I took my technician test two years ago and this month I have passed my general test. Before next year I will pass my extra class. I am also working on Madison County Emergency Management Communications Task Book to get it finished. My dad was a Seabee in the Navy and their motto was 'CAN DO'. If you told my dad, he couldn't do something, he would say, "Watch Me". I am in so many ways like him. I love to learn new things even if I must teach myself. I have the mentality that you can do almost anything if you put your mind to it. So, I challenge you today and everyday to learn something new. Expand your horizon and enjoy life.

73,

KD9SZJ (Paula)

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.

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

38th Annual Columbus



HAMFEST

Sponsored by Columbus Amateur Radio Club

Saturday, April 1, 2023
8:00 a.m. to Noon
Adult General Admission \$5.00

North High School Cafeteria
1400 25th Street | Columbus, IN 47201

Flea Market Space Available
\$40 per 8 foot table; fee includes table(s)
Set-up 6 a.m. Saturday, 4/1. Registration will be conducted at the door or in advance.

For registrations or more info, contact:
Mike Idlewine WEDMI
4373 E. Windsor Lane | Columbus, IN 47201

Please enclose
SASE with advance
exhibitor registration or advance
general admission. Advance
registrations must be prepaid and
postmarked by March 17, 2023.
Make checks payable to:
Columbus Amateur Radio Club

**All-Indoor
Flea
Market**

VE TESTING: 9- 11 a.m.
Provided by SCICSG representing Laurel VEC, providing
free VE testing since 1984.

Pre-Register at least 24 hours in advance by email:
Mike Tankaley W0MDT
w0mdt@ardl.net | 812-350-5175

Those with passing
test scores will be
entered into a
drawing for \$100
DX Engineering
gift certificate

**New
Location!**

**Vending
Machines
Available**

**Free
Parking**



Hourly Door Prizes!
Grand Prize is a ICOM 2730A Dual Band Mobile
(Cash awarded to non-amateur winner)

Henry County ARC Hamfest

Thu 04-01 10:38am — N9FEB

Date: Sat 04-29 8:00am - 12:00pm

Description:

Henry County ARC Hamfest
When: Saturday, April 29, 2023 8am to Noon
(Tailgate setup begins 6:30am)

Where: New Castle Armory
1537 Grand Ave
New Castle, IN 47362

Talk-in on W9OB repeater 147.390 + 127.3

Cost: \$5 Entry, \$5 Table

Contact: Steve Benson
kd9ily@gmail.com
Cell: 765-529-6727

Location

United States

39° 56' 46.8564" N, 85° 23' 19.4532" W

See map: [Google Maps](#)

North Central Indiana Hamfest - Peru, IN

Thu 02-21 11:22am — N9FEB

Date: Sat 04-29 8:00am - 5:00pm

Description:

18th Annual – North Central Indiana Hamfest
Admission: TBD --- ages 17 and under are free

Saturday, April 29, 2023
8:00 AM to 5:00 PM (EST)

Miami County 4H Fairgrounds
1029 W. 200 North, Peru, IN

Hosted by the Cass County, Grant County, Miami County & Kokomo Amateur Radio Clubs

DIRECTIONS

From North of Peru: Take US31 toward Peru, turn left onto Miami County Road 200N. The fairgrounds are approximately 2 miles on your right.

From South of Peru: Take US31 north of Peru, turn right onto Miami County Rd 200N. The fairgrounds are approximately 2 miles on your right.

From West of Peru: Take US24 toward Peru. Exit onto US31 North and follow it to Miami County Road 200N. Turn right onto Miami County Road 200N. The fairgrounds are approximately 2 miles on your right.

From East of Peru: Take US24 toward Peru. Just north of Peru, turn right onto Mexico Road (Business 31, Broadway).

The fairgrounds are approximately 2 miles on your left.

Downtown Peru: Take Broadway north and cross US24. You'll be on Mexico Road. Go approximately 2 miles. The fairgrounds are on your left.

Talk-In on 147.345+ (131.8) The K9ZEV Miami County ARC Repeater