



Madison County Amateur Radio Club

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Next meeting will be MAY 1st at 7pm at the EOC



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From the President -

Amateur radio is a radio service and hobby designed to encourage you to expand your knowledge of radio electronics. In contrast, 'convenience' communication devices, such as cell phones, Family Radio walkie-talkies, even the Citizen's Band, do not teach you anything about how electronics work.

Amateur radio is the ONLY category within the FCC's defined radio services that allows its licensees to 'tinker,' to design and construct receivers and transmitters that do not have to be type-certified. Ham radio was and still is truly an experimenter's haven.

Amateur radio hasn't really stopped growing. Just look at our club this year. There are so many facets within the hobby that if someone is truly interested in radio they will be able to find their niche.

BUT what can WE do (as individuals, clubs or organizations) to grow the number of active members of the Ham Radio community?

Don't be just a listener, join in with other hams on work details and special details. One way to grow Ham Radio is to USE IT and JOIN OTHERS AND PARTICIPATE!

One of my favorite comments from others is, just use it, join in with us! If you don't hear anyone online that is because YOU are not talking, come out of the shadows! For those of you who say, "I just listen, I don't talk much," You aren't helping our hobby because relationships need conversations to stay alive. Without talking, relationships die.

When you listen alone on Ham Radio, it is not like sitting face-to-face where the other person can tell if you are listening. On Ham Radio, no one knows you're listening if you don't speak. When you listen silently, you contribute zero to the collective conversation.

Respond to people you hear on the airways. If you hear "This is K9USA monitoring," RESPOND if you can. Say Hi or chat, even for just a moment. A simple "I hear you" response is more valuable than you may realize. Show your love of Ham Radio!

Get a vanity Call Sign license plate, take a handheld with you in public and get ready for people to approach you about Ham Radio. Be open if they ask a question, even if they have a smart attitude. Maintain your generosity and give a kind, honest answer.

If you are volunteering or recently participated on Ham Radio, share it on social media. Share what you love about Ham Radio and take the time to learn from people who are different from you and what they love about it. Look for ways to let the public understand the value of Ham Radio. It is OUR responsibility to communicate the value of Ham Radio. It is NOT their responsibility to discover it!

For new & younger Hams: Don't be stopped by others. Don't let someone put a damper on your enjoyment of the hobby. Join in with the "Elmer's" whenever you can!

For experienced Hams: Go to where the new Hams are. Embrace the new digital world AND share your enjoyment of the analog one.

Remember that a good teacher ("Elmer") does not demand the student enter the teacher's world but enters the student's world first, then invites the student to participate in a journey to new opportunities for both.

-73-

Lynn

From the Vice-President -

Hamvention!

The month of May presents us with the opportunity to experience the Dayton Hamvention May 19, 20, & 21. When I say experience, I mean it is more than just an event. This venue has hundreds of exhibits from a host of different companies. I have a Hamvention budget, money I've been setting aside for some upgrades to my equipment (Don't tell my wife). There are lots of forums covering a wide variety of topics, several acres of an outdoor flea market, and even VE testing for those interested in upgrading their license. Last year there was over 31,000 people who attended the Dayton Hamvention. It attracts people from all around the world, and we are fortunate to only be about ninety minutes away. If you've never attended this gathering of hams, you might consider making plans to attend this year. You can go online to www.hamvention.org to buy tickets and get more info.

Don't forget about our nets. Join in and be a part of the conversation every Wednesday evening at 8:00 pm on 145.39 MHz - PL 151.4 and the second and fourth Thursday on 443.350 MHz - PL 110.9 at 8:00 pm.

73

Tim

KD9PSR

MCARC - Minutes of Regular Meeting

April 3rd, 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 March minutes: Passed.

President's Comments: Thanks to Gary-W9GNR for getting flyers for handouts for storm spotter training. Thanks to Dale, Jeff, and Paula for manning the tables at Storm Spotter training. A motion was passed after Lynn suggested the club sell older radios we no longer use, at open auction for both clubs, with a minimum reserve for them, lasting 1 week. Lynn stated club member Don Billey- W9BLY offered his church in Anderson that has 8 acres, electricity, bathrooms, inside hall, and a large parking lot for Field Day June 24/25. A motion to have Field Day at the church passed. The church is the Main Street Church of God at 4211 Main St, Anderson IN 46013.

Show and Tell: Ferrin-N9VZL brought in mid-century ham radio test equipment (part of his collection) for members to see. Greg-K9ALC showed a 2 meter antenna he made from a dish antenna.

Secretary/Treasurer: Ike - N9IKE stated club received 6 pieces of solicitation mail. Mike-KC9DJU submitted bill for \$6.00 for SK plaque. Ike donated the \$6.00 reimbursement.

Treasurer's Report:

Previous Balance	\$ 2825.45	Repeater Previous Balance	\$ 50.05
Expenditures	0	Donuts	23.00
Dues	210.00	Auction Proceeds	267.50
Auction proceeds	267.50	New Balance	\$ 340.55
Donuts	23.00		
New Balance	\$ 3,325.95 (includes Repeater funds)		

Motion to accept Treasurer's report seconded and approved

VP Tim - KD9PSR stated the nets are 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) Jeff-AK9JS, (3) Mark-W9MWM, (4) Gary-W9GNR, and (5) Kenny-

WA9QEK.. Gary said there were 958 volunteer hours. Gary will form up a committee to plan for an Open House for the club this summer.

Trustee: Mark - W9MWM was not present.

Activities: Greg-K9ALC stated the calendar is finished and is posted in the ECC. He reminded everyone of the Henry County Hamfest in New Castle on April 29. He also stated the Indiana QSO party would be held in May. Doug-N9DR reminded everyone the date was May 6 - 7 from 1500 UTC to 0300 UTC, 1100 EDT to 2300 EDT.

Tech Committee: Dennis-W9DO has checked the value of the older radios and believes that the Yaesu 897 is worth \$500 - \$700, the same on the Yaesu 920, and \$700 on the Kenwood 850. He suggested we sell 2 radios to buy a Yaesu 991A. Dennis stated George will train volunteers on using the Internet site.

Sick Report: None

EMA Jeff-K9DYL mentioned the turnout for Storm Spotter training was good. 28 members signed on for the recent Tornado Warning/Watch.

New Business: There were 2 applications for membership after the meeting concluded. We will vote on Kevin Wycoff-KD9TXI and Charles Rutledge-KD9UZY at the May 1st meeting. We will start having nets on the WA9CWE 443.350 repeater on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month. A motion was passed for the club to sponsor a Technician class this fall. Saturday General classes are going well.

Old Business:

A motion to accept the revised Constitution and By-Laws was passed. Past due dues were discussed with the membership and it was decided to send members a letter.

Adjournment: President Lynn concluded the meeting at 8:24 PM.

Attendance: 23 members and 3 guests.

Tech Committee Report -

The Tech Committee is near the end of their search for new radios. Dennis-W9DO will be presenting a list of radios that the Committee has chosen for comments from the membership. The Committee has chosen the radios based on cost, of course, features and future use. This is your chance to help purchase the radio that will enhance the ECC room.

THE EC SHACK

Gary-W9GNR



-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
May 1st	MC ARC Meeting EOC 7pm
May 11th	MC UHF Net 8pm - 443.350MHz, PL tone 110.9Hz WA9CWE
May 16th	VE Testing at the EOC 7pm
May 25th	MC UHF Net 8pm - 443.350MHz, PL tone 110.9Hz WA9CWE
SPECIAL EVENTS	
May 6th	Indiana QSO Party
May 13th	Armed Forces day 1600z-2300z 7.250 14.320 14.071
May 21st - 27th	NAtional EMS Week 7.030 14.200 21.340 28.300
May 22nd - 28th	Indianapolis 500 3.840 7.245 14.245 18.140
May 26th - 27th	Vietnam Vet Memorial Special Event 14.270
May 29th	Memorial Day Remembrance 7.040 7.250 14.040 14.250

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



May 19 - May 21