



Madison County Amateur Radio Club

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The January meeting will be held January 8th.



HAPPY NEW YEAR. QSL?

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From the President -

It is my greatest hope you all had a wonderful and blessed Christmas..

Now it's time to bid farewell to the old year and welcome in 2024! From the champagne New Year's toasts to watching the ball drop with friends and family, there are so many ways to usher in the new year including on ham radio.

For some, it's about loading the table with good luck foods for a year of abundance. For other's it's a time for self-reflection and setting new intentions with achievable New Year's resolutions for 2024.

We need to remember any new beginning is forged from the shards of the past, not from the abandonment of the past.

2023 was a tough year for a lot. Many lost friends and family members, many are facing struggles few know about, many will be missing from the new year's celebrations this year.

Some are approaching the New Year with resolve to find the opportunities hidden in each new day.

With that said, drop the last year into the silent limbo of the past. Let it go, for it was imperfect and look towards a fresh new start. This year's book at midnight closes and a new opens.

That goes for our club also, we look forward to the new year with some new officers and all the great opportunities that are in store. A few New Year resolutions for MCARC members should be – Try something, Do something, Build something, Learn Something, Teach something

Get involved, Stay positive and most important Be a “HAMbassador” to all.. “Those members that can help get the new antenna up and running will conquer all these resolutions at one time – LOL”

Remember the date change for the January Meeting so see you on Monday January 8th at 7pm

Happy New Year Be safe, enjoy and ~73~ to all.

Lynn

From the Vice-President -

As we enter into a new year, I want to encourage our members to continue to participate in the club events and activities. Showing up and getting involved helps promote unity in our organization and it gives each of us the opportunity to continue to learn and grow in the amateur radio pastime. MC ARC is looking forward to sharing some great experiences in 2024!

73

Tim

KD9PSR

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Minutes of the December 4th 2023 Meeting

11 December 2023

President Lynn Edens K9RLE opened the meeting at 7:00 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

General Comments by the President: Lynn wants to have an Executive Board meeting before the next monthly meeting. Lynn reminded everyone of the Christmas Party. It will be on 7 December (Thursday) at 6:00 pm, still at the Golden Corral in Anderson. The January monthly meeting will be held on 8 January as the 1st is a holiday. Lynn wants the new Executive Board to go to the bank to sign signature cards for access to club funds. Lynn stated the battery charger for the antenna trailer was bad and Dennis W9DO thought \$50 should be good for a new one. Passed. Lynn stated next year all e-mail correspondence will be handled by the club secretary. Lynn would like the club to consider the purchase of a portable HF antenna for outreach. Lynn asked us to keep the conference room and radio room clean after use because of the visitors and tours of the building.

Secretary Treasurer Report	Beginning Bal \$2840.77	Repeater Fund \$861.11
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(1 outstanding check \$185.00 to GMACK)	-185.00
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Motion to accept passed.	Actual Bal	\$2655.77	Grand total \$3516.88
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A vote to elect 2024 officers was held and the following club members were elected:

President: Lynn Edens N9RLE

Vice Pres: Tim Bailey KD9PSR

Secretary: Paula Dixon KD9SZJ

Treasurer: Gerald Hollon K9GDH

Activities: Greg Hunt K9ALC

Media/Pubs: Gary Sherman W9GNR

Trustee: Doug Rose N9DR

Tech Chair: Dennis Owen W9DO

Tech Cmte: Jeff Stewart AK9JS

Tech Cmte: Charlie Dixon KD9RZG

Vice President Tim KD9PSR: Not available.

Trustee Mark W9MWM: No issues.

Media/Newsletter/Awards Gary W9GNR: Apologies for getting newsletter out late. New points standings: 1) W9GNR 2) N9IKE. Volunteer hours: 208 for the month. EMA 82 Net, 108 Training, 3329 hours for the year.

Activities Greg K9ALC: Greg mentioned the UHF nets on the 14th and 28th. Winter Field Day is coming up in January. There is also a 28 MHZ contest (ARRL?) in December. Greg has made up a calendar of events for December.

Tech Committee: Dennis W9DO, Jeff AK9JS, Charlie KD9RZG: Dennis brought it up that the November minutes had not been accepted yet so President Lynn entertained a motion to approve the minutes. Passed. Dennis stated he needs about 5 club members to help put up the new antenna. The battery charger is bad (see President Lynn's comments above).

EMA Jeff K9DYL and Lynn K9RLE: Jeff thanked club members for their participation and help in the outreach program for the year. Jeff has the dates for the outreach program this coming summer. He reminded everyone of the upcoming solar eclipse.

Show and Tell: Greg K9ALC showed an interface for a ham radio to use with APRS/Packet/Winlink.

Sick Report: None reported.

President Lynn closed the meeting at 8:15 PM.

Attendance: 24 members and 1 visitor.

Technical Committee Report, January 2024

The bulkhead connector project for the HF antennas in the Emergency Communications Center is complete. No more crawling under the counter to connect/disconnect antennas! The coaxial cable connectors on the lightning arrestors (under the counter) will be left connected. The coaxial connectors on the backs of the 3 club radios will also remain connected. Antennas will be disconnected at the bulkhead connections only. This will save the connections on the lightning arrestors and the radios from being damaged or worn out due to use. Instructions will be posted at each operation point in the coming days. If you have questions, please contact a club officer.

The Off-Center Fed Dipole project is moving ahead slowly. The coax has been run to the roof. Weather and the holidays have hindered progress. We hope to get a good weather day in the next couple of weeks so we can get the antenna strung between the towers, get the common mode choke wound, and start the tuning process.

That is all for now. 73, and Happy New Year to all.

Respectfully submitted December 30, 2023,

Dennis Owen, W9DO

Technical Committee Chair

EMA COMM DIV.

	<u>Y-T-D</u>	<u>December</u>
MCU	63	0
Active Storm Net	356	0
Outreach	402	0
Comm Div	144	22
Nets	929	47
Training	1,624	118
TOTAL	3,218	179

YL - KD9SZJ - Paula

As the New Year is just around the corner, I was wondering if you set goals for yourself. Do they include getting on the radio more, making more POTA contacts, contesting, DXing. When we first got our license, it seemed like there was more activity on the radio than what it seems to be here lately. I always enjoy listening to the rag chew that was going on and sometimes you could learn something be it a question about an antenna set up, new radio being tested or whatever. The radio has become very quiet here lately. Maybe next year, you can set a goal of getting on the air more than you have before. I must admit I haven't been on since the first of November; life happens. But this next year, I would like to make more contact with POTA and other events than I did this pass year. I would like to upgrade my license to Extra if I can get the old brain to cooperate with that. Just food for thought, what are some of your goals for this next year that includes Amateur Radio?

73,

KD9SZJ

-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
January 8th	MC ARC Meeting at the EOC, 7pm
January 11th	MC UHF Net 8pm - 443.350MHz, PL tone 110.9Hz WA9CWE
January 16th	VE Testing at the EOC 7pm
January 25th	MC UHF Net 8pm - 443.350MHz, PL tone 110.9Hz WA9CWE
SPECIAL EVENTS	
January 27th 1900z - 28th 1900z	ARRL Winter Field Day All bands; All frequencies

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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Wh ... What no Hamfests this month?