



Madison County Amateur Radio Club

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The September meeting will be cancelled.



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From the President -

Happy September Club Members,

It's almost pumpkin "everything" time... Coffee, air scents, you know these days everything is pumpkin based in the fall season..

Remember by club vote we will not have a September meeting due to falling on Labor Day.

I would like to thank you all for being part of the MCARC. Each of you are a vital part of the club and you make it fun.

We stress so much about amateur radio in emergency communications but more importantly is to have fun and learn. The main reason for our club is the friendship and ability to talk and share about amateur radio.

Our public outreach season has come to a close for this year but we should never stop "spreading the word about amateur radio". I would like to thank you all for manning the outreach trailer at Pendleton, 4-H Fair and Elwood. The club talked to a lot of people and hopefully we have a pretty good group for the technician class that is starting this month.

The club took some major steps this year and I sincerely hope we can continue this momentum, maybe next we can think about some type of portable antenna system that is easily taken out and put up.

September 9 is POTA (Parks on the air) at Mounds Park and my hope is that we have a great club turn out and many come out to enjoy this activity and have fun.

For this event we will have MCU2 for the antenna platform and the tech committee will handle taking care of the equipment.

WOO HOO... We are happy to say the base of our new antenna tower has been set and we are ready to finish prepping the other 2 sections so we can get the tower fully up and the new antenna that Doug (N9DR) so graciously donated to the club. This will be a huge asset to us all. THANK YOU SO MUCH DOUG for your thoughtfulness and we also thank Dale (N9LOC) Jeff Stewart (AK9JS) and Dennis (W9DO) for all your help making the tower base happen.

In other news it was just released yesterday that beginning in September, the State RACES/AUXCOMM team is hosting HAM radio nets for EMA's on VHF and HF the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 7 p.m.-7:30 p.m ET respectively.

VHF nets are held on linked repeaters in the Indianapolis area; the 147.210 repeater (88.5Hz PL Tone) or the 224.800 repeater (88.5Hz PL Tone). Counties that can't reach the Indianapolis repeaters may check in to the VHF net on Echolink (node 690934). HF nets are held on or about 3.920 MHz.

The State described HAM radio is a reliable backup and an adaptable resource. Many HAMs are able to operate their station without commercial power and are able to communicate locally and regionally when landlines and cell phone towers are out of service. The State RACES team maintains a communications trailer to assist in an event a county would request deployment. This is something Jeff and I have been pushing for the state to do since we became a team.

Well enough rambling from me... Everyone be safe and enjoy life on the air..

-73-

Lynn

From the Vice-President -

Our Club is Hamtastic!

Our club membership is nearing seventy with new hams becoming involved every month. It is nice to belong to an organization that brings people, electronics, and communication together. It's fun, social, educational, and can be a lifeline during times of crisis. Let's continue to promote our club by inviting others to be a part of this incredible pastime.

Our club offer opportunities to learn and grow our knowledge of amateur radio on a weekly basis. Join us for an informal gathering at the EOC Thursdays at 9:00 am. There are donuts and plenty of laughter too. Saturday is when we meet for breakfast at the Anderson Grill at 9:00 am. It too is a great time to exchange info about radios, antennas, and everything else ham related. I have learned more about ham radio on Thursday and Saturday mornings than I have through any other means. Nothing can compare to the expertise of a ham radio operator sharing his or her experiences with others. Of course, our monthly meeting (with the exception of September) is held the first Monday of each month at 7:00 pm at the EOC. Our group of hams are fantastic... hamstatic!

73

Tim

KD9PSR

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Minutes of the August 7th 2023 Meeting

20 August 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 welcomed 2 visitors. He stated the club needs a better plan for the setup and teardown of equipment for future use. There was only one club member who reported and completed the teardown of the antenna for Field Day. He stated that the county 4-H fair was only 2 nights for the club as attendance was down. The Elwood Glass Festival is 18-20 July but we will only set up the 18th and 19th. Club members are needed to man the booth both days.

The 09 repeater is down and is in bad shape. Lynn stated the idea of purchasing a new repeater (39) for the club has been shelved. Price and analog versus digital considerations are impacting the decision. A motion was made to cancel the Sept meeting on Sept 4th due to the Labor Day Holiday. Motion passed. Per Lynn, Joe Heller KD9SRG is helping the club by setting up a new club internet page and will not be charged a membership fee.

Lynn brought up the "Most Active Ham" award for the club and asked whether we need to cancel the jacket award and go with something else like hats for the top three finishers. We will stay with the jacket. Lynn also brought up the awards dinner and when we should make reservations. It was decided to continue at the Golden Corral on the 2nd of December at 6:00 PM. Activities chair will make the reservation.

Show and Tell: Dale N9OLC and Mike KC9DJU brought in and demonstrated antennas.

New Business: A new club facebook page will be designed and implemented by a committee composed of Paula KD9SZJ, Greg K9ALC, and Alan NA9LA. They will also start a new club internet page as getting access to passwords is not possible. Joe Heller has volunteered to help set up the social pages. There will be a meeting after the club meeting to discuss progress. Four new applications for membership were received from Bruce Armstrong KD9WLI, Audry Lowe K3TTE, David Lowe K9TTA, and Joe Heller KD9SRG. All 4 were voted into the club.

Saturday, Sept 9th is Parks on the Air (POTA) and Mike KC9DJU has reserved us a spot at Mounds State Park. We will use a sign up sheet for attendees. Tech committee will bring operating equipment. Mike also invited club members to a Special Events Station at Pendleton Falls Park on Sept 9th from 9:00 to 5:00. He will run it.

Dale mentioned CW classes are available on the Internet. Check out Long Island CW and also CW Academy as there are many on YouTube.

Secretary/Treasurer Report: Previous Bal \$4720.55
Expenditures 2108.78
Primary Fund Bal \$2611.77 Repeater Fund Bal \$620.11

Ike, N9IKE will close the Post Office Box as of August 31st. All correspondence should be sent to the EMA mail address, 200 N. Delaware St, 46016 in care of the Madison County Amateur Radio Club.

Vice President Tim KD9PSR: Nets running good. Lots of members running nets.

Media/Newsletter/Awards Gary W9GNR: Points leaders 1) AK9JS 2)KC9DJU 3)Tie W9GNR and WA9QEK 5) W9MWM. Past month 131 training, 138 hours (month of July)) and 2408 volunteer hours ytd.

Trustee Mark W9MWM: Not in jail, the repeater is working.

Activities Greg K9ALC: Don't forget the UHF nets. The Glass Festival beginning the 18th, also 12th and 13th is an EME exercise. Greg will give away a prize to the winner of the UHF net. Lynn stated he really likes the format of the UHF net.

Tech Committee: Dennis W9DO Steve K9SJH and Jeff AK9JS: Dennis purchased 2 hard case containers for transporting the radios. Antenna trailer still needs repair work.

EMA Jeff K9DYR and Lynn K9RLE: New footer not poured yet. Prepare for eclipse on 04/08/2024 and plan on heavy traffic. Outreach is going well. Both clubs are supporting it.

Sick Report: Dennis Maxey W9DM passed. Some of you remember him as a Deputy Sheriff for Madison County. He attained the rank of Major before his retirement. He held a private pilot's license and was a 32nd degree Mason. There will be a Celebration of Life at the Pendleton Masonic Lodge on 10 September from 1 to 4 PM. It will be a Hog Roast, Dennis Maxey's favorite. Donations are welcome. Food and drink provided.

President Lynn closed the meeting at 8:15 PM.

Attendance 27 members and 2 visitors.

Tech Committee Report



EMA News

W9VCF Member Activity Points for August

1	AK9JS - Jeff	214
2	KC9DJU - Mike	175
3	W9GNR - Gary	164
4	WA9QEK - Kenny	143
5	K9RLE - Lynn	137

Complete list of members is posted in the ECC bulletin board

To date, W9VCF have volunteered 3,030hrs. Congratulations.

EMA COMM DIV.

	<u>Y-T-D</u>	<u>August</u>
MCU	63	0
Active Storm Net	356	0
Outreach	362	70
Comm Div	98	15
Nets	647	95
Training	1,166	108
TOTAL	2,692	288

YL - KD9SZJ - Paula

Chasing Parks,

Oh, the thrill of it all. Yet there is some aggravation to it also. Sometimes you can get several of them in an hour or less. Sometimes you can't get any of them. I know the propagation must be right. But it can be aggravating when your husband can talk all over the world, and you can't get a park in the United States. I have searched for parks and really enjoy it, while my husband is chasing countries. He has made contact in New Zealand, Dominican Republic, Brazil, Argentina, Sweden, Denmark and many more. Right now as I am writing this he is trying to contact someone in Costa Rica, which he had success on 15 meters. It goes to show the propagation has to be right.

If you need help with locating parks on the air, summit on the air, island on the air, or lighthouses on the air, you can use Parks on the Air, DX Watch or DX summit to see who is on and what frequency they are using. Just google it, I am sure there are more, but this is just a few that we have had success with.

Last but not least, I encouraged you to come out to our Parks on the Air, September 9 at Mounds State Park. It is a very fun time, and since becoming a ham operator I have not missed this event. Come join me for the chase.

THE EC SHACK

Gary-W9GNR

State Statutes Incorporating 'PRB-1 like' Legislation

Indiana

- [IC 36-7-5.2 Chapter 5.2. Regulation of Amateur Radio Antennas](#)

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IC 36-7-5.2-1 Limited federal preemption Sec. 1.

A municipality or county may not enact or enforce an ordinance, a resolution, or an order that does not comply with the ruling of the Federal Communications Commission in "Amateur Radio Preemption, 101 FCC 2d 952 (1985)" or a regulation related to the amateur radio service adopted under 47 CFR Part 97. As added by P.L.109-2003, SEC.1.

IC 36-7-5.2-2 Municipal or county ordinance Sec. 2.

If a municipality or county adopts an ordinance, a resolution, or an order involving the placement, screening, or height of an amateur radio antenna based on health, safety, or aesthetic conditions, the ordinance, resolution, or order must: (1) reasonably accommodate amateur radio communications; and (2) represent the minimal regulation practicable to accomplish the municipality's or county's legitimate purpose. As added by P.L.109-2003, SEC.1.

[PRB refers to Population Reference Bureau, as best I can determine]

-FOR SALE-

ITEM	ASKING PRICE	SELLER	CONTACT
SEE BELOW		Steve WA9CWE	

HAVE AN HAM RELATED ITEM FOR SALE? ADVERTISE HERE!! E-MAIL w9vcf.mcarc@gmail.com
with your Item, asking price and preferred contact info!!

FOR SALE: Steve, WA9CWE, wa9cwe@arri.net or 765-425-4627

- Bird Wattmeter, Model 4431, with 5W 100-250 Element. N connectors with UHF adapters - \$200
- Telewave Model 44A Wattmeter, 5/15/50/150/500 W, 20-1000 MHz - \$200
- TINY SA Spectrum Analyzer - \$50
- MH-C777 Universal Battery Charger/Analyzer - \$50
- Baofeng UV-5R3 Triband Handheld, Charger & 2 Bats - \$50

FOR SALE: Jon Shannon, W1JTS at email shannon1943@myyahoo.com

ICOM IC-7300 with SM 50 desk Mic	\$1,000.00
ICOM IC-5100A missing head cable	\$ 250.00

Items for sale:

Icom IC-7300 HF Transceiver \$850.00

Diamond SX-600 SWR & Power Meter \$75.00

Radioddity GS-5B Handheld Bluetooth programmable with iPhone \$50.00

Wouxun KG-UV9P Plus Handheld \$75.00

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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
September 4th	MC ARC Meeting CANCELED
September 9th	Parks on the Air - Mounds Park
September 14th	MC UHF Net 8pm - 443.350MHz, PL tone 110.9Hz WA9CWE
September 19th	VE Testing at the EOC 7pm
September 28th	MC UHF Net 8pm - 443.350MHz, PL tone 110.9Hz WA9CWE

SPECIAL EVENTS

September 9th	National POW/MIA Recognition 7.195 14.265 18.150 28.400
September 9th - 17th	Route 66 on the Air 3.866 7.266 14.266 14.033 28.466
September 24th - 26th	FMCA-ARC Fall Rally/POTA 7.240 14.266

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.marc@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?

