



Madison County Amateur Radio Club

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The November meeting will be held November 6.



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From the President -

Happy November All,

Of course this is the month that kicks off the holiday season but more importantly Thanksgiving is right around the corner and one of my favorite holidays.

It's a time we should slow down and reflect on its real reason and ask ourselves what we are thankful for.

I'm thankful for all of you and this club.

I'm thankful for Madison County Amateurs like each of you that dedicate your time and come together to teach, share and promote amateur radio not to mention offer assistance serving and protecting the citizens of our great county when needed.

EMA Director Dyer and myself attended the state EMA conference this past week and talked to many directors that don't have amateur radio clubs or even operators in their county's or have to beg their clubs to help when needed.

We are truly blessed in Madison County because each of you are the best and always there.

I am very thankful I might have the opportunity to lead the club for another year and continue to be a part and help the club continue moving forward into the future with projects and improvements not to mention preparing, promoting, educating and sharing amateur radio.

I am thankful this has been such a prosperous year for MCARC from new members to new equipment to finishing up the not so pleasant paperwork side of the club getting it all completed and wrapped up.

I'm thankful for the great officer's and committee's I've had the privilege of serving with this year and all those that promoted the club by taking time out of their lives to teach the Saturday classes and working all the outreach events to those that have worked tirelessly through the year maintaining the clubs equipment and making things better for all of us.

I look forward to next year our club continuing to grow in membership, activities, events, roles, duties and equipment.

Remember we are still accepting nominations for officer's for the new year and are in need of a treasurer. If this is something you feel you have a calling for or any other office please let us know and at the November meeting we will close nominations and hold elections at the December meeting. Each one of you make up the club, it's not the officer's or EMA or

committees or a selected few people it's EVERYONE that participates and put fourth the effort to make MCARC better.

I wish you all the happiest upcoming holidays and look forward to our little club's future.

Blessings to you all

-73-

Lynn

From the Vice-President -

I recently had someone ask me what attracted me to ham radio. My response was this, “there are many ways to experience the hobby, so I guess everyone can find their own. For me it is being able to talk to people far away using relatively simple equipment. What works for me is a radio and a G5RV antenna (a wire in a tree).” However, I find the camaraderie of other hams in our club the most enjoyable aspect of the hobby. The monthly meetings are great, but I benefit more from the shared information gathered at a Thursday morning “donut” meeting, or a Saturday morning breakfast. We have a great club! I encourage everyone to get involved by attending the meetings and participating in the nets and the various events.

Tim

KD9PSR

Madison County Amateur Radio Club

200 N Delaware St

Anderson Indiana 46016

Minutes of the October 2023 Meeting

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President Lynn Edens K9RLE opened the meeting at 7:02 pm and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present.

General Comments by the President: (New Business)

There is a change to the date of the Christmas Dinner. It will be on 7 December at 6:00 pm instead of 2 December. Still at the Golden Corral in Anderson. Don Alcalá will be here on the 13th to make adjustments to the 443 repeater. It was discovered that the repeater belongs to the EMA, not Steve WA9CWE. Changes to the club Constitution prior to the upcoming election were discussed. The election will allow the Vice President to ascend to the position of President, the following year. Passed. The Secretary Treasurer position will be split into two separate positions. Passed. Changes to the Award Program: 1st and 2nd runners-up will get hats. Last year's winner cannot get another jacket but will get an embroidered patch, if he/she wins again. Passed. Award points change in the number of points per event. Passed. Partial Eclipse practice run is on for 14 October. See Dale N9OLC if you can be a communicator. 5 November is the Run the Mounds event. There is a sign up roster.

Show and Tell: None

Secretary/Treasurer Report: Previous Bal \$2611.77

Expenditures 0

Deposits 84.00

Primary Fund Bal \$2695.77 Repeater Fund Bal \$649.11

All mail 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 smoothly.

Media/Newsletter/Awards Gary W9GNR: Points leaders 1) AK9JS 2)KC9DJU 3)W9GNR.

3284 volunteer hours ytd.

Trustee Mark W9MWM: Repeater OK.

Activities Greg K9ALC: Don't forget the UHF nets. 2nd and 4th Thursdays. SSTV Russian S/S 2,3,4 Oct. 8th Collegiate On-The-Air 28 and 29 Oct. Run The Mounds 5 Nov. Dale N9OLC gave a briefing on the Partial Eclipse exercise on the 14th Oct. Dale also gave an update on Saturday Tech classes: 2 dropped out and 3 still attending.

Tech Committee: Dennis W9DO Steve K9SJH and Jeff AK9JS: Dennis requested funds to purchase connectors for coax. Motion to allow \$50 from club funds Passed. N9IKE will donate RG 213.

EMA Jeff K9DYR and Lynn K9RLE: Prepare for eclipse on 04/08/2024 and plan on heavy traffic. Both will be at EMA conference 23 - 27 in Indy.

Sick Report: Mike Cook is sick.

Nominations for 2024 club officers:

President: N9RLE

Vice President: KD9PSR

Secretary: KD9SZJ

Treasurer: K9GDH

Activities Director: K9ALC

Publications/Media W9GNR

Repeater Trustee: N9DR

Technical Cmte: W9DO AK9JS K9RZG

President Lynn closed the meeting at 8:40 PM.

Attendance: 24 members and 1 visitor.

From the Secretary//Treasure

Your club is doing well, both in number of members and financial condition. We now have 66 members with 54 of them paid up for 2023. In 2 short years since Covid, we have grown by one-third of members. This is great news! Our success at recruiting new members is due to your involvement. Please continue to talk up your club to your friends and neighbors. I would like to thank WA9CWE Steve Riley for having the Walk-In option on our monthly test sessions. We continue to pick up new members there. Plus an average of 25 members are attending the monthly meetings. On the financial side, we have a healthy primary fund and the repeater fund continues to grow due to the donut meeting donations. We have had significant purchases this year and our 2024 projected income versus expenditures looks very good. We now save \$194.00 each year by using the new address and eliminating the post office box, thanks to EMS Director Jeff Dyer K9DYR. That's enough money to pay for our yearly liability insurance! Remember, we are using the 200 N. Delaware St 46016 address as some members pay dues by mail. In conclusion, please try to support both clubs if you can. Some of us do support the functions of the Anderson Repeater Club and Emergency Management Agency as we all should. We are fortunate to have such a nice building to use for our meetings and functions. I shudder to think about having to pay rent for a meeting place. 73's Ike.

Technical Committee Report, October 2023



EMA News

W9VCF Member Activity Points for October

1	AK9JS - Jeff	246
2	KC9DJU - Mike	199
3	W9GNR - Gary	190
4	WA9QEK - Kenny	160
5	W9MWM - Mark	139

Complete list of members is posted in the ECC bulletin board

To date, W9VCF have volunteered 3,498hrs. Congratulations.

EMA COMM DIV.

	<u>Y-T-D</u>	<u>September</u>
MCU	63	0
Active Storm Net	356	0
Outreach	402	0
Comm Div	122	24
Nets	800	76
Training	1,406	128
TOTAL	3,149	228

YL - KD9SZJ - Paula

This was posted on Facebook, I did get permission from the writer to post in our newsletter. Very interesting information. Many thanks to MaryAnn Cornett.

Did you know that, according to the ARRL, only 15% of American amateur radio operators are YL's? Of that 15%, there is a minority of YL's who are active. Of those who are active, many are content to remain at the technician level, which is fine. But, the higher the license class, the fewer the YL's you're likely to find. And if you're looking for YL instructors and/or YL VE's, I think you'll discover they are as rare as hen's teeth.

Female amateur radio operators have a very long and distinguished history. From the very beginning of ham radio, women have been a part of it. And, if truth be told, YL's tend to have a natural inclination to operating a radio - Why do you suppose that it was the women who were the premiere telephone operators? Over the years, guys struggled to learn Morse, but the girls tended to be adept at CW. Just sayin'.

As amateurs, we are familiar with the international ham "73" which means "best regards". But did you know that there is a female version of "73"? It is used from YL to YL and I like to think it means a bit more than just "best regards". I like to think it means, "You go, girl!"

So for those of us female type hams, you might notice we say "33" to each other. It's an acknowledgement of our history and our YL tradition.

Personally, I'd like to see more YL's who are active hams. I think we need more YL's to step up and teach ham radio, and more YL's become VE's. And more YL's who know and use "33".

<https://yrl.net/33-2/>

33 de NS7X, MaryAnn Cornett author on Ham Radio Women on Facebook

THE EC SHACK

Gary-W9GNR



I HAVE NOTHING THIS MONTH

-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
November 6th	MC ARC Meeting at the EOC, 7pm
November 9th	MC UHF Net 8pm - 443.350MHz, PL tone 110.9Hz WA9CWE
November 15th	VE Testing at the EOC 7pm
November 23rd	MC UHF Net 8pm - 443.350MHz, PL tone 110.9Hz WA9CWE
SPECIAL EVENTS	
November 11th	Honoring Veterans 1400 -2100z 7.185 7.264 14.255 14.275
November 11th	Veterans Day Remembering 1600-2130z 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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Wh ... What no Hamfests this month?