

Anderson Repeater Club, Inc.

January, 2018

Our first meeting of the Club year 49 will be on Tuesday, January 2, 7:00PM at the EOC. I hope that you can attend. Important activities include the election of officers for 2018 and the Ham-Of-The-Year award.

The Volunteer Examiners had a good year in 2017. We held 12 examination sessions and had candidates in all but one month. For the year we had 33 candidates with 15 successful new licenses and 10 successful upgrades. That is good news for our hobby. The only disappointment is that only 2 new licenses came from Madison County. We need to figure out how to get more interest in our hobby here in our area. If you would like to become an ARRL Volunteer Examiner we'd be happy to have you participate with us. We have 8 active VE's and must have at least 3 to conduct a session, so with vacations and illnesses it's sometimes a scramble to get 3 available. If you have an interest get on the ARRL web site and look up the VE information. You can download the Training Manual, study and take the test on-line. You can only sign off on licenses equivalent or less than yours, so having an Amateur Extra class is best, but General or Advanced licensees are valuable too. Our current team is: Lew, K9LBB, Dale, KV9W, Tim, KB9VE, Paul, KC9BKZ, Charlie, K9TZJ, Steve, WA9CWE, Al, WB9AL and Alan, KC9JWO.

The repeaters continue to operate reliably. We need to move the .82 antenna on the tower to get better coverage in the Elwood area, but the system is working well. We could use a bit more activity but that will come with the spring severe weather. The .09 repeater is doing fine also. Since it is full time IRLP connected to repeaters along the I69 corridor there is more activity on it. Still feel free to use it at any time. The 443.35 repeater works fine, but there is minimal activity now. Alan's 220 repeater is operational, but he wants to make improvements to the receiver. Alan plans to return it to the supplier to address some identified receiver sensitivity issues.

As you know the club web site has had minimal support for the last year or so. Tom, W9EEL, is working with Tim, KB9VE, to get the issues fixed (Got hacked, most issues fixed & some issues with the web host) and to bring the web site back up to make it useful again.

The weather station at Exit 219 is being moved from the Borg Warner site to the school system administration building and County tower site. With Borg Warner moving it's headquarters it is necessary to relocate the station. It moves only about a ½ mile and will still be identified as Exit 219. Thanks to Mike, KC9DJU, for helping get this accomplished. We took the station down before Christmas and plan to have it back up in the new location in early January.

The date for the 2018 StormNet Training is Tuesday, March 6. Put that on your calendar. That is the same day as our regular meeting, so we'll skip our meeting and encourage everyone to attend the tornado training session. It will be at Hoosier Park at 7:00 PM with the primary speaker coming from the National Weather Service in Indianapolis. Attached with this

distribution is an announcement. If you have a location(s) to post this where other possible interested parties can see it please print and post it.

Dues for 2018 are due at any time. So far (as of Dec. 15) we've received the annual \$20 contribution from:

WB9AZY, WB9BSU (honorary life), KD9CDO, WA9CWE, K9DYR, W9EEL, K9IND (honorary life), KC9JWO, KC9LGP, KB9NTG, KB9SCC, WA9STB, KA9SYP, K9TZJ, KB9VE, N9VRC, KV9W, N9XXT, N9ZAF. Membership certificates will be available at the meeting or for those of you who cannot make it I'll mail them in January. Bring your dues to the meeting, drop them off with the Treasurer at Anderson Automotive Color, or send them to the PO Box; Anderson Repeater Club, Inc. PO Box 615, Anderson, IN 46015. With our current membership we need everyone to renew so we can break even on yearly expenses. We seem to pick up one or two new members each year but would really like to increase our membership substantially. If you know of anyone who might be interested in our club activities be sure to invite them to the meetings.

We received notice of the Hendricks County Brownsburg Hamfest on Saturday, Feb. 24, 2018. Open from 9AM until 2PM and the admission is \$5 with free parking. The location is the American Legion Post, 636 E. Main. St. Brownsburg, 46112. Talk-in on 147.015. Setup for vendors is Friday evening (3 to 7:30 PM) and 8AM Saturday morning. Dave, WA9IVB, reported that this hamfest was very well attended last year.

We'll be awarding the 2017 Ham-Of-The-Year at this meeting. This is an important award made: **"In recognition of outstanding achievement of the Anderson area amateur who distinguishes himself in public service, friendship, technological and other ideals of Amateur Radio"**. As you notice it's not awarded every year. When a significant number of members recognize and nominate a local ham the award is made. Prior recipients are:

1973	WB9KJZ	Bob Sheets	1980	WD9CQN	Rusty Elliott
1974	W9OBH	Burr Stephens	1981	WB9URL	Phil Miller
1975	WA9CWE	Steve Riley	1983	W9EEL	Tom Harbron
1976	W9CVD	Bob Denney	1984	N9ETL	Jerry Riley
1977	K9FOI	Dick Brown	1988	KB9VE	Tim Galbraith
1978	WB9WWY	Mahlon Gillard	1989	WA9IVB	Dave Hood
1979	WB9ZJR	Guido Politano	2000	WB9GUY	Tim Riley
			2004	KG9NS	Matt Fields
			2011	KC9BKZ	Paul Hughes

Come to the meeting to congratulate the 2017 recipient. His name will be added to the plaque that hangs in the EOC Training Room next to the ECC.

Hope to see you on Tuesday.
73,
Steve

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING 11-7-2017

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER 7PM.

* NO VISITORS, ONLY 11 PEOPLE HERE. THEY ARE AS FOLLOWS:
DAVE KB9NTG, TIM KB9VE, DALE KV9W, TOM W9EEL, CHARLIE K9TZJ, CAUTT N9ZAF, LARRY

KB9SCC, MIKE KD9CDO, MIKE KC9DJU, JIM N9RVC, DOUG N9DR.

* MINUTES APPROVED BY TOM W9EEL, CHARLIE K9TZJ

* TREASURE REPORT, INCOME OF DUES \$180.00. DOMAIN FEE FOR WEB SITE \$14.99. BAL. \$1520.04. APPROVED BY DALE KV9W, CHARLIE K9TZJ.

* NO CORRESPONDENCE

* 82 REPEATER. TOM NOT HERE.

* 09 REPEATER. TIM KB9VE, WORKING FINE

* 443.350 REPEATER. STEVE WA9CWE NOT HERE. TIM SPOKE UP AND SAID IT'S WORKING FINE

* 223.860 REPEATER. ALAN KC9JWO NOT HERE.

* WEATHER REPORT. DALE KV9W. HIGH WINDS UP AROUND 1550 NORTH BY SUMMITTIVILE IN THE LAST STORM. MOSTLY TREES, POWER LINES, DAMAGE TO SOME CARS. DEPENDING WHERE IN THE COUNTY YOU WERE, THERE WAS AROUND 3 TO 4 INCHES OF RAIN. GRAND AVE. DID NOT FLOOD. DALE SAID OVER ALL, THE COUNTY GOT OFF PRETTY GOOD. FUTURE FORCAST, JAN. FEB, MARCH, COULD BE ON THE COOLER SIDE.

* WEB SITE. TIM KB9VE, NO REPORT

* VE TESTING. NO REPORT FOR OCTOBER

* TOM, KA9SYP, EMA REPORT. NOT HERE

* NOMINATIONS FOR 2018 STAND AS IS. HERE IS THE LIST OF CANDIDATES:

PRES. ALAN KC9JWO

VP DAVE KB9NTG

TREAS. TIM KB9VE

SECT. STEVE WA9CWE

TECH COMMITTEE TOM W9EEL, DALE KV9W, GUIDO WB9ZJR

* NEW BUSINESS-NONE

* OLD BUSINESS- NONE

* UP COMING ACTIVITIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS-NONE

* TECHNICAL PRESENTATION TOM W9EEL. TOM TALKING ON "EMP"; ELECTRICAL MAGNETIC PULSE.

* MEETING ADJOURNED. CHARLIE K9TZJ, DALE KV9W.

RESECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
DAVE BENDT, KB9NTG, VICE-PRESIDENT, ARC