

Anderson Repeater Club, Inc.

OUR 50TH. YEAR

January, 2019

Our first meeting for the new year is Tuesday, January 8 at 7PM at the EOC Training Room. To get the year started right we'd like your attendance to vote on the Officers for 2019 and to recognize the Ham-Of-The-Year recipient. NOTE: THIS IS THE SECOND TUESDAY!

At the November meeting we opened nominations for officers for 2019. We will re-open nominations as is customary at this meeting prior to the election. Those nominated so far are:

President: Alan Weber, KC9JWO (current officer)
Vice-President: Ferrin Nice, N9VZL
Secretary: Steve Riley, WA9CWE (current officer)
Treasurer: Tim Galbraith, KB9VE (current officer)
.82 Trustee: Tom Ecker, KA9SYP (current Trustee)
.09 Trustee: Tim Galbraith, KB9VE (current Trustee)
Technical Committee: Dale Bales, KV9W (current)
Tom Harbron, W9EEL (current)
Gary Sherman, W9GNR

We appreciate willingness of existing officers to continue to support the Club and look forward to some of our new members who are stepping up to fill vacancies. Come to the meeting and submit your vote in support of the to-be-elected officers. If you want to make other nominations feel free to do so.

I'm sorry to report that Bob Shelton, K9IND, became a Silent Key on November 6. Bob was a very active and important member of the Club and EMA from 1975 thru 2010. Bob strongly supported the repeater and as President of Anderson Tool and Engineering was able to provide some of the important antenna supports and other structural items we needed for the repeaters. Bob also provided the telephone line for the .82 repeater control line and autopatch back when that was a requirement. Bob was club Treasurer from 1976-1977, Technical Committee member in 1980, President in 1981 and Vice-President from 2001-2004. Bob was elected a Life Member in 2010. Although Bob was not able to be active in recent years he was always supportive of our hobby and the Club. We will miss Bob.

We are still accepting dues contributions for this year. Bring it to the meeting (\$20), drop it off at the Treasurer, Tim, KB9VE, (Anderson Automotive Color), or mail it to: Anderson Repeater Club, Inc. PO Box 615, Anderson, IN 46015. Our dues inputs just barely keep up with the required Club expenses. We need your support financially and in person at the meetings. The paid members for 2019 are shown on the web site membership listing.

Mark your calendar for the 2019 StormNet Training session on Tuesday, March 19, 7:00PM at the York Performance Hall on the Anderson University Campus. More information and maps will be provided as time approaches.

As a result of this training our VE Test Session usually scheduled for this night will be pulled ahead one week to March 12, 7:00PM at the EOC (March Only).

To summarize the success of our VE Test sessions for 2018 I can report the following:

- 33 Total Candidates
- 21 Successful New Licensees
- 11 Successful Upgrades

Those who have attended our sessions have been very well prepared for the intended license test. Many also upon completion of the intended test take a shot at the next level and a few have been successful. It seems that our week night testing is working out well as several have commented that the typical weekend sessions that many groups hold do not work out well for them. We are able to offer an alternative. Out of our 10 member VE Team, we average over 5 in attendance at each session. Special thanks to those VE's who make time on Tuesday to be at the sessions.

I hope that you have been taking advantage of the updated Club Web Site www.andersonrepeaterclub.org . We are trying to keep information current and of interest to the members and ham population. If you have suggestions as to other items you'd like to have available let us know (Tom, W9EEL or Tim, KB9VE).

Our faithful member of 42 years Bill Gibson, WD9AES, will be moving from south Anderson to an assisted living facility in Fishers soon. Bill has donated to the Club all of his amateur equipment to be auctioned off to members and to have the proceeds to be provided to the Club Treasury. Bill has some desirable items that I think you will find of interest. I'm intending to also offer the bidding to the MCARC and Comm. Div. members to increase the participation a bit. All of the funds go to the ARC. I suspect that the end of January I'll be able to get this started. Included is a very nice HF station, some VHF gear and test equipment, etc. Thanks to Bill for his exceptional contribution to the club.

Members, please make certain that I have you latest/desired email address for distribution of Club information. If you want it changed let me know (smriley@hughes.net). If for some reason you don't always get it (sometimes AOL or Comcast blocks me for a day or so) you can find this Newsletter on the web site, as Tom always puts it up there.

Getting in the EOC Building: If you do not have a key fob to enter the front door of the EOC for meetings and other activities here is the procedure – For meetings and regular gatherings we will try to have the outside door unlocked and the EOC Training Room door open. If the outside door is locked for after-hours activities push the “#3” (Labeled EMA / NIGHT) on the panel to the left of the door. This will dial Jeff's desk phone and then the phones in the Training Room. That will alert someone to let you in. During normal business hours push the “#2” (Labeled EMA). That will dial Jeff's phone, then Tom's phone, then the Central Dispatch.

See you at the meeting.

73,
Steve

Minutes of Meeting – November 6, 2018

The regular Club meeting was called to order at 1900 by the President Alan, KC9JWO. All present had signed the attendance sheet and were welcomed.

There were no visitors in attendance.

Everyone reported having received the Newsletter and Minutes from the last meeting. Upon motion of WA9STB and second by KV9W all voted to accept the Meeting Minutes as posted in the Newsletter.

Illnesses & Silent Keys: The mother of member Doug Rose, N9DR, passed away a few weeks ago. Former member Jerry Riley, N9ETL, became a Silent Key a few weeks ago. Member N9PVI, Duane Hoak's wife passed two weeks ago. Life Member Bob Shelton, K9IND, became a Silent Key this morning. Treasurer Tim will provide the customary memorial contributions to the appropriate charities.

Treasurer's Report: Tim, KB9VE, reported: Initial checking balance of \$1,511.75. Disbursements of \$22 for the Corporate Filing, \$52.86 for web hosting and \$75.00 for the .82 repeater jumper cable. There was no income so the new balance is \$1,361.89. Upon motion to accept by K9DYZ and KC9GBL all present voted in favor of acceptance. Tim did report that the money authorized at the last meeting to pay for the "secure site" did not have to be spent at the new web host provided it at no cost.

Dues contributions are being received for 2019.

The President opened the floor for nominations for Officers for 2019. K9DYZ & KC9GBL nominated the current slate of officers with the exception of the Vice-President position as Jerry has declined to serve next year. Also Guido, WB9ZJR has not been active lately. N9VZL was then nominated for the VP position and W9GNR for the Technical Committee.

The nominations are:

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The nominations were closed until the January meeting when they will be opened and a vote held. Dale, KV9W, reminded everyone that he's accepting nominations for the "Ham-Of-The-Year". Information is on the web site.

VE Testing Report: Steve, WA9CWE reported that at the last session there were two successful upgrades. For the sessions this year the candidates have been very well prepared. We have had 2 to 5 candidates at most sessions. We also usually have at least 5 VE's present to administer the tests. Anyone who wants to upgrade is invited to attend a monthly session.

.82 Repeater Report: Jeff, K9DYZ, reported it seems to be working OK. He plans to drive the County boundry and take measurements of coverage strength to try to determine where the tower shadow may have moved to. The coverage seems OK in Elwood/Frankton presently.

.09 Repeater Report: Tim, KB9VE, reported it's working fine. It is still connected to the Crossroads Repeater for IRLP.

443.350 Repeater Report: Steve, WA9CWE, reported it's working OK. There is minimal activity at present.

220 Repeater Report: Alan, KC9JWO, reported it's ID'ing away. Minimal activity at present. Alan says that the County Club had been given a 220 repeater and controller that he's going to check out and set up as a backup for this system.

A discussion reminded us that we need additional 2 meter, 220 and 440 antennas in the ECC for our radios.

Web Site Report: Tim, KB9VE, reported that it's fully functional and upgraded thanks to a lot of work by Tom, W9EEL. Everyone is encouraged to visit the site and check out the information on it: Andersonrepeaterclub.org.

Weather Station Report: Tim, KB9VE, says it's working fine. The Pendleton site is working fine too. Mike, KC9DJU, keeps an eye on it and will replace the battery when needed.

EMA Report: Jeff, K9DYR reported for Tom who was not in attendance. 1) He described the new County Warning Siren Control system that is fully operational from the ECC. Green Township has 7 sirens on the system and systems for Elwood, Alexandria and Frankton will be coming on line. The system is set up to "self test" daily and he gets messages about the results. Anderson City continues to activate their own sirens. They send an "all clear" but the County does not. There is a clear protocol established for activation of the sirens. 2) Tom is participating in a State Exercise tomorrow. 3) Jeff has been doing a lot of "networking" with adjacent county organizations. Our County is much better off than the others with many more volunteers and facilities.

Weather Update: Dale, KV9W, reported it will be getting colder and maybe below freezing next week. There is the possibility of snow flurries end of week.

New Member Applications: None

Correspondence: None

Upcoming Events: 1) The Fort Wayne Hamfest is the 17th & 18th. It includes the ARRL Central Division Hamfest and includes several forums and meetings. Admission is \$6 and parking is \$6 also. Alan will be going to the IRC meeting. 2) The County Club Christmas Party is December 8, 6PM at Perkins. Everyone is invited.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Show & Tell: 1) Dale, KV9W, commented that he had a microphone cable damaged in his Mobile (Yaesu radio). It has RG45 connectors on each end. He found that it can be replaced with a CAT 5 cable. Doug, N9DR, said that he has been able to buy a mic cable with connectors on-line. 2) Steve, WA9CWE, commented on the ARRL School Club Roundup held a few weekends ago. It was fun to contact elementary school students. 3) Jeff led a discussion of how to get people interested in our hobby. The activity around the StormNet Training with the follow-up open house worked out well. Can probably do it again next year with more publicity and a restructuring of the presentations. Perhaps we can get schools, Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts to come too.

Upon motion of WA9STB and W9EEL the meeting was closed at 1957. There we 15 present.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Riley, WA9CWE, Secretary, ARC