

Anderson Repeater Club, Inc.

January, 2020

Our first meeting of the year is Tuesday, January 7, 7:00PM at the EOC. Please plan to attend. Our most important activity is the election of Officers for 2020, our 51st year as a Club.

As you probably know, Dick Elmore, WA9STB, became a Silent Key on December 3. Dick was a very active member of our Club, one of our 17 founding members in 1970. Dick was Vice-President in 1971, Treasurer in 1975 and Secretary in 1977. He has always been one of our most active members and supporters of the repeaters. Dick became licensed in the early 1960's and was also an active member, officer and instructor in the Madison County Amateur Radio Club throughout his amateur career. Additionally, his contributions to CD/EMA in maintaining the mobile communications vehicles and active participation in all aspects of the Communications Division will be long remembered. Dick faithfully attended our meetings until late fall, but still checked into the Sunday night nets until mid-November. Dick was a long time close personal friend of mine and many of you. He will be missed.

Our VE Team has been very productive this year. We held monthly test sessions at the EOC, and assisted the Tipton County Club by providing a test session at the completion of their Technician Class. Our 10 VE's have assisted: 47 Candidates resulting in 28 new licenses and 16 upgrades. Thanks to the VE's who give of their time the third Tuesday of each month, and also the Club Members who support and encourage our efforts. Our current VE Team (ARRL is the VEC for us) are: K9LBB, KV9W, KB9VE, W9EEL, KC9BKZ, K9TZJ, N9VZL, WA9CWE, NA9LA, WB9AL.

Nominations for Officers for this Club this year will remain open until we close them and vote at the meeting this month. Our current slate of Officers has been re-nominate, but we're always open to others who would like to take a leadership position. See the list of nominees in the Minutes of the November meeting below. Please come to the meeting to vote and show your support for the Officers and the Club mission.

Dues for 2020 are being accepted. Your \$20 donation helps us cover our yearly expenses. So far we've received dues from: W9BLF, WA9CWE, N9DR, K9DYR, W9EEL, NA9LA, KD9NHQ, KB9VE, N9VRC, KV9W. We'd like for you to attend the meeting and drop off your dues for 2020, but if that's not convenient you can mail it to: Anderson Repeater Club, Inc. PO Box 615, Anderson, IN 46015. Additionally, you can drop them off with our Treasurer, Tim, at Anderson Automotive Color on Scatterfield Road. If Tim's not there feel free to leave them with his employees. Tim's been Treasurer since 1980, so they are familiar with Hams coming in and dropping off dues money.

You might mark your 2020 calendar for the following:

Jan 25,	Sat,	Winter Field Day (MCARC at EOC Parking Lot)
Feb 8,	Sat,	Hendricks Co. Hamfest
Mar 17,	Tue,	StormNet Training Class
May 15-18,	Fri-Sun,	Dayton Hamvention
Jun 6,	Sat,	White River Run Communications Exercise
Jun 6-7,	Fri-Sun,	Museum Ships Weekend
Jun 20,	Sat,	East Central IN Hamfest
Jun 27-28,	Sat-Sun,	Field Day
Jul 10-11,	Fri-Sat,	Indy Hamfest
Nov 1,	Sun	Run-The-Mounds Communications Exercise
Nov 21-22,	Sat-Sun,	Fort Wayne Hamfest

These are in addition to the Club Meeting/Comm Div. Meetings the First Tuesday of each Month, the VE Testing the 3rd. Tuesday of each Month, and the MCARC Meeting the First Monday of each Month.

As noted the StormNet Training is scheduled for Tuesday, March 17, 7:00PM at Anderson University York Performance Center, the same location as last year. This is a great facility for our training opportunity. We hope that each of you will plan to attend this 2 hour session. Bring along any co-workers, relatives and friends who have an interest in severe weather.

We continue to look for Technical Sessions and Show-and-Tell at each meeting. If you have something you'd like to talk about/demonstrate/ask about just offer to make a presentation. It doesn't have to be fancy or even pre-planned, just of general interest. Let Alan or Steve know if you'd like to have it mentioned ahead of time. Otherwise, just bring it to the meeting.

Remember to check out the Club Web Site from time-to-time. We've made an effort to add information and presentations so they are available for you to review. Also the current list of paid-up members and other Club history is available. You will find links to previous Newsletters (& Meeting Minutes) and also the Comm. Div. Newsletters & Meeting Notes.

See you on Tuesday to get 2020 going.

73,
Steve

Minutes of Meeting – November 5, 2019

The regular Club meeting was called to order at 1902 by the President, Alan, NA9LA. Everyone had signed the Attendance Sheet and we had 4 visitors, so we all introduced ourselves. Everyone reported having received the Newsletter and the attached Minutes of the September meeting, and upon motion by KC9GBL and second by KV9W all present voted in favor of accepting the Minutes as published.

Treasurer's Report - Treasurer Tim, KB9VE, reported that the initial Checking balance was \$2,885.13. Disbursements were \$107.88 for the Web Hosting Fee, \$11.00 for Stamps and \$119.27 for a new anemometer for the Weather Station for a total disbursement of \$238.15. There was no income, so the new balance is \$2,646.98. Upon a motion that the report be accepted by KC9GBL and a second by W9GNR all present voted in favor.

There were no Silent Keys or Illnesses reported.

Correspondence - The only correspondence received was an invitation to the June 20, 2020 East Central Indiana Ham Tailgate Party in Randolph County. They are looking for additional clubs to help sponsor it.

New Member Applications - There have been no New Member applications received.

.82 Repeater Report – Trustee Tom, KA9SYP, reported it's working fine with no problems reported.

.09 Repeater Report – Trustee Tim, KB9VE, reported that it's working OK also.

443.350 Repeater Report – Trustee Steve, WA9CWE, reported it's working OK, but there is almost no activity.

223.860 Repeater Report – Trustee Alan, NA9LA, reported it's ID'ing the wrong call (his old one). He'll work out a time to come in and update the controller.

Weather Station Update – Tim, KB9VE, said that the anemometer has failed on the station at the EOC. A replacement is on the way. He'll have to schedule the replacement when he can get a County bucket truck available. Gary, W9GNR, commented that he's having trouble with the weather station links on the Club web site. Dale, KV9W, checked them out and it works OK for him. Others have not had a problem either. Gary will investigate his computer.

Web Site Update – Tim, KB9VE, reported it's working OK.

VE Testing Update – Steve, WA9CWE, reported that the October session resulted in the 1 candidate receiving a new license. So far this year there have been 40 candidates resulting in 23 new licenses and 14 upgrades. The VE Team will be assisting the Tipton County Club in December at the completion of their Technician Class by giving the examinations.

ARES Report – Gary, W9GNR, the EC for Madison County reported that he reported for October 44 hours Classroom and 95 hours of Net Participation for a total of 139 hours. He also mentioned that Project Lifesaver has 2 new members training and participating.

Nominations for Officers for 2020 – Alan opened the floor for nominations for Officers for 2020. The nominations remain open until the January meeting when the election will be held. KA9SYP moved that the current slate of Officers be nominated. Seconded by KC9GBL. Those are:

President -	Alan Weber, NA9LA
Vice-President -	Ferrin Nice, N9VZL
Secretary -	Steve Riley, WA9CWE
Treasurer -	Tim Galbraith, KB9VE
.82 Trustee -	Tom Ecker, KA9SYP
.09 Trustee -	Tim Galbraith, KB9VE
Technical Committee -	Tom Harbron, W9EEL, Dale Bales, KV9W, Gary Sherman, W9GNR

Weather Report – Dale, KV9W, showed several maps of projected weather for the next period. The 6-10 day forecast indicates below normal temperatures and average moisture. The 8-14 day forecast is below normal temperature and below normal precipitation. 1 Month forecast is colder than normal and average precipitation. 3 to 6 month is average. Next Wednesday the Upper Air Jet Stream will pull in arctic air. The high tomorrow is 20-26. Next week highs about 30. Probably a cold winter.

EMA Report – Director Tom, KA9SYP, reported that Project Lifesaver has trained 2 additional people for a total of 7 direction finders. There are 23 clients countywide right now. They continue to practice their direction finding skills. The StormNet Training is planned again next year at Anderson University like this year. There will be a new NWS presenter this time. EMA has received grants for headsets for the radios in the MCU and also the Comm. Room. Being installed. He has also received a 6 passenger “Mule” a Kawasaki. It has lights, winch, dump bed and is totally enclosed. It’s in the garage and is available for other services. The Long Term Recovery in Pendleton continues and will until next May. There are no new upgrades planned for the EOC. The County is upgrading computers to Windows 10. Most of ours have been upgraded with the rest soon. Friday everyone is invited to attend the training of the Health Department in putting up their portable tents. One is 10X10 and the other is a drive-thru. Walls, Floor, Heat, AC. On December 12 will be the first Seminar for our EOC (6PM). This will be an introduction to our EOC operations and will continue into next year. In 2020 we’ll be hosting the State IMT Exercise and we need to be up-to-date on our training and plans.

Old Business – None

New Business – None

Steve reminded everyone we are taking dues for next year.

Announcements – Alan mentioned that the ARRL is doing Pod Casts geared for new amateurs. They are about 30 minutes each, and are geared around “So Now What?”. Go to www.arrl.org/so-now-what to see them. They plan to have a new one out every 2 weeks and there are about 14 archived. Alan reports that they are well put together.

Upcoming Events – The Fort Wayne Hamfest is November 16, 17. It’s a good one.

Technical Presentation – Steve, WA9CWE, discussed CTCSS and the issue that one communicator had at the Run-The-Mounds where he was in T-SQU and didn’t realize it. The discussion was about how CTCSS (PL) works and why. The recommendation is to leave your receiver on Handhelds in carrier access mode for all frequencies (repeater and simplex) and just CTCSS your receiver on base stations where you might hear other repeaters on the same frequency. It was noted that many of the Chinese radios carry over the settings when you go from memory channel to VFO mode, so you might think you are in carrier access, but are really set up like the last memory mode you were in.

Steve also presented information on the Club owned Bird 43 Wattmeter. We discussed how it works and how to use it to best advantage. It’s available for loan to all members. The Powerpoint presentation is on the Web Site, Events section.

Doug, N9DR, gave an update on the Run-The-Mounds thanking the Hams who participated. They had 393 finishers, 100+ more than usual. It was a good event for the Road Runners and for us.

Upon a motion to adjourn by KC9GBL and K9BLK all were in favor and the meeting was closed at 2028.

There were 20 total present.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Riley, WA9CWE Secretary, ARC

Note: Dues were received by 7 members and a New Member Application was received.