

Anderson Repeater Club, Inc.

March, 2018

The March meeting of the Club has been CANCELLED so that we can attend the StormNet Training on March 6 at 7:00PM at Hoosier Park. Please plan to attend this very good and important training opportunity.

Congratulations to Dale, KV9W, for receiving the 2017 Ham-Of-The-Year award from the Club. Dale was nominated by a significant number of club members at the end of the year for his contributions not only with our Club as a VE, Tech Committee member and regular contributor at Club meetings, but also for his important work as Director of Warning for EMA. Dale has also provided much support to the EMA Communications Room and also to the Madison County Amateur Radio Club participating in all the Club activities and making needed items for the new communications van. Dale is certainly worthy of this recognition and his name has been placed on the plaque that is displayed in the EOC.

Congratulations also to the Club Officers who were re-elected for another year to lead the Club. Thanks to all of the members for their continuing support.

Perhaps you read the article on Page 41 of the February, 2018 issue of QST. It is about building a receiver for WWV to calibrate frequency counters. The author, Don Kirk, WD8DSB, was a member of our Club from 1986 to 1988 when working at Delco Remy/Magnequench.

If you are a hamfest attendee you might plan to attend the Hendricks County ARC Hamfest next year. It was last weekend in Avon, just west of Indianapolis. Katie (my daughter) and I attended and sold a few things. We saw Doug, N9DR, Dave, WA9IVB and Mick Parton from our area. I found out that they had about 280 attendees (Dave had given it a good review, so I decided to go). I sold a few things including some stuff that was donated to the two clubs, resulting in \$55 going to ARC and \$55 to MCARC. I have a few items left from the donation to take to the Indy Hamfest.

I hope that you noticed that Alan's 223.86 repeater is back on the air. If you don't have a 220 rig, but do have a dual bander you might check the receive capability. Many do cover 220 on receive. I have Alan's repeater programmed in my IC-2720 so I can at least listen. Activity is low now, but hopefully it'll pick up. Thanks to Alan for putting this system on the air.

We are still accepting dues contributions for 2018 (our 49th year). So far we have dues from: WB9AZY, WB9BSU, KD9CDO, WA9CWE, K9DYR, W9EEL, K9IND, KC9JWO, KC9LGP, KB9NTG, KB9SCC, WA9STB, KA9SYP, K9TZJ, KB9VE, N9VRC, KV9W, N9XXT, N9ZAF. If you haven't paid yet, please do so.

There is planned an "Introduction to Amateur Radio" event on Tuesday, March 13, 7:00PM at the EOC. We hope to generate additional interest in the hobby by presenting information on

Amateur Radio, demonstrating operations, and answering questions. We plan to advertise it at the StormNet class too. If you know of anyone who might be interested in the hobby invite them. Also attend if you can too. Always good to have folks to help answer questions and show interest.

A former ham who is no longer licensed and downsizing (Bill Bockover) donated several boxes of “stuff” to the two clubs. I sold most of it at the Hendricks Co. Hamfest last weekend. Our club get \$55 as our half, and the Treasurer has it to deposit. There are a few other items left that I plan to take to the Indy Hamfest. Maybe we can get a few more dollars to add to the treasury.

See you at the Training on Tuesday, and the next regular Club meeting on May 1.

73,
Steve, WA9CWE,
Secretary, ARC

Minutes of Meeting – January 2, 2018

The regular Club meeting was called to order at 1904 by the President, Alan, KC9JWO.

The Minutes from the November meeting were approved as printed in the Newsletter upon motion of W9EEL and second by KB9SCC. All voted in favor.

Treasurer Tim, KB9VE, reported an initial checking balance of \$1,520.04, dues income of \$180 and expense of \$28.89 for batteries for the weather station. The report was approved upon motion of KV9W and KB9SCC. All voted in favor.

Correspondence received was for the Hendricks Co./Brownsburg Hamfest on February 24.

The .82 Repeater report by Trustee Tom, KA9SYP, is that he’s trying to get the tower climber to reposition the antenna. He’ll need some volunteers to be spotted around the County to verify coverage while he’s making the adjustments.

The .09 Repeater report by Trustee Tim, KB9VE, is that it’s still working well. A New Years QSO on IRLP was active across 3 time zones and worldwide.

The 443.35 repeater is working.

The 220 repeater report by Trustee Alan, KC9JWO, is that he’s pulled the repeater and sent it to the factory for updates. He has no estimate on the return to service.

The weather station report by Tim, KB9VE, is that the video feed requirements have changed. Tim and Dale, KV9W, will look into the new requirements.

The Web Site report is that Tom, W9EEL, will try to get the weather station video on the site.

VE Testing dates have changed for 2018. The sessions will be the third TUESDAY of each month at 7:00PM.

Tom and Dale reported for the weather update that we may have moisture the next weekend.

Upcoming events noted include: 1/27 – Winter Field Day. We want to try the newly renovated van, 3/6 – StormNet Training at Hoosier Park, 7:00PM. 3/6 – No ARC meeting as a result of the StormNet training.

The EMA Update as presented by Director Tom, KA9SYP, is that he expects to have the MOU next month to protect our ability to stay at the EOC. The Hazard Mitigation Plan for EMA has been sent to FEMA. The County Hazard Mitigation Plan will be formulated this year. The Pet Shelter Program is started. Tom has studied the after action report for the

Gatlinburg, TN fire. The firestorm model is not good. There was a power outage associated with it. Tom has offered a future program for a club meeting with bullet points useable in Madison County. The last EOC Exercise took advantage of lessons learned resulting in new thoughts on EOC layout and manpower.

The floor was opened for the Election of Officers for 2018. Nominations were the existing slate of Officers:

President: Alan, KC9JWO

Vice-President: Dave, KB9NTG

Secretary: Steve, WA9CWE

Treasurer: Tim, KB9VE

.82 Trustee: Tom, KA9SYP

.09 Trustee: Tim, KB9VE

Tech Committee: Tom, W9EEL, Dale, KV9W, Guido, WB8ZJR

Jeff, K9DYR moved to close the nominations, seconded by KB9SCC. Upon motion by KA9SYP and second by KV9W, all present voted to elect the slate.

New Business: Tim, KB9VE, reported that the \$320 invoice has been received for the Liability insurance for Club activities. Tim will check with Steve to see if this covers equipment too & will review at the next meeting. Upon motion by W9EEL and second by KA9SYP that the bill be paid all voted in favor.

Tim announced that DALE BALES, KV9W, has been awarded the 2017 Ham-Of-The-Year, a very deserving recipient. Congratulations to Dale and thanks for all you do!

Old Business: A discussion on recruiting of members was held. Suggestions included sending a letter to current hams, checking with the Boy Scouts, the EMA Cadets, and a sign up at the StormNet Training class. There will be a QSL size card handout at the session. Plan to have an "information" meeting in place of the April EMA Comm. Division meeting on the 3rd.

Upon motion of KA9SYP and KB9SCC the meeting was adjourned at 2030. There were 9 members present at this very cold (outside) evening.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jeff Dyer, K9DYR