

# Anderson Repeater Club, Inc.

## OUR 50<sup>TH</sup>. YEAR

March, 2019

Our regular meeting is Tuesday, March 5, 7:00PM at the EOC. Please plan to attend. We will have a Communications Station Monitor available at the meeting. If you want to check the frequency, deviation, power output and receiver sensitivity of your handheld bring it along and we'll check it out.

At the January meeting (See minutes at the end of the Newsletter) officers for 2019 were elected. We are appreciative of the current officers who are willing to continue to serve, and especially excited that two relatively new members (N9VZL and W9GNR) have been willing to take on positions this year.

Congratulations to Jeff, K9DYR, who was selected as the Ham-Of-The-Year for 2018. As Dale pointed out in the award ceremony Jeff has done a great deal over the last year or so to improve the Club and Amateur Radio in general. He continues to be a very positive influence in our community.

I'm sorry to report that our 42 year Club member Bill Gibson, WD9AES, became a Silent Key on February 7. Bill took the MCARC Code & Theory class back in the '70's and was an active member of that club for many years. Bill also actively participated in CD/EMA from that time until about 2013. As an active Communications Division member he was also an MCU driver. Bill joined our Club in 1977, was Secretary in '80 & '81, Repeater Trustee in '80 & '81, and was on the Technical Committee 1982 to 1984. Bill also designed the 2<sup>nd</sup> generation "Tone Alert Board" for Communications Members alerting. We will miss Bill and will remember his contributions to the Amateur Community.

Don Cabe, W9EPF, formerly WA9EPF became a Silent Key on February 17. Don was a member of our Club from 1973 to 1977, and was active in the County Club in the '60's and '70's. Don was active from Elwood until he moved to northern Indiana for his work. For the last few years Don was in a nursing home in Anderson and was visited faithfully by close friend Dave, WA9IVB. We old timers will miss "Elwood's Pickle Factory".

Thanks to all who participated in the "Equipment Opportunity" of the equipment donated to the Club by Bill, WD9AES (SK). The sale of his equipment has increased our treasury by \$895! Also the equipment opportunity of Bob, K9IND (SK) has provided an additional \$580 to the treasury! This is really important to the Club as our yearly dues just barely cover our typical expenses. This will give us a nice cushion to prepare for unforeseen expenses in the support of our repeaters. Also some of our members have picked up some new items to add to their shack.

Remember the StormNet Training on Tuesday, March 19, 7:00 PM at the York Performance Center on the Anderson University Campus. A map of the location and parking can be found on our web site under the "Events" pull-down. Plan to attend and invite any friends and family members who have an interest in severe weather observation. Our presenter from the

Indianapolis Office of the National Weather Service will have their usual updated and very informative presentation.

Congratulations to Gary, W9GNR, who has been appointed the Emergency Coordinator (EC) for the Madison County ARES through the ARRL. As you may know there has not been an active EC for our County (and several others in the State) for some time, so Gary will have an opportunity to give Madison County some additional exposure through his reports and activity at the State level ARES. All members of our Club (and the MCARC) have been considered a full member of Madison County ARES as a result of an agreement back in 2010. The ARRL has just released their new ARES Plan with three levels of qualification and service. It appears that level 1 is pretty well met by our participation in EMA Comm Div or club membership. Level 2 is nearly met with our Comm Div request for ICS Courses. Level 3 is nearly met with completion of the Professional Development Series ICS Courses. Taking a couple of ARRL EC courses will complete Level 2 or Level 3. Gary will be coming up to speed and will be able to pass along what is going to be needed.

We continue to accept dues contributions for 2019. The listing of current members is up-to-date on the web site, so if you aren't listed please consider paying your \$20 at the meeting, drop off at the Treasurer, Tim, KB9VE (Anderson Automotive Color), or mail it to the Club PO box. We have been honored to have several new members join us last year and look forward to more in 2019, OUR 50<sup>TH</sup> YEAR.

We are planning to offer a Technician Licensing Class after the StormNet Training if there is sufficient interest. We're planning on two 4-hour Saturday sessions (4/6 & 4/13) after our regular Comm. Div. meeting (4/2) and before the regular VE testing session (4/16) so anyone interested can get help and instruction followed by testing soon. If you know of anyone who might be interested make certain they know about this opportunity, and let Jeff, K9DYR, know so we can track interest and make contact (email addresses are desired).

Dick, WA9STB, reports that his Grandson and our Club member Rick, KC9LGP, has returned home after his significant surgery and is recovering nicely. We're very happy that he's getting along well and pray for a speedy and complete recovery.

This year marks the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the WWV time and frequency standard station, the world's oldest continuously operating radio station. A plan is being developed to have a "special event station" at the Colorado site to celebrate it, tentatively set for Sept 28 to Oct 2.

The weekend of Feb 16 and 17 the International Space Station was sending Slow Scan Television signals during its passes. Doug, N9DR, helped make us aware of the event and provided information on a phone app that allowed downloading of the transmission. At last count at least 7 of our members were able to download a picture and 2 heard the signal but didn't have the capability to download. This is another fascinating aspect of our hobby. Dave, WA9IVB, captured some nice images and will bring what he received to the meeting.

If you have a "VHS" and "DVD" player setting around that you no longer need/want and would be willing to donate it to the EOC let Jeff know you'd like to donate it. We've got an opportunity to look at some video on a VHS tape, but no way to play it.

If you have any “Show-and-Tell” items bring them along to the meeting. Also any radio related topics are always welcomed to inspire discussion and increase our knowledge.

See you on the 5th.

73,  
Steve

### Minutes of Meeting – January 8, 2019

The regular Club meeting was called to order at 1901 by President Alan, KC9JWO. Alan thanked everyone for attending the kickoff meeting for our 50<sup>th</sup> year of Club activity. Everyone introduced themselves since there was at least one new face among the 19 in attendance.

Membership certificates for paid up members were distributed.

Alan confirmed that everyone had received the Newsletter and meeting minutes and upon motion by KV9W and a second by WA9STB that the minutes be approved as printed all present voted in favor.

Dick, WA9STB, reported that his Grandson and our Club member Rick, KC9LGP, had major surgery on Saturday, and is doing well and recovering.

Mike, KC9DJU, reminded us that Gene Sutton, WA9ZIV, is now a Silent Key and his name has been added to the MCARC plaque. Gene was not a member of our Club.

Treasurer Tim, KB9VE, reported via Alan that the initial balance was \$1,361.89, disbursements of \$10 for stamps, \$25 memorial to the Food Pantry for N9DR’s Mother and \$25 to the Humane Society in memory of K9IND, resulting in a total disbursement of \$60. Income from dues is \$408 which brings the treasury to a new balance of \$1,709.89. Upon motion by WA9CWE and second by KC9GBL, all voted to accept the report as presented.

Steve, WA9CWE, provided a VE Team update for 2018 that indicated that there were 33 candidates served resulting in 21 new licenses and 11 upgrades. Thanks to the 10 VE Team members.

Alan opened the floor for additional nominations for officers for 2019. It was reported that the current nominations are:

President Alan Weber, KC9JWO

Vice-President Ferrin Nice, N9VZL

Secretary Steve Riley, WA9CWE

Treasurer Tim Galbraith, KB9VE

.82 Trustee Tom Ecker, KA9SYP

.09 Trustee Tim Galbraith, KB9VE

Tech Comm: Dale Bales, KV9W, Tom Harbron, W9EEL, Gary Sherman, W9GNR

WA9STB moved and KC9GBL seconded the motion that the nominations be closed. All voted in favor.

K9TZJ moved that the Secretary cast a unanimous ballot in favor of the listed nominees. Seconded by KV9W. All present voted in favor and these members were elected as officers for 2019. The current a previous officers are listed on the web site, and Alan reminded everyone that we are open to input from all members.

**.82 Repeater Report:** Tom, KA9SYP, reported that it’s working OK. They have not mapped out the tower shadow but hope to do it this month. Steve, WA9CWE, mentioned some interference that has held up the repeater sometimes in the afternoon. Not daily or in a manner that he’s able to determine the cause. Everyone is encouraged to monitor .22 if they happen to hear the repeater noise to determine if the source might be close by. It was mentioned that “ducting” might be causing it as weak signals from other repeaters on .82 with the same PL.

**.09 repeater Report:** Tim, KB9VE, reported it’s working well and is still connected to the IRLP.

**443.35 Repeater Report:** Steve, WA9CWE, says it’s working. Some activity. Dave, WA9IVB, usually calls in on Saturday morning about 9 when he comes up to visit W9EPF.

**220 Repeater Report:** Alan, KC9JWO, reports it's still ID'ing away. Not much activity. He hopes to do some additional work he's been planning after this weekend.

**Web Site Update:** Tom, W9EEL, reported it is being kept up-to-date. Members can find current listings of members and history of the Club officers in addition to other things.

**Weather Station Update:** Tim, KB9VE, reported that they are working fine.

**EMA Update:** Tom, KA9SYP, reminded everyone of the EOC Exercise on Wednesday the 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 6PM. Everyone is invited to participate. Jeff, K9DYR, mentioned that they have been contacting other nearby counties to establish relationships. They have been in contact with Hamilton, Delaware & Howard Counties in addition to the new State RACES Director. Tom commented that all of the counties have been very receptive to the developing relationships and are anxious to continue to work together. Jeff mentioned that next month at the Comm. Div. meeting they will be discussing and showing "Go-Boxes" that several members have. There are commercial ones out there and some build their own.

**Weather Update:** Dale, KV9W, noted that things are getting cooler. We may see 3-4 inches of snow, but not as windy. Temps will be below freezing with a warm-up next week. Overall it'll be seasonal.

**New Member Applications:** Secretary Steve, presented the application of Dave McFarland, KC9UKD, from Pendleton. Dave is present. Upon motion of WA9CWE and second by WA9STB that Dave be admitted as a full member of the Club all present voted in favor. Dave was welcomed to membership.

**Correspondence:** Steve presented an invoice for the 2019 Club Liability Insurance (\$320), and also the bill for the Ham-OF-The-Year plaque (\$20). Upon motion of K9DYR and second by KC9GBL that the invoices be paid all present voted in favor. The Treasurer will pay them.

**Upcoming Activities:** The ARRL VHF Contest is the 18<sup>th</sup> to the 21<sup>st</sup>. Winter Field Day is January 26, 27. MCARC intends to operate from MCU-2 in the parking lot with temporary antennas. Everyone is invited to participate. Contact Mike, KC9DJU, with questions. February 9 is the Hendricks Co. Hamfest. March 19 is the StormNet training, this year to be held at Anderson University. Tom will put up on the web site a map of the campus.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Dale, KV9W, the 2017 Ham-OF-The-Year recipient awarded the 2018 award to JEFF DYER, K9DYR. Dale reviewed Jeff's history and the many contributions he's made this year that made him the choice of the membership. Everyone congratulated Jeff. The plaque will be posted next to the prior ones on the wall by the ECC.

Dick, WA9STB, reported and showed the equipment that the family of Silent Key Bob Shelton, K9IND, donated to the Club to be sold and the proceeds to go to the Club treasury. A motion to send a Thank You note to his wife Amy was made by WA9STB and seconded by W9EEL. All in favor. The Secretary will take care of it. This equipment will be auctioned off to the members after the auction of WD9AES's equipment.

WA9CWE showed and discussed how the equipment donated to the Club will be held early in February. The equipment was displayed for everyone to look at.

Upon motion of WA9STB and second by KC9GBL the meeting was closed at 1946.

Respectfully submitted,  
Steve Riley, WA9CWE, Secretary ARC