

# Anderson Repeater Club, Inc.

July, 2018

Our July meeting is Tuesday, July 3, 7:00 PM, at the EOC. Please plan to attend.

We welcome new members Rick Wiseley, KD9JXV and Gary Sherman, KD9KOD. Both were voted in at the May meeting and we look forward to their active participation. Rick lives in Frankton and Gary in Anderson.

As you probably remember we typically grant “Honorary Life Membership” to members who move into assisted living or nursing home care. One of our long time members, Bernie Hill, WB9BSU, has been in assisted living for several years and has been receiving the newsletter by mail. We received a nice note from his daughter reporting that Bernie is approaching 100 ½ years old, recently fell and broke a hip and will be moving into nursing home care. He has dementia and no longer benefits from our information so I’ll no longer send the Newsletter to him. I’m sure that some of you “old timers” remember Bernie from our 6 meter AM days and the early years of our repeater. Bernie lived on SR28 east of Elwood at the time, joined the club in 1976 and was voted an Honorary Life Member in 2008.

Our VE Team has been busy supporting our monthly testing sessions on the third Tuesday of each month (7:00PM at the EOC). For the first 6 months of the year we have had 19 candidates, 11 who successfully obtained a new license and 8 who upgraded to General or Amateur Extra. We are pleased that everyone has come prepared to pass the test. Beginning in July the Technician question pool has been upgraded, so if you know of anyone who is studying for the Tech make certain that they are using the new question pool/book. Thanks to the VE Team: K9LBB, KV9W, K9YI, KB9VE, W9EEL, KC9BKZ, K9TZJ, WA9CWE, KC9JWO and WB9AL. We are averaging 5 VE’s at each test session. If you have an interest in becoming a VE get on the ARRL web site and find the manual explaining the requirements. Study it and take the test on-line and you can become certified also. It’s best if you are an Amateur Extra licensee, as you can only administer tests at your license level or lower. Our team is pretty well staffed now, but we’d always welcome others who want to help support and increase our hobby participation.

Remember the Indy Hamfest coming up Friday, July 13 (2PM-7PM) and Saturday, July 14 (6AM-2PM) at the Marion County Fair Ground. That’s on the southeast side of Indy just off I465, and easy to get to. This is a nice event that you’ll enjoy. Some inside and some outside Flea Market for your shopping pleasure!

Our 2018 Membership list includes: WD9AES, WB9AZY, WB9BSU, KD9CDO, WA9CWE, K9DYR, W9EEL, K9IND, KC9JWO, KD9JXV, KD9KOD, KC9LGP, KB9NTG, KB9SCC, WA9STB, KA9SYP, K9TZJ, KB9VE, N9VRC, KV9W, N9XXT, K9YI, N9ZAF. If you aren’t included in this list we’d sure like to have you renew your membership and continue to support the Club and the repeaters.

For a bit of Club Trivia. In 1970, the first year of our Club we had 17 members. Those that are still active amateurs in the area are: WB9AZY, WA9CWE, WA9JWL, K9RPZ, WA9STB, K9TZJ. You see that 4 are still active in our Club this year. Best I can tell the remainder are Silent Keys or moved out of the area long ago.

See you Tuesday,  
73,  
Steve

### Minutes of Meeting – May 1, 2018

The regular Club meeting was called to order at 1902 by the President, Alan, KC9JWO. All were asked to sign the attendance sheet, and we went around the room with introductions.

All reported receiving the Newsletter. There was no March meeting minutes since that meeting was cancelled because of the StormNet training. Upon Motion of WA9STB and a second by N9ZAF the minutes of the January meeting as published in the March Newsletter were approved by all voting in favor.

The only Silent Key noted was Dick Alan earlier in the year.

**Correspondence:** No correspondence was received by the Secretary or Treasurer.

**Treasurers Report:** Tim, KB9VE, the Treasurer reported the following: The checking balance as of the last meeting was \$1,671.15. Disbursements of \$95.40 for the web site hosting and \$320 for the liability insurance. Income was \$55 from donated equipment sales resulting in a new balance of \$1,310.75. Upon motion to accept the report by K9DYR and second by K9YI all voted in favor.

**.82 Repeater Report:** Trustee Tom, KA9SYP, reported it working well. The antenna has not been moved on the tower yet, awaiting the Tower guy's availability. There was noise holding up the repeater for a while yesterday, but no one knows why. It was only for a few minutes. PL was on. Going to continue to monitor.

**.09 Repeater Report:** Trustee Tim, KB9VE, reported it continues to work well. It's connected to the 9200 Reflector full time, so there is a good bit of activity. There are many interesting conversations to be heard.

**443.35 Repeater Report:** Trustee Steve, WA9CWE, reported it's working OK. There may be an issue with a poor cable connection because after several minutes of a QSO the receiver sensitivity seems to drop off. He'll get with Tom at some point and get out to the site to check connections. The power supply is the same one as the .09 repeater so it's not likely to be a power problem.

**223.86 Repeater Report:** Trustee Alan, KC9JWO, reported it's running on lower power but working. He hasn't had time to get to the site and get the amplifier back on it. Several have heard it ID regularly, but activity has been minimal.

**Web Site Report:** Tim, KB9VE, reports that we need to get it back up to date as it's stale by a couple of years. It's hosted by "My Domain" & resides on their server. We need help in maintaining the web site & Tim isn't able to do it. There are a couple of members who expressed interest in helping. They'll work with Tim.

**VE Testing:** Steve, WA9CWE, reported that last month there were 7 candidates and 4 got new Technician licenses, 2 upgraded to General and 1 upgraded to Amateur Extra. Alan, K9YI, recently became certified as a VE and wants to participate when he's up here. Also Tom, W9EEL, is a VE. Alan and Tom will be added to the VE Team.

**Weather Station Update:** Tim, KB9VE, says that it's working well and all is stable. The south site is working well at the South Madison School Administration Building. Tim is supporting it as is Mike, KC9DJU, who is at that site twice a day. Contact Tim or Mike if you notice any issues.

**EMA Report:** Director Tom, KA9SYP, reported that the ordinance has been signed and approved allowing our Club to meet in the EOC and for the repeaters to be on the County towers. The approval is by the County Commissioners and has been signed by the Club Presidents (MCARC also). This is the first actual document that we've had to support the

Club activities. Thanks to Tom for getting this completed. He's working on an ordinance to be able to bill for Field Support Team responses. The 4-H Fair Emergency Response Plan was completed last year. Now he's been asked to write a plan for the Anderson Speedway facility. Project Lifesaver has gone live now. There is one client now with others expected. The team has been learning search techniques and mastering those skills. They are training regularly. The program is sponsored by the Sheriff's Department and paid for by the Community Hospital Foundation. EMA is providing the expertise. Overall the program is coming on strong. They have had to understand the limitations of the equipment. He's been reviewing After Action Reports from events around the nation and is upgrading our plans accordingly. There has not been a new date set for the table top exercise.

**Weather Update:** Tom, W9EEL, reported that it seems winter has finally ended with a major change in the weather pattern. The current weather should hold and there is no immediate indication of severe weather. Right now there is severe weather in Kansas, but it should not be severe by the time it gets here. The National Weather Service has a new product a "Red Flag Event" for the possibility of fire and is based upon high wind, low humidity and other factors.

**New Member Applications:** Secretary Steve, submitted new member applications for Gary Sherman, KD9KOD, and Rick Wiseley, KD9JXV. Both were present and have been actively participating locally. Upon motion of K9DYZ and second by WA9STB all present voted in favor of accepting Gary and Rick as full members. They were welcomed to the Club.

**Upcoming Activities:** The MCARC will be participating in the Indiana QSO Party this weekend. Mike, KC9DJU, and Dale, KV9W, are ramrodding the event. It runs from 11AM to 11PM on Saturday. They'll be operating probably from a northeast point in the County. Check with them on .39 to get the exact location. It's possible that Mike will be operating from the EOC. The Hamvention is upcoming on May 18, 19 and 20 at Xenia, OH (4H fairgrounds). Field Day is June 23 & 24. MCARC will be operating from the EOC from 1300 Saturday to 1300 Sunday. Everyone is invited to come out to operate, even if you aren't currently licensed to operate on HF there will be operators there to allow you to operate.

**Old Business:** Alan said that at the January meeting there was a discussion about the insurance policy that the Club has. Steve, WA9CWE, reported that it is a liability policy only and does not cover any equipment. However, the Club doesn't own much in the way of equipment anyway.

**New Business:** None

Steve commented that if anyone has anything that could go into the Newsletter get it to him.

Jeff, K9DYZ, led a discussion requesting input from the new members of the Club related to what they'd like to get out of the Club. Suggestions included assistance on programming of handhelds, participation in public service and other events and ARES and RACES.

Steve, WA9CWE, reported that the Baofeng RD-5R has been reliably reported to be a good radio with DMR capability and is only \$76. That might be something to consider if you want to get into the digital repeaters on the cheap.

Upon motion of WA9STB and W9EEL the meeting was closed at 2015.

There were 15 signed in on the attendance sheet.

Respectfully submitted,  
Steve Riley, WA9CWE, Secretary