

Anderson Repeater Club, Inc.

September, 2018

Our next regular meeting is Tuesday, September 4, at 7PM, as usual at the EOC. Please plan to attend.

Welcome to our new members Franklin Dudley, KD9KOE, and Ferrin Nice, N9VZL. Franklin is a new ham from Pendleton, getting his license earlier this year in one of our testing sessions. Ferrin lives in south Anderson, and has been licensed since 1994, but recently upgraded in our testing session and is getting active again. Welcome Franklin and Ferrin when you hear them on the repeater. We are happy to have them interested in our club and look forward to their active participation and contributions.

Note also that Gary has a new call. Formerly KD9KOD, he is now W9GNR.

Our treasury has increased as a result of the auction of the equipment donated by Lowell Gold, WB9IPT. The 4 lots of items were offered to our members and the MCARC members resulting in a total of \$270 received. Our Club gets half, \$135.00, which Tim has added to our treasury. Thanks to Lowell for donating the equipment, and to each of you who bided on them. Should you run across a ham who wants to get rid of equipment by donating it to the Club, let one of the Officers know. We can relatively easily hold an on-line auction to the members and get the cash received into the Club treasury. That works out much better than us trying to maintain actual equipment. Plus it gives our members a chance to get some different equipment to play with.

You may have noticed in early July two of our Local Hams were featured in Anderson Herald Bulletin articles. Tom, KA9SYP, was recognized as a Home Town Hero as he described his job as Director of EMA. He proudly mentioned Amateur Radio many times. Also Jamey, KA9WJF, was featured as Chief of the Chesterfield Volunteer Fire Department in an article on the 7th. Jamey has been a ham for many years and has been active in the Club and EMA in the past.

Mark your calendar for the Fort Wayne Hamfest on November 17 & 18. The flyer says this is the 46th year of this hamfest. It's a great get-together and is all inside in a nice facility. Also the MCARC will be operating "Parks on the Air" on Saturday, September 8, from Mounds Park. Come out if you can.

Our VE Testing sessions have been going well. In July we had 2 new licenses, and in August we had 2 new licenses and 1 upgrade (from the July session). Our VE's have been turning out to conduct the sessions usually having 5 able to attend. Thanks to all who support our effort to increase the amateur population. Take advantage of our monthly sessions (third Tuesday) to upgrade if you desire.

There is a plan to move the location of the .82 repeater antenna on the tower on September 22 at 9AM. We'd like to have a number of members available to be stationed around the County to

confirm the coverage once it is moved on the tower to eliminate the shadow we have to the northwest. Help out if you can. The plan is to start about 9AM. Listen on the Sunday evening net for any updates or plan changes.

It's not too early to start thinking about Club Officers for next year. 2019 will be the 50th year of our Club, so it should be something special. I know that we will have an opening for Vice-President, as Dave, KB9NTG, our current VP has indicated he will not be able to serve next year. We traditionally open nominations at the November meeting and hold them open until the January meeting where we close the nominations and elect officers.

See you at the meeting on Tuesday.

73,
Steve

Minutes of Meeting – July 3, 2018

The regular Club meeting was called to order at 1900 by our President, Alan, KC9JWO. With some new faces in attendance we all made introductions. Alan confirmed that everyone had signed the attendance sheet.

The Newsletter had been received by everyone who had an internet connection (Gary excluded) and upon motion of W9EEL and a second by N9ZAF all present voted to accept the Minutes as printed in the Newsletter.

There were no Silent Keys or Illnesses reported.

Treasurer Tim, KB9VE, reported the checking balance was \$1,310.75. Disbursements of \$96 for the PO Box, and income from dues of \$76 for a new balance of \$1,290.75. Upon motion of KV9W and a second by W9GNR all voted to accept the Treasurer's report as presented.

VE Test Session Report: Steve, WA9CWE, reported that the VE Test sessions for the first half of 2018 have been going well. We've had six sessions and a total of 19 candidates with 11 new licenses and 8 upgrades. Three in attendance tonight have taken advantage of the sessions. Alan mentioned that if you become a VE as a General Class licensee and participate in 6 test sessions "Hamtestonline" will offer you free access to their Amateur Extra course to help get you upgraded. You can only sign off on tests at your license level or less, so it's advantageous to be licensed as an Extra.

.82 Repeater Report: No issues reported. The antenna has not been re-oriented yet. We want to make the antenna move when some members are available to check various locations in the County and confirm that we have eliminated the shadow toward the northwest. Tom, KA9SYP is coordinating the work with the tower climber. It was also noted that the Sunday evening test that Jeff runs from the ECC is sometimes noisy. Several possible causes were discussed.

.09 Repeater Report: Tim, KB9VE, reported that there are no issues with the repeater. The RF package is very good and he's not had to visit the site in 1 ½ years except to reset the control computer a time or two.

443.35 Repeater Report: Steve, WA9CWE, also reported it's working OK with very little usage. He has heard a couple of new calls ID, but hasn't been in a position to reply.

223.860 Repeater: Alan, KC9JWO, reports it's still ID'ing, but he hasn't heard activity & he's been working out of town and hasn't had time to do much with it. K9TZJ and N9XXT have radios and have been heard on the system. Alan plans to put a "courtesy beep" on it.

Weather Stations Update: Time, KB9VE, reported that the station at the EOC is working fine. The station at I69/SR38 has had an internet switch issue a couple of times and he's worked with the IT specialist at the school system to resolve it. It may have the problem again and Mike, KC9DJU, is going to look into it.

Web Site Update: No report.

EMA Update: No one available to report.

MCU-2 Update: Mike, KC9JWO, reported that it was used for the Indiana QSO Party on the Madison/Grant County line. Everything worked fine.

Weather Update: Dale, KV9W, reported it'll remain hot & humid for a few days. It'll get cooler at night toward the end of the week. It's only been about 1 degree above normal in temperature even though it feels a lot hotter.

New Member Applications: Steve, WA9CWE, presented new member applications for Franklin Dudley, KD9KOE and Ferrin Nice, N9VZL. Upon motion by WA9CWE and second by W9GNR that both be approved as full members of the Club all voted in favor. Franklin and Ferrin were welcomed into the Club and will be added to the membership list.

Correspondence: None

Upcoming Activities: The Indy Hamfest is July 13 & 14. The Run-The-Mounds Communications Exercise is November 4. The Fort Wayne Hamfest is November 17 & 18.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Show and Tell: Dale, KV9W, discussed his putting a lip mount antenna on his car trunk lid. His radio is mounted in the trunk and he has some clips to hold the feed line in place (available to anyone who wants some). Tim, KB9VE, and others use a similar technique on his hood. This allows cars to get in a garage without the antenna hitting the door frame. Dale had been using a mag mount, but after many opening/closing of the trunk lid the cable became damaged. This lip mount will eliminate that problem.

Being no further business it was moved by W9GNR and seconded by KD9KE that the meeting be closed. All were in favor and the meeting was closed at 1945.

There were 13 members present.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Riley, WA9CWE Secretary