

Anderson Repeater Club, Inc.

OUR 50TH. YEAR

September, 2019

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

I'm sorry to report that Dale Hunt, ex-WA9RYX, became a Silent Key on August 6. Dale was a member of the Club from 1981 to 1987, and was often heard on the air after that. Dale was active in the CD organization for many years and participated in SKYWARN/StormNet over the years.

From the ARES E-Letter of August 21: FEMA has announced that September is "National Preparedness Month" with the theme *Prepared, Not Scared. Be Ready for Disasters*. National Preparedness Month (NPM) is recognized each September to promote family and community disaster and emergency planning now and throughout the year. This year's campaign will feature PSAs and multimedia products around four weekly themes:

- Week 1: Sept 1-7 Save Early for Disaster Costs
- Week 2: Sept 8-14 Make a Plan to Prepare for Disasters
- Week 3: Sept 15-21 Teach Youth to Prepare for Disasters
- Week 4: Sept 22-30 Get Involved in Your Community's Preparedness

Content has been loaded on the [Ready.gov National Preparedness Month Toolkit](#) webpage.

We've had two good months of VE Testing. In July we had 5 candidates resulting in 3 new licenses and 1 upgrade. August had 3 candidates resulting in 1 new license and 1 upgrade. Thanks to the VE's who faithfully attend to support this activity.

The Hams have been supporting the EMA activities of late. Stations were set up to operate from not only the 4-H Fair, but also the Elwood Glass Festival and the Pendleton Public Safety Day. Thanks to the guys who represent EMA, Amateur Radio and the Communications Division. We hope that it will stir additional interest in our hobby.

The International Space Station has provided additional opportunities to copy Slow Scan TV signals. There has been a lot of interest. Let's hope that it continues, as it gives us an opportunity/motivation to try new antennas, LNA's and other receiving techniques.

This has been a pretty quiet couple of months. If you have any items of interest to add to the Newsletter let me know. Also remember that the Web Site has an archive of our Newsletters and those of the Communications Division.

The Hurricane Watch Net has been activated, effective Wednesday, in preparation for Hurricane Dorian, which is on path to hit Florida. If you have an interest you can hear it on 14.325 and 7.268.

See you on Tuesday,
73, Steve

Minutes of Meeting – July 2, 2019

The regular Club meeting was called to order at 1903 by our President, Alan, NA9LA. Note that Alan has a new call (used to be KC9JWO). With some newer hams present we all introduced ourselves with our call.

Minutes of the previous meeting - The Minutes were approved by all present upon motion of WA9STB and Second of K9TZJ that they be approved as printed in the Newsletter.

Silent Keys/Illnesses – Our member Dave, KB9NTG, is recuperating after surgery. He has checked into the net on Sunday.

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer Tim, KB9VE, reported an initial balance of \$3,023.00 with a disbursement of \$59.88 for web hosting for a new balance of \$2,963.12. Upon a motion by W9EEL and a second by KB9SCC that the report be accepted all present voted in favor.

Correspondence – The Secretary and the Treasurer have not received anything.

New Member Applications – None received. Former member Bob, W9MTU, rejoined the Club after being inactive for several years. Bob was welcomed back. This is his 35th year as a member.

146.82 Repeater Report – Nothing to report.

147.09 Repeater Report – Trustee Tim, KB9VE reported noting to report. It's working well. Very little activity on IRLP of late.

443.350 Repeater Report – Trustee Steve, WA9CWE, reported it's working fine. Very little activity.

223.860 Repeater Report – Trustee Alan, NA9LA says It's working. No activity. Alan will be changing the call to his new call.

Alan also mentioned that we plan to replace a piece of RG-8 on the .82 repeater going from the Lightning Arrester to the Duplexer with hard line. Tests indicated that for some reason this cable is too lossy.

Weather Station Report – Tim, KB9VE, says that it's OK. The rain collector got clogged and has been cleaned. Mike, KC9DJU, keeps an eye on the south station and it's doing fine.

IRLP on .09 Report– Tim, KB9VE, reported that it's working fine, but there hasn't been much activity. Alex asked about using it on other nodes and Tim reminded everyone it's fine to use at any time. The system stays on the 9200 Reflector ordinarily. To connect elsewhere exit from the Reflector (send 7 3) then connect to the node number that you want to use. When you are finished with other nodes please reconnect the repeater to the 9200 node.

Web Site Report – Tom, W9EEL, reported that there was a problem with the web cams that are linked, but it's fixed now. Alan asked about putting links to some new ARRL Podcasts. They will work on it.

VE Report – Steve, WA9CWE, reported that to date this year we have had 27 candidates with 16 successful new licenses and 10 successful upgrades. This is great for our hobby. The ARRL tracks the number of test sessions that VE's participate in. Our member Charlie, K9TZJ, has recorded 157 sessions. That's over 13 years of participation! Ferrin, N9VZL, has been certified as a Volunteer Examiner and will be joining our team. Alan, K9YI, has moved to FL and is being removed from the team.

Weather Update – Tom, W9EEL, commented that if you liked the weather today you'll like the rest of the week. The weather will be moderating next week. Any afternoon we could possibly have a thunderstorm, so be observant.

ARES Report – Madison County EC Gary, W9GNR, reported that sometime this fall there will be a Statewide ARES Test. He has no details yet. He did report that so far this year our communicators have contributed 1137 man-hours of training and participation.

Old Business – None

New Business – None

Upcoming Events – the Indy Hamfest is the 12th and 13th of July. The County 4-H Fair is the 20th to the 27th. The plan is to have MCU-2 up there the 21st, 26th and 27th, and perhaps MCU-1 some days too. The Outreach Trailer will be there too. Alan noted that there is a “Walmart Parking Lots On-The-Air” activity that has been going on. Lots of comments about that. Also the “13 Colonies” event has started and goes for another week or so.

Announcements – Bob, W9MTU, has an antenna rotator available if anyone wants it. It’s pretty large and has a feature that allows continuous rotation without having to turn around.

Technical Session – Dave, WA9IVB, gave a very interesting presentation on various DIGITAL MODES in use on the bands currently. He described JT65, FT8, PSK-31, RTTY, JS8 and others. He reviewed the basic features and advantages/disadvantages of each mode. He also explained the radio interfacing and computer/software requirements for digital communications. Dave explained the benefits of digital communications and the reason for using low power for all of these modes. His presentation will be placed on our web site for members to review again.

Upon a motion by W9EEL and a second by W9GNR that the meeting be adjourned all were in favor and we adjourned at 2018.

There were 22 present.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Riley, WA9CWE, Secretary, ARC