

Anderson Repeater Club, Inc.

OUR 50TH. YEAR

November, 2019

Our regular Club meeting is Tuesday, November 5, 7:00PM at the EOC. Our Technical session will be a discussion/demonstration in the use of the Bird 43 Wattmeter that the Club owns and is available for loan to members.

We will be opening nominations for Officers for 2020 at the meeting. The nominations remain open thru the January meeting where we will hold the election of Officers. As a reminder our current officers, and the offices we'll fill next year are:

President	Alan Weber, NA9LA (5 years)
Vice-President	Ferrin Nice, N9VZL (1 year)
Secretary	Steve Riley, WA9CWE (38 years)
Treasurer	Tim Galbraith, KB9VE (40 years)
.82 Trustee	Tom Ecker, KA9SYP (26 years)
.09 Trustee	Tim Galbraith, KB9VE (39 years)
Tech Committee	Tom Harbron, W9EEL (38 years) Dale Bales, KV9W (5 years) Gary Sherman, W9GNR (1 year)

As you know each year we have an opportunity to award to a member/local ham our Ham-Of-The-Year award. This award is made: "In recognition of outstanding achievement of the Anderson area amateur who distinguishes himself in public service, friendship, technological and other ideals of Amateur Radio". For 2018 Jeff, K9DYR, received this honor. In our 50 years as a Club there have been 18 members awarded this honor. If you would like to nominate someone for this award notify Jeff, confidentially, by phone, email or in person, of your nomination. If a sufficient number of members suggest a member we'll add his name to the Plaque hanging on the wall at the EOC, and make the award at the January meeting. Check the Web site or look at the plaque to see who has already been awarded.

We'll be accepting DUES for 2020 beginning immediately. As you remember they are \$20.00 payable to: Anderson Repeater Club, Inc. PO Box 615, Anderson, IN 46015. You can bring them to the meeting, send them to the PO Box, or drop them off with our Treasurer at Anderson Automotive Color. We are fortunate that our treasury has had some significant donations from the sale of equipment donated to the Club, but our membership dues contributed each year just barely cover our annual expenses of insurance, Web site support, the Weather Stations and other incidentals. We appreciate your willingness to continue to support the Club financially in addition to your regular meeting attendance.

Our Volunteer Examiner Team continues to meet monthly to offer Amateur Examinations. As of October we've had 40 candidates resulting in 23 new licenses and 14 upgrades. We've been invited to Tipton County to assist their Club in a weekend Technician Licensing Class. We'll be providing the testing at the conclusion of their session. In the past they report that they had nearly 20 attendees, so we're hoping that they'll have another good group for us to test. We have

10 VE's in our team, but are always happy to have anyone else who wants to become an ARRL Volunteer Examiner. Go to the ARRL Web site and download the information and take the test if you are interested. We feel that this is a good way to give back to the hobby we love.

Gary, W9GNR, asked that we pass along the following:

Subject: New ARRL online forums where all radio amateurs can discuss issues and topics in two-way conversation with ARRL leadership

ARRL's Committee on Communication with ARRL Members has opened new online forums where all radio amateurs – ARRL members and non-members alike – can discuss issues and topics in two-way conversation with ARRL leadership. The new groups are aimed at enhancing communication among ARRL leadership, staff, members, and prospective members, in a manner that enables timely updates and collegial discussion.

This project was based on the success over the past several years of the ARRL-LoTW (Logbook of The World) Group in responding to Amateur Radio operators' questions and generating discussion on ways to improve that program. "The LoTW initiative has clearly demonstrated the effectiveness of online Groups as a means of achieving the desired interaction," ARRL said in announcing the new groups.

<http://www.arrl.org/news/arrl-creates-new-online-groups-for-members-to-communicate-with-leadership>

Alan, NA9LA, asked that we pass along the following:

Can you include information concerning ARRLs "So Now What" podcast in the clubs newsletter? They come out about every two weeks and are directed to new amateurs. Here is the link. <http://www.arrl.org/so-now-what>

It is reported that the Dayton Hamvention has signed a 5 year lease for the Greene County Expo Center (Xenia, OH). "This will allow additional enhancements to the facilities" they report. The 2019 attendance was 32,472. The 2020 date is May 15-17.

Many of us monitored the Hurricane Watch Net during Hurricane Dorian. The net was active for 157 hours – 139 hours of which were continuous. This is a record for the total number of hours activated during a single storm. For monitoring from our area the 40 meter net propagation was good, the 20 meter net not so much.

I forwarded these links to some videos on Amateur Radio during emergencies earlier (thanks to Jeff, K9DYR), but thought I'd send them again in case you didn't have an opportunity to watch them. They are short, but good PR for our hobby.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HTyVai_tmwQ

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yC0u42MnMdM>

The East Central Indiana Ham Tailgate Party (Randolph County) is scheduled for June 20, 2020. This Hamfest was a joint effort of 7 Clubs this year, and they are trying to get other Clubs to help sponsor it next year. We've been invited to join in on the planning and sponsorship. This was a really nice Hamfest for the first year, so I'd recommend it as a nice Saturday event if you are interested next year.

The Fort Wayne Hamfest is Sat/Sun, November 16 and 17. This is a great Hamfest, indoors, and in a great facility. It's only an hour up the interstate, so if you need/want anything make plans to go. You'll see a lot of our local hams in the crowd.

Remember this Sunday is the annual Run-The-Mounds Communications Exercise at Mounds Park. Information has been emailed to all Club members in addition to EMA members. Any ham is invited to participate. At this point there are 16 hams intending to participate and we hope to have a few guys from Tipton County show up too. It's a fun time and goes quickly, so come out if you can. We'll check in on .82 and use 146.580 Simplex for the event. MCU2 will be there to be the Net Control Station location. Remember too, set your clock BACK an hour Sunday morning early (2AM is the official changeover time I believe).

Remember to check out our web site from time-to-time. Also if you have anything to contribute forward it to Tom, W9EEL. He has info on the Run-The-Mounds posted already for example.

Hope to see you at them meeting Tuesday.

73,
Steve

Minutes of Meeting – September 3, 2019

The regular Club meeting was called to order at 1903 by the President, Alan, NA9LA. All present had signed in.

All reported receiving the Newsletter and Meeting Announcement. Upon motion of W9EEL and second by KV9W that the Minutes be approved as printed in the Newsletter all voted in favor.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Tim, KB9VE, reported the initial balance was \$2,953.12. Disbursements were \$106 for the PO Box and \$15.99 for the Domain for a total disbursement of \$121.99. Income was \$44 from Dues for a new Treasury of \$2,885.13. Upon motion by WA9CWE and second by W9GNR that the Treasurer's report be approved as reported all voted in favor.

Silent Keys: Former Member WA9RYX as reported in the Newsletter.

Correspondence: None

New Member Applications: WA9CWE reported that K9GDH has presented an application and was a temporary member until voted upon at this meeting. Upon motion to welcome Gerald Hollon as a full member and a second by K9DYR, all present voted in favor. Gerald was welcomed to the Club.

.82 Repeater Report: Trustee Tom, KA9SYP, reported that it was OK. A noise heard on Sunday has gone. Lightning had hit the tower and it took out several computers, switches and the building door bell. It did not seem to affect the repeater.

.09 Repeater Report: Trustee Tim, KB9VE, reported it is working fine

443.350 Repeater Report: Trustee Steve, WA9CWE, reported it is working fine. Very little activity.

223.860 Repeater Report: Trustee Alan, NA9LA, reported it's working with no activity. He'll be changing the call to his new call.

Weather Station Report: Tim, KB9VE, reported it's working fine. The soil moisture sensor went bad and he had to replace it. Mike, KC9DJU, reported that he changed the batteries in the South unit 2 weeks ago. It's doing fine also.

IRLP Report on .09: Tim, KB9VE, reports that it's working fine. Not much use of late.

Web Site Report: Tom, W9EEL, updated the calendar yesterday.

VE Testing Report: Steve, WA9CWE, reported that we are doing well. So far this year we've had 35 candidates resulting in 20 successful new licenses and 12 upgrades. We have on average 6 VE's at each test session. Trivia: There are 620 ARRL VE's listed in Indiana. The greatest number of VE sessions of any one VE is currently 269. There are 7 VE's that have participated in 200 or more test sessions. Charlie, K9TZJ, has participated in 159 test sessions. Thanks Charlie. Doug asked about the need for additional VE's. Anyone who wants to become certified is very welcome to become part of the team. Find the information on the ARRL web site.

Weather/Warning: Dale, KV9W, says that we are under a slight risk of a severe thunderstorm. The risk is low, and the next wave may come thru about 2AM. The predictive model is not good. Tom, W9EEL, says that the models do not agree.

EMA Report: Director Tom, KA9SYP, reports that we are in budget times. It's going to be another tight year. Tom spent 2 days in northern Indiana at a Regional Exercise simulating a radiation leak in Michigan. Indiana is in the warning zone for 5 Nuclear reactors in adjacent States. This exercise was the largest ever held in the US for this type of event. They "relocated residents for over a year". 155 State and Federal people participated. He learned about relocation plans and will be updating our CEP (Comprehensive Emergency Plan). He plans to have it done by the end of the year. Pendleton is still in "Long Term Recovery", and meetings are still being held. The Alexandria Water Tower site for the County system is down as the water tower is being repainted. The antennas are out in the barn if anyone wants to see them. The County system still works well with that site down.

ARES Report: EC Gary, W9GNR, reported that there is a fall Statewide "thing" being planned, but he has no details. They are still pushing to register all ARES people with the ARRL. The details are not clear. We're handling our County just fine as we are thru EMA. Alan mentioned that he tried to register thru the web site earlier, but the database was not set up.

Alan mentioned that at the November meeting we'll be opening nominations for Officers for next year. We vote at the January meeting.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Other: Alex is looking for help in programming a Kenwood Radio. Jeff will help.

Upcoming Events: The Madison County Club will be set up for Parks-On-The-Air this Saturday, noon until 8PM. Also their Saturday morning breakfast is moving to the Anderson Grill on Scatterfield at 9AM

Technical Session: Dave, WA9IVB, had video from the roof of the Indianapolis Sales Force Tower building where there is a lot of commercial radio equipment mounted (no amateur equipment due to the high costs). Dave discussed the equipment and what was seen.

Doug, N9DR, mentioned that he had DX Engineering catalogs available if anyone wanted one. Also according to the National Contest Journal the average age of hams is 65 and the average age of ARRL members is 68. He also talked about the K9LA Solar Weather Projection including a graph of the Solar Flux averages. The sun spot minimums have been less than 20 over the last 7 cycles. The current minimum has lasted about 56 months.

Dave, WA9IVB, mentioned that he monitors 6 meters a lot and has noticed that it opens up frequently for 15 to 30 minutes but you have to catch it. He has also been using 446.000 simplex a lot. Steve, WA9CWE, talked with him yesterday. There was a discussion about repeater activity in Indy.

Upon a motion by K9BLK and second by W9GNR, the meeting was closed at 2004. There were 17 present.

Respectfully Submitted,
Steve Riley, WA9CWE, Secretary, ARC