



October 2015

**Next Meeting**

7:00 PM  
Monday, October 2nd  
at the EOC  
**Presentation**  
The EOC Weather  
Station  
Tim Galbraith - KB9VE

*Donut Meeting*  
10:00 AM Thursday,  
October 1st

**MCARC Nets**

Wednesdays at  
8:00 PM

2M net  
on 145.390  
pl 151.4B

Informal ragchew  
on 28.465 Mhz

**Contents**

President's Message.....	1
KC9DJU	
Minutes.....	2
K9DYR	
Start an amateur radio virtuous circle.....	3
KB6NU	
Calendar.....	4
For Sale.....	5
Contact Information.....	6

**President's Message**

Welcome to the October edition of the Madison County Amateur Radio Club newsletter. We've had a busy month. On Saturday, Sept. 12, the club set up at Mounds State Park, to activate it for INPOTA. We had a good group turn out to set up, operate, grill, and eat! Thank you to George and Kathy for taking care of the grilling for the group. It sure was good eating! There were several groups of people walking by who were greeted by club members and talked about what we were doing. We passed out many of the club business cards with all of the club contact information. It's good to get out and meet and greet people and talk about amateur radio. We also have some new signs to put up at our events to attract attention. Very nice signs! Thanks.

As this was written before the Frankton Heritage Days Festival we don't know how things will work out there. We were given permission to set up at the Frankton Christian Church, in their shelter house. I hope we have a good turn out there. There is always plenty of food, and the facilities are nice. We will try and set up the tower trailer again, also.

The October meeting will be on Monday, October 5th, at 7 pm, at the EOC. the "donut meeting" will be on Thursday, October 1st, at 10 am at the EOC. Its getting that time again for more business, and the opening of nominations, so, come and support your club. We have a speaker, Tim Galbraith (KB9VE), who will talk and explain about the weather station there at the EOC.

Don't forget, check in to the club's Wednesday evening net at 8 pm, on the 145.390, W9VCF repeater. Don't be afraid to check in. John, KC9PDG has done a great job with the net this year. If anyone would like to try their hand at running the net, just let John know, and he would probably be glad to let your try your hand at it. Its fun to run. It also gets you somewhat familiar with many of the call signs of other hams, who check in.

I'd better get off here now, and send this on to George for his editing for the newsletter. I almost forgot, next time you go to the meeting, check out the 3 ring binders in the comm room that Kathy completely went through and re-did and organized! A very large Thank You Kathy for all of the hard work that you put in to them. One of them has Club pictures, and the other is full of QSL cards, some of them are from back a ways.

Everyone, take care, and if you get a chance, find a band that you don't usually talk on and call CQ. You never know who might be listening!

"73"

Mike, KC9DJU

*"We look at ham radio operators just like GEMA staff, just like DOT staff and Georgia State Patrol staff. They are a critical partner with us."  
Georgia EMA Director Charlie English.*

**MCARC – Minutes of Regular Meeting**

Monday, September 7, 2015

Location: EOC, Anderson, IN

**7:00** Mike-KC9DJU called the meeting to order.

**Program:** Dale-KV9W presented information about using solar power to recharge or operate a shack. Dale uses this setup in his shack very successfully. The PowerPoint presentation will be available on our web site. He uses solar panels mounted on his roof and other equipment to make his shack independent of the grid. He uses a boost regulator to maintain the desired voltage as battery voltage drops below the desired level. Very impressive set up.

**Minutes:** Motion to accept with the following change: Dave Bendt call sign was wrong. George-AC8GT / Dave-KB9NTG- passed.

New member application – Rob Burkhart (KC9GTQ) submitted his application and dues. Motion to accept by Jeff-K9DYR / Lew-KD9DHF – passed.

**Treasurer** report by Jeff, K9DYR:

Starting funds	\$3,046.23
P.O. Box	\$ 66.00
Funds available	\$2,980.23

Motion to accept Treasurer report by George-AC8GT / Tim-KB9GBL - passed.

**Officer Reports:**

**VP, John KC9PDG:** No report.

**Trustee, Mike-K9MI:** No report.

**Newsletter Editor, George-AC8GT:** George has completed the Honorary Life Membership certificate for Jerry Johnson. Having been signed, he will mail it to him.

**Tech Committee, Doug-N9DR:** Doug suggested that the vertical on the roof could be replaced with the Hex-Beam and add one of our rotators.

**Activities, Dale-KV9W:** As always, Dale has something for everyone:

9/12	INPOTA (Parks on the Air) Mounds Park at about noon – 6:00 Dale will be at the park around 9:30, George will organize food, Rob will provide tent, John will bring generator.
9/18-20	Frankton Heritage Days – May set up near EMA trailer or at the church.
10/16-18	JOTA (BSA Jamboree On The Air) Bob-KC9GTO will contact a troop in Elwood
10/24-25	WWDX (SSB contest)

**New Business:**

1) Kathy-KD9CGT has assembled some impressive documentation of the Club activities. One notebook contains about 300 QSL cards. Other notebooks contain award certificates and photos of club activities. All members should take pride in seeing Kathy’s work as it documents how active this club is.

**8:50** Adjourned.

**NEXT MEETING:** September 7, 2015 at the EOC on Mounds Road, Anderson

Respectfully submitted, Jeff-K9DYR

## Start an amateur radio virtuous circle

By Dan Romanchik, KB6NU

On the ham\_instructor Yahoo Group ([https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/ham\\_instructor/info](https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/ham_instructor/info)) recently, we talked about the classes that we are going to be offering this fall. About his Tech class, Bob, KONR, noted, "Currently have about 30 students signed up. We keep thinking we'll run out of interested people but they keep coming."

I've noticed the same thing here, too. I keep thinking that I am going to run out of people to teach, but I have no problem at all filling my classes. In fact, I'd go so far as to say that the more people that have taken my class, the more people there are that want to take it.

Of course, this makes perfect sense. If there are more people out there who have amateur radio licenses, there are more people out there talking about amateur radio, and actually doing amateur radio. And, the more people out there talking about and doing amateur radio, the more likely it is that other people will become interested in amateur radio and get their licenses as well.

It's an amateur radio "virtuous circle."

What does this tell you? Well, if you're in a place where amateur radio seems to be dying out, or belong to a club that is slowly fading away, start a class! I think every club should hold classes at least once a year, even if that first class has only one or two students. Those first few students are the start of your virtuous circle.

Don't know how to start a class? I can help you there. Start by reading my blog post, "Teaching a one-day class" (<http://www.kb6nu.com/teaching-a-one-day-tech-class/>). It has a lot of practical information, including tips on how to select a venue, how to publicize the class, how to get people to sign up for the class, and finally, how to teach the class.

You might also want to join the ham\_instructor mailing list I mentioned earlier. It's a relatively low-volume list, but the subscribers have a lot of experience that you can tap into.

Also, get a copy of my free Tech study guide (<http://www.kb6nu.com/study-guides/>). Not to brag (well, OK I am bragging), but I really think that it's the best study guide for a one-day class. The study guide presents the topics in exactly the same order as I cover them in class. Read through it and you'll see what I mean.

If you need more help, or even just some encouragement, e-mail me, and I'll do what I can to help you. Seriously.

=====

When not teaching ham classes or publishing amateur radio study guides, Dan, KB6NU, operates CW on the HF bands (mostly 40m and 30m). His #1-rated amateur radio blog can be found at [KB6NU.Com](http://KB6NU.Com), and you can e-mail questions, comments, or complaints to [cwgeek@kb6nu.com](mailto:cwgeek@kb6nu.com).

## October 2015 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
		7:00 PM EMA Communications at the EOC	8:00 PM 2M Net on 145.390 pl151.4 Ragchew on 28.465	10:00 AM Donut Meeting at the EOC		8:00 AM <i>Hoosier Hills Hamfest Mitchell, IN</i> 9:00 AM Breakfast at Eva's
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	7:00 PM MCARC Meeting at the EOC  Presentation on the EOC Weather Station by Tim KB9VE		8:00 PM 2M Net on 145.390 pl151.4 Ragchew on 28.465			9:00 AM Breakfast at Eva's
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	Columbus Day		8:00 PM 2M Net on 145.390 pl151.4 Ragchew on 28.465		<i>Jamboree-on-the-Air</i>	<i>Jamboree-on-the-Air</i> 9:00 AM Breakfast at Eva's
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
<i>Jamboree-on-the-Air</i>	<i>School Club Roundup</i>	<i>School Club Roundup</i>	<i>School Club Roundup</i> 7:00 PM VE Testing at the EOC  8:00 PM 2M Net on 145.390 pl151.4 Rag chew on 28.465	<i>School Club Roundup</i>	<i>School Club Roundup</i>	<i>CQ World-Wide DX Contest (SSB)</i> 9:00 AM Breakfast at Eva's
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
<i>CQ World-Wide DX Contest (SSB)</i>			8:00 PM 2M Net on 145.390 pl151.4 Rag chew on 28.465	10:00 AM Donut Meeting at the EOC		<i>Halloween</i> <b>EME - 50-1296 Mhz</b> 9:00 AM Breakfast at Eva's

More information about the contests can be found at <http://www.arrl.org/contest-calendar>

### VE Testing

Sponsored by the Anderson Repeater Club  
7:00 PM on the Third Wednesday of the Month  
at the Madison County Emergency Operations Center - 3538 Mounds Road  
walk-ins welcome  
<http://www.arrl.org/find-an-amateur-radio-license-exam-session>

---

# For Sale

Updated 8/24/2015

---

**Pyramid Gold Series model NO. PS-21K power supply** **\$55.00.**

**Astron RS 12A power supply** **\$45.00**

Bob Hayworth WD9GWM - wd9gwm@comcast.net or call 765-524-5864

---

**Icom IC-2KL - 500W All Solid State Linear Amplifier** **\$900.00**  
**Firm**

Timothy Reynolds - WA9EEH - 765-610-6190

---

**To list something for sale please send your listing to [w9vcf.mcarc@gmail.com](mailto:w9vcf.mcarc@gmail.com)**

---

# Madison County Amateur Radio Club Contact Information

---

Madison County Amateur Radio Club  
P.O. Box 3044  
Anderson, Indiana 46018

 [www.w9vcf.org](http://www.w9vcf.org)  
 [w9vcf.mcarc@gmail.com](mailto:w9vcf.mcarc@gmail.com)  
 [www.facebook.com/w9vcf](http://www.facebook.com/w9vcf)  
 [@w9vcf](https://twitter.com/w9vcf)  
 (765) 400-0426 -- 765-4000-HAM

## Officer Contact Information

President.....	Mike Cook.....	KC9DJU.....	cook3909@sbcglobal.com
Vice President.....	John Krieg.....	KC9PDG.....	jkrieg1401@aol.com
Secretary/Treasurer.....	Jeff Dyer.....	K9DYR.....	k9dyr@arrl.net
Activities.....	Dale Bales .....	KV9W.....	dibales@anderson.edu
Trustee.....	Mike Brown.....	K9MI.....	k9mi@comcast.net
Technical Committee Chair.....	Doug Rose.....	N9DR.....	n9dr@arrl.net
Newsletter Editor.....	George Alderton.....	AC8GT.....	ac8gt@arrl.net

**And, of course...**

**W9VCF - 145.390 - PL 151.4**

Meetings at the Madison County EOC  
(The old Bronnenberg Children's Home)  
3538 Mounds Rd  
Anderson, IN 46017

40° 5' 24.1440" N - 85° 37' 54.3576" W

Mounds Road just East of S Rangeline Rd  
Go through the gates, turn right at the "T"