



May 2016

**The next meeting will be at 7 PM on Monday, May 2nd  
at the Pendleton First United Methodist Church at 225 West State Street in Pendleton.**

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**President's Message**

Hello, and welcome to the May edition of the Madison County Amateur Radio Club newsletter. Now that spring is in the air, you know that Dayton isn't very far behind. I hope everyone has already ordered their tickets. This year, the club will go and have 4 tables out in the flea market. If you can go, please try and work your way out and see if there is anything you just can't live without having. I believe we will be fairly well out to the back of the flea market, so, come one, come all!

Also, we will be having the monthly meeting at the Pendleton First United Methodist Church, 225 West State Street, one block west of the Pendleton post Office, at 7 pm. Please read further in the newsletter for more details. This is an open meeting. Please bring a friend and spread the word. If we get more people, we can move to another, bigger room. We are inviting all 3 clubs. The building is handicap accessible, so, don't let that stop anyone. We won't have a business meeting, it will be all about our guests, and the stories they will share.

Don't forget about May 7th, at the EOC. It's time for the Indiana Centennial QSO Party. This year, the goal is to work the original 16 counties, first, then all 92 counties. If you want to go as a "rover", when you setup your logging software, make sure you sign that you're a club member and are affiliated, and, you're good to go. Read more here in the newsletter.

Don't forget about the "donut meeting" every Thursday at 9 am. the head count has been pretty small, but, the donuts are good!

And, please remember to check in to your clubs net on Wednesday night at 8 pm. The question of the day has really taken off, and there have been some interesting answers. It's not a quiz, just some friendly questions, and Dave, KB9NTG has been doing a really good job of running the net. Also, thanks go out to Mike KC9LWK for filling in for Dave. it gets easier the more a person does it.

I hope everything is going well for all members. I'll look forward to seeing you at the next meeting.

"73" to all.  
Mike KC9DGU

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**Events**

Every Wednesday	MCARC 2M Net 20:00 - 145.390 pl 151.4cFollowed by an informal ragchew on 28.465
Every Thursday	Donut Meeting 09:00 at the EOC
Every Saturday	Breakfast at Eva's 09:00 at 832 Broadway St, Anderson
<b>Monday May 2nd</b>	<b>MCARC Meeting 19:00 at the Pendleton First United Methodist Church</b>
Tuesday May 3rd	Anderson Repeater Club Meeting at the EOC
Saturdy May 7th	Indiana Centennial QSO Party
Wednesday, May 18th	License Exams 18:30 at the EOC Contact Al Wendling (765) 642-7291 wyal@aol.com
May 20th - May 22nd	Dayton Hamvention

**MCARC – Minutes of Regular Meeting**

Monday, April 4, 2016

Location: EOC, Anderson, IN

**NOTE: Minutes taken by Tim-KC9GBL**

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

**Presentation:** Dale-KV9W made a presentation on the Indiana QSO party (IQP) with emphasis on the state bicentennial stations. This will be 5/7/16.

**Minutes:** Motion to accept by Dave-KB9NTG/Tim-KC9GBL - passed.

**Visitors:** Jay-AA9YP recently returned to Madison county after a long absence.

**Correspondence:** Received invoice for our club insurance. Annual premium is \$125. Motion by Dave-KB9NTG/Tim-KC9GBL to pay premium. Passed

**Treasurer** report by Jeff, K9DYR: (NOT REPORTED AT THE MEETING – ADDED LATER)

Brought forward	\$3,646.53
SK plates	<u>\$ 37.47</u>
Available	\$3,609.06

**Officer Reports:**

**VP, Dave-KB9NTG:** Points have been posted. Wednesday night net is going well.

**Trustee, George-AC8GT:** Repeater is working. Members should submit articles for Newsletter.

**Tech Committee:** Doug-N9DR N/A

**Activities, Kathy-KD9CGT:** Updated schedule – see Newsletter and website. Allen-KC9JWO announced MCEMA Training on 4/7 and Anderson University active shooter training on 4/18. On 5/7 the Indiana Bicentennial QSO Party will take place. Hamvention will be May 20-22.

**New business:** Tim-KC9GBL announced that the new EOC has a roof! Dave-KC9NTG told he had a new antenna from Diamond that blew apart from water penetration.

George-AC8GT/Tim-KC9GBL - moved to purchase 3 new computers (referb) for the club @ \$200 each. Passed (2 no votes)

**Other business:** Sick report: Mike-KC9DJU reported that Chet Gerrel is in declining health. Raymond-K9RLS is home and doing better.

**8:30** Adjourned. George-AC8GT/Tim-KC9GBL – passed

**NEXT MEETING:** May 2, 2016 at the Methodist church on State Street, Pendleton @7:00. Special program by WWII participants.

Respectfully submitted, Jeff-K9DYR/Tim-KC9GBL (notes by Tim, typing by Jeff)



# I'm EXTRA Ignorant

By Dan Romanchik, KB6NU

On Sunday, I received the following e-mail from a reader:

"Just wanted to let you know I passed the General exam using your study guide. It was very helpful. I am now generally ignorant whereas before I was only technically ignorant. Ha!"

My reply to him was:

"Well, if you're generally ignorant, I guess that makes me EXTRA ignorant!"

This isn't just a joke--being ignorant is part of the hobby. Amateur radio operators will always be ignorant about something or other. Even if you could master every facet of the hobby at some point in time, your mastery would be short-lived as the technology continued to advance.

Over the course of my amateur radio career, we've gone from equipment that primarily used vacuum tubes, to solid-state gear that first used discrete transistors and then integrated circuits, to software-defined radios. I could have, at some point, simply given up on the new technology and still enjoyed amateur radio. Some guys do that, and that's OK. It is only a hobby after all.

I'm not one of those guys, though, and if you're not one of those guys, then you have to resign yourself to being ignorant. But, that's a good thing, as long as you realize that you're ignorant. Realizing that you're ignorant will spur you on to learn new things and accept new challenges.

Recently, I realized that I'm mostly ignorant about satellite operation. I know some of the basics from having read articles and writing about the topic in my study guides, but I have never made a contact using a satellite. I think that might be one of my next challenges. With the advent of CubeSat, there are many new satellites up in the air and many more opportunities to have interesting contacts.

So, what are you ignorant about? By that I mean, of course, what's going to be your next challenge in amateur radio?

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*When he's not challenging himself with new things, Dan falls back on something he knows pretty well--operating CW. You'll find him mainly on the 80m, 40m, and 30m bands. Dan is the author of the "No Nonsense" amateur radio license study guides, and blogs about amateur radio at [KB6NU.Com](http://KB6NU.Com), and you can contact him by e-mailing [cwgeek@kb6nu.com](mailto:cwgeek@kb6nu.com).*

## For Sale List

Little Tarheel II Antenna	\$325.00
GAP Speaker with power supply	100.00
GAP Speaker without power supply	90.00
Radio Shack SWR Meter 3-30Mhz	50.00
West Mountain Radio ISOPower	50.00
GAP Challenger DX-VII 2m-80m	200.00

**From Gene Smith's Estate**

**Contact the club at [w9vcf.mcarc@gmail.com](mailto:w9vcf.mcarc@gmail.com) for more information.**

Radio Shack Frequency Counter 22-305 1 Mhz - 1.3 Ghz	\$50.00
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Meetings are at the Madison County EOC  
 (The old Bronnenberg Children's Home)  
 3538 Mounds Rd  
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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"