



Madison County Amateur Radio Club



November 2016

The next meeting will be at 7 PM on Monday, November 7th at the *NEW* Madison County EOC

Program: The "Nuts and Bolts" of Installing Solar Panels for "Off-the-Grid" Operation of an Amateur Radio Station by Dale, KV9W

President's Message

Hi and welcome to the November edition of the Madison County Amateur Radio Club. I hope this finds everyone in good health and spirits. First off, I would like to thank those of you who came to the October meeting. And, the last meeting in the Mounds Road facility. **We will now start meeting at the Delaware Street building.** I write this on October 15th, and the open house is scheduled for October 24th, from 12 -2. I hope that everyone made it and check out the facility. It will be the only time the public will be able to enter the new Dispatch Center. Once activated, it will not be opened to the public. The com room looks a lot fuller than it did before the equipment was delivered! It will be a very nice building, and should do the county and EMA quite well for many years.

Its that time again, nominations are open. Please plan to come and help your organization grow!

We have tentatively planned the annual Christmas Party for either December 3rd or the 10th. As soon as I can get a date set, I will let everyone know.

The tower sections are painted! A big thank you goes out to Dale, KV9W, and Mike, KD9CDO! A neighbor came over, brought his tractor, and helped unload the sections onto saw horses, also loaned by members. They are much appreciated! When the bases are poured, we will get the tower sections reloaded and hauled up to the EOC. The Anderson City Power and Light truck will set them up. Then, the fun really begins! There have been many members that helped empty shelves, pack, and, unpack at the new building. Many thanks to all who helped.

Don't forget to check in to the net on Wednesday nights, at 8pm. Mike, KC9LWK, has been doing a great job helping Dave take care of the net. He requested someone else take over, due to family conflicts, and needing to be two places at once. If anyone would like to try their hand at running the net, let Dave or I know. It's not hard, just sometimes a little confusing.

I've ran on a little bit long, but, we've had a lot going on, and, more to come. We will have a antenna party sometime in the future, as we need to move the hex beam to the tower, and do some experimenting with wire antennas. We'll keep everyone posted and in the loop.

Everyone, take care. If you get QST, the ARRL magazine, check for the different special event stations. Some time, try a different band that you don't normally use, and call CQ! You might be surprised! See you on the bands, or, at the next meeting!

"73" to all.
Mike KC9DGU

Events

Every Wednesday	MCARC 2M Net 20:00 - 145.390 pl 151.4 Followed 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
Monday, November 7th	MCARC Meeting 19:00 at the New Madison County EOC
November 5th - 7th	November Sweepstakes - CW
November 6th	Run the Mounds - Mounds State Park
November 12th 13th	Fort Wayne Hamfest
November 19th - 21st	November Sweepstakes - Phone
November 19th - 20th	EME - 50 to 1296 MHz

MCARC – Minutes of Regular Meeting

Monday, October 3, 2016

Location: EOC, Anderson, IN

7:00 Mike-KC9DJU called the meeting to order. Introductions were made as Martin Osterman – KB9ZYI was present. Martin is the new Madison County ARES coordinator.

Minutes: Motion to accept minutes of the Sept 5, 2016 meeting by Dave-KB9NTG / Alan-KC9JWO - passed.

Treasurer, Jeff-K9DYR:

Beginning balance \$2, 789.16

Ending balance \$ 2,789.16

Motion to accept: George-AC8GT / Dave-KB9NTG, passed.

Officer Reports:

Trustee, George-AC8GT / Alan-KC9JWO: Repeater is working.

Newsletter, George-AC8GT: George is creating a Work Instruction (step by step instruction) for different aspects of the jobs he has been doing, including the newsletter.

Tech Committee, Doug-N9DR: There will be projects for the new location. Nothing yet, though.

New Business:

1. O-scopes: The club has two old oscilloscopes and there is no place to store them at the new building. Doug-N9DR will take them and store them TEMPORARILY until it can be decided what to do with them.
2. Dick-WA9STB will donate his Ameritron 811H amplifier to the club. He is not sure if this is in working order or not. Jeff-K9DYR/George-AC8GT moved that MCARC accept this donation – passed.
3. Our holiday celebration was discussed. Our first choice is Perkins on 12/3 – Mike-KC9DJU will stop by to make the reservation.
4. Nominations: Nomination for MCARC club officers for the 2017 year are open and will be accepted at the November meeting as well as prior to the election at the December meeting. The current nominations are:
 - a. President Mike Cook KC9DJU
 - b. V-President Dick Elmore WA9STB
 - c. Sec/Treas Jeff Dyer K9DYR
 - d. Activities Dale Bales KV9W
 - e. Trustee Alan Weber KC9JWO
 - f. Tech Chair Doug Rose N9DR
 - i. Committee Dennis Owen N9OWN
 - ii. Committee Terry Zivney N4TZ
 - g. Newsletter Mike Hoggatt KD9CDO
5. Announcements:
 - a. Run the mounds is 11/6 from noon – 4:00
 - b. United Way weatherization / communication drill is 11/5

8:15 Adjourned. Alan-KC9JWO / George-AC8GT made motion to adjourn – passed

NEXT MEETING: December 5, 2016 at the EOC at 200 Delaware Street in Anderson

Respectfully submitted, Jeff-K9DYR

Celebrating your club's Elmers might encourage others

By Dan Romanchik, KB6NU

Sam, W5KF, recently sent me a link to the Elmers' page on the Norman, OK South Canadian Amateur Radio Society (SCARS) website. Not only is it a listing of the club members who have stepped forward to Elmer new members, but also provides ways to honor current and past Elmers. This is from the SCARS newsletter:

"Elmer List on the W5NOR.org website

"This week we talk about a brand new feature on the W5NOR web site. In the amateur radio community, an experienced amateur radio operator who mentors a new or prospective ham is commonly called an "Elmer". In our hobby, that seems to be a great way for knowledge to be transferred.

"Yes, we all have taken an FCC test to receive our license, however that's only the starting point. Remember that person that helped you set up your first radio, or gave you the courage to press the PTT button, or answered endless questions about a radio, or an antenna? That's the kind of thing we're talking about.

"Thanks to a great suggestion from Gary Skaggs WB5ULK [not sure it was my idea. – Editor], we've created the SCARS Elmer Page, located at <http://w5nor.org/elmers>, for us to celebrate Elmers; past, present, and future. We provide a place for Elmers to list their specialty, and contact information, which allows new hams to find someone they can ask questions of.

"Since this is a new section of the web site, this list is rather short. If you're willing to help others on a given topic, send a message to n5hrz@arrl.net and you will be added to the list. Right now we need lots of different categories, like antennas, radio setup, HT programming, contesting, satellite operation, high power operation, test gear, building your own gear, repairing radios, APRS, D-Star, DMR, CW, logging, etc. oh well, you get the idea.

"You don't need a PhD to be listed here. You just need a willingness to help others in a given area. It's OK to be a new ham, and be listed here. You may have just struggled through your first space contact, but you'll have infinitely more knowledge than the person who's been a ham for 40 years, and has never tried that portion of the hobby.

"Also, there is a link to the "ARRL Elmer Award" page of the American Radio Relay League's web site. Here, you can enter your favorite Elmer's name and callsign. The ARRL will print a nice certificate, and mail it to the address you enter. Yes, for FREE! This certificate can either be mailed to your favorite Elmer, or you can mail it to yourself so you can present it to them personally. Feel free to order an Elmer certificate, and present it to your Elmer at an upcoming SCARS meeting. Talk with one of the officers before the meeting to get your place on the agenda. What a great way to recognize these people for their extra efforts.

"Finally, we've got a place to list YOUR favorite Elmer in our SCARS Elmer Hall-of-Fame. This is the place to memorialize your Elmer, whether they are SCARS members, Silent Keys, or not. I've already listed a few Elmers on the list from my own travels through the hobby. We'd love to list the people that help us all succeed.

"So, please help make this page useful, visit the SCARS Elmer page at: <http://w5nor.org/elmers> and be listed as an Elmer, and list your favorite Elmers."

I think this is a wonderful idea, and I hope that you will consider doing something similar in your club. A little recognition could go a long way, and we need all the Elmers we can muster. And, if you're already doing this, please send me a link. I'll add that link to my website, KB6NU.Com.

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When he's not Elmering new hams, you'll find Dan building kits and working CW on the HF bands. He is the author of the "No Nonsense" amateur radio license study guides, and blogs about amateur radio at KB6NU.Com. You can contact him by e-mailing cwgeek@kb6nu.com.

For Sale List

Yaesu FTDX-3000 HF Transceiver with Yaesu MD-200 Desk Microphone and RT Software/Cable	\$1500.00
ICOM IC-7000 HF/VHF/UHF Transceiver with separation kit, mobile mount and RT Software/Cable	750.00
Ameritron ATR-20 Manual Tuner	200.00

Contact David Hood WA9IVB (WA9IVB@ARRL.NET)

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

From Gene Smith's Estate

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