



# Madison County Amateur Radio Club



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April 2017



The Next meeting will be at 7 PM on Monday , April 3, 2017 at the EOC at 200 N. Delaware Street, Anderson

## President's Message

Welcome to the April edition of the Madison County Amateur Radio club newsletter. First of all, I'd like to say a big Thank You to those who attended the March 14 Storm Spotter Training session at Hoosier Park. There were a lot of Hams that were there. It was a good meeting. When the weather turns bad, the more eye's, the better!

As I write this part of the newsletter, plans were being made to set up the towers at the EOC on Saturday, March 18. Also, I'm planning on bringing up the Motorola repeater from Cardinal Wireless on Friday morning. So, I hope all works out.

We had a good meeting on March 6th. Thanks to all who came. Got a lot of business done. And, a big Thank You to Dale, KV9W, for his weather presentation. For, the April Meeting, Doug, N9DR, is planning on giving a slide show of his trip to ARRL HQ! It promises to be an interesting meeting. Plan on attending! And, so you can mark your calendars, the June. 5th meeting will be held at the new Purdue Poly tech school on Scatterfield Road. Dennis, N9OWN will be showing us around the facility. Mark your calendars now!

Lately, we've been having a good group check in on Wednesday Net! We have had several visitors from Hartford City, and on the 16th, We had Rod, K9RDC, check in from Connersville! I'm not the best at coming up with a Question of the night, I know. I keep trying, though. If anyone wants to run the net, please jump right in. The Preamble is on the website. It's a great way of meeting other hams in the area. I'll help anyone who wants to try their hand at it. Mike, KC9LWK has done a real good job, too!

All are welcome to join in on Saturday mornings at Eva's, on Broadway, across from Prairie Farms dairy. 9 am. Good food, coffee, and conversation. And, some of it is even radio related!

Guess I'll sign off now. Get out there on your radios. Find a band that you haven't been on very much and call CQ! You might be surprised who comes back. Take care. "73" Mike, KC9DJU

## Events

Every Wednesday	MCARC 2M Net 8:00 PM - 145.390 pl 151.4 Followed by an informal ragchew on 28.465
Every Thursday	Donut Meeting 09:00 AM at the EOC
Every Saturday	Breakfast at Eva's 09:00 AM at 832 Broadway St, Anderson
April 3rd.	MCARC Meeting 7:00 PM at the New Madison County EOC
April 4 th.	EMA Communications Group Meeting 7:00 PM at the New Madison County EOC
April 15th.	Michigan QSO Party 12PM - Midnight
April 16th.	Rookie Roundup
April 19th.	License Exams at 7:00 PM by Anderson Repeater Club at the New Madison County EOC
April 22nd	Chassell Michigan Hamfest
May 6th.	Cadillac Amateur Radio and Computer Swap
May 6th.	INQP 11AM to 11PM EDT
May 19-21	Hamvention at Greene County Ohio Fairgrounds

## MCARC – Minutes of Regular Meeting

Monday, March 6, 2017

Location: EOC, 200 N. Delaware Street, Anderson, IN

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

**Discussion:** A Tabitha Skov clip from Ham Nation was shown followed by a discussion about solar activity and Ham Radio. There are some knowledgeable members of the club that were able to share their insights on solar radiation, propagation, and how those things affect our ability to use our radios.

**Minutes:** Motion to accept minutes of the February 6, 2017 meeting by Dennis-N9OWN / George-AC8GT - passed.

Secretary Report: No correspondence

Treasurer, Jeff-K9DYR:

	TOTAL	Reserved	Unrestricted
Beginning balance	\$2,793.66	\$1,057.85	\$1,735.81
Income (Dues)	\$100.00		\$100.00
Expenses	< \$38.00>		
P.O. Box			< \$38.00>
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Ending balance	\$2,855.66	\$, 1,057.85	\$1,797.81

Motion to accept, Dale-KV9W / Dennis-N9OWN – passed

**Officer Reports:**

**Trustee, Alan-KC9JWO:** Repeater working.

**V-President, Mike-K9MI:** Nothing new.

**Points, Mike-KC9LWK** is tracking points

**Newsletter, Mike-KD9CDO:** Need to review the email list and update.

**Tech Committee, Doug-N9DR:** Tower/antenna update. Tri-band beam has been assembled and tested. It is set up in the barn, waiting on opportunity to install. 6m beam is also assembled and tested and waits in the barn. After a discussion, it was determined that stand-offs would be required for the two towers going up. Terry-N4TZ and Dennis-N9OWN volunteered to work on this. A design needs to be approved by Tom-KA9SYP. Terry-N4TZ ordered 500' of coax for our antennas. Any coax left will be sold to club members. Mike-KC9DJU or Jeff-K9DYR will get the pulley needed for the towers.

**Activities, Dale-KV9W:** Dale reminded us that Stormnet training will be on 3/24/17 at Hoosier Park at 7:00.

**Sick report:** Dick-WA9STB is back among us and Rick-N9XQX is under the weather.

**Business:** Equipment was donated to the club: 220 repeater, 2m repeater, dummy load, Bird wattmeter, hard-line. Motion made by Dick-WA9STB/Tim-KC9GBL to keep the Bird meter for club use and sell off other items as we have buyers. – passed.

Terry-N4TZ said Hamvention would be the place to move the hard-line. Discussed inventorying the items the club has for sale. Free space was offered for flea market space, but a motion was made to hold off on a tailgate until next year. Motion by Dave-KB9NTG / Dale-KV9W - passed.

Meeting adjourned - Dennis-N9OWN / Dick-WA9STB - passed

**NEXT MEETING:** April 3, 2017 at the EOC at 200 N. Delaware Street, Anderson

## For Sale List

GAP Speaker with power supply \$50.00

GAP Speaker without power supply \$45.00

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

Eagle One with AH4 Icom Tuner \$100.00

VX-8 DR Handheld with all attachments-will trade for a FT-817 Yaesu  
N9XXV Terry Ph 765-615-7788

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