



May 2017

**The Next meeting will be at 7 PM on Monday , May 1, 2017 at the EOC at 200 N. Delaware Street, Anderson**

### President's Message

Welcome to the May edition of the Madison County Amateur Radio Club newsletter. As of April 17, several members came to the EOC and put the mast up on the roof of the EOC and barn, and rehung the 40/80 meter dipole, and tuned the 80 meter part of the antenna. We connected the coax from the antenna to the Kenwood 850, and it works real good. When tuned to 75 meters, the antenna is resonant at the upper half of the band. We then moved the coax to the Yaesu 920 and tried the antenna there. And, after a bit of concern, it fired up and also tuned the antenna! Success! The plans are currently to hang the tri band beam the next day or two. Hopefully, by the time you receive this, the beam will be mounted hung, and tested, just it time for the Indiana QSO Party! Then, I would like to start work on finishing the van interior walls, so that we can measure and start on finishing up that project.

We've had several good nets in the past month, also! The repeater seems to be working very well. I'm still waiting to hear back from Cellular Wireless, the company that repaired the first Motorola.

Remember, the club's net is on Wednesday night, at 8 pm. Any, and everybody are welcome to join in. We usually have a question of the day, and that has brought out several interesting answers from various club members.

Saturday mornings, at 9 am, is breakfast at Eva's, the old Waffle House, across from the Prairie Farms dairy. Good food, and coffee are the usual hits.

As most of the club knows, we also participate is the Madison County Storm Net, on Sunday nights, at 8 pm. The Frequency is 146.820, and the pl tone is 110.9. The club repeater, 145.390, is one of the backup repeaters, in case of problems on the main repeater. If interested, tune in, Dale, KV9W, is our resident Weather forecaster, and usually in charge of calling a Storm Net, if necessary.

Plus, on Thursday mornings, at 9 am, is the weekly donut gathering. Come join in. There are lots of good conversations about radios, antennas, coax, and many other ideas.

I'd better sign off for now. I know the conditions have been getting a little bit worse for hf work, but, there are still the occasional times that you can get a signal out a long way. So, find a band that you usually don't use, and call CQ! You might be surprised when a different country comes back to answer you! "73" to all, 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
May 1	MCARC Meeting 7:00 PM at the New Madison County EOC
May 2nd	Anderson Repeater Club Meeting 7:00 PM at the New Madison County EOC
May 6th.	Cadillac Amateur Radio and Computer Swap
May 6th.	INQP 11AM to 11PM EDT
May 17th.	License Exams at 7:00 PM by Anderson Repeater Club at the New Madison County EOC
May 19-21	Hamvention at Greene County Ohio Fairgrounds
June 10-12	June VHF
June 18	Kids Day
June 24-25	Field Day

**MCARC – Minutes of Regular Meeting**  
**Monday, April 3, 2017**  
**Location: EOC, 200 N. Delaware Street, Anderson, IN**

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

**Minutes:** Motion to accept minutes of the March 6, 2017 meeting by Dick-KB9STB / Dale-KV9W - passed.

**Secretary Report:** No correspondence

**Treasurer:** Jeff-K9DYR:

	Reserved	Unrestricted	TOTAL
Beginning balance	\$1,057.58	\$1,797.81	\$2,855.66
Income (Antenna-sold coax)	\$ 145.00		
Expenses (Antenna-N4TZ)	< 454.58>		
(Antenna-N4TZ)	< 282.98>		
(Repeater repair)		< 90.00>	
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Ending balance	\$ 465.02	\$1,707.81	\$2,172.83

Motion to accept, Dave-KB9NTG / George-AC8GT – passed

**Officer Reports:**

Trustee, Alan-KC9JWO: Repeater working. No price quote on backup repeater upgrade.

V-President, Mike-K9MI: Nothing new.

Awards, Mike-KC9LWK Nothing new.

Newsletter, Mike-KD9CDO: Nothing new.

Tech Committee, Doug-N9DR: No new projects. Need to finish up the projects in the works. Two 40' towers going up soon. Antennas are prepared. Rotor has been tested. Dipole for 40/80 will be hung between the two towers.

Activities, Dale-KV9W: INQP is May 6<sup>th</sup>. Google INQP for details.

Sick report: Mike-KC9LWK's dad is doing better.

**Business:** Jeff-K9DYR requested permission to pay the renewal premium for our equipment insurance. It is through Mercer Consumer (ARRL) for \$125. Policy EQP-722425709 for \$8,345.00 limit. – Motion by Dennis-N9OWN / Mike-KC9DJU - passed. Hamvention is May 19,20, and 21. Dale-KV9W is available to take his trailer with hardline. Someone needs to pick up the trailer Sunday after the event. Doug-N9DR volunteered to bring it back. Motion by Terry-N4TZ / Dale-KV9W to buy \$100 ticket for booth - passed.

**Program:** Doug-N9DR presented a slideshow and discussion of his trip to ARRL headquarters. It's really interesting to see all of the resources at the headquarters. There were photos of the property with antenna farm, inside the welcome center with the historical displays, and the shack where visitors can reserve time to transmit.

Dick-WA9STB showed QSL cards printed by Delco Remy and Pontiac. This was done at a time when companies supported and encouraged their employees' involvement in activities.

Meeting adjourned – Allen-KC9JWO / Dick-WA9STB - passed

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Respectfully Jeff-K9DYR

The following is an excerpt from the Indiana ARRL Newsletter:

(<http://www.inarrl.org/index.php/indiana-section/newsletter/send/2-newsletter/10-section-newsletter-april-2017>)

The Indiana QSO Party is a great opportunity to get on the air, have some fun and promote Indiana. The club competition encourages competition between Indiana clubs and can be a club membership operating activity. It is usually one of the first nice weekends of the year, so you can go out mobile and put a few counties on the air. The purpose of the Indiana QSO Party (INQP) is to encourage contact with Indiana amateur radio stations by other Indiana hams and hams worldwide. Stations outside of Indiana work Indiana stations only. Indiana stations work everybody, including other Indiana stations. The INQP starts at 1500 UTC Saturday and ends at 0300 UTC Sunday May 6-7. (Saturday 11am to 11pm EDT or 10am to 10pm CDT.) All stations may operate the full 12-hour period. Entry Categories: Single-operator (High Power, Low Power or QRP), Multi-operator single transmitter (Multi-Single), Mobile, Portable and Rover. There one important change this year: The county name abbreviations have changed. The intent is that the new abbreviations will be more compatible with the other QSO Parties that occur at the same time as INQP. There is an INQP Activity Map for station planning to be on for the INQP, so if you plan to be on you can list your call, county on the email reflector ([inqp@yahoogroups.com](mailto:inqp@yahoogroups.com)). You can see what others have planned on the Activity Map. You are invited to join the INQP reflector. Post your questions about the INQP, make suggestions for next year, or just jump in the general discussion with other participants and the organizers.

From: Jim Rinehart K9RU

## 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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