



Madison County Amateur Radio Club



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June 2017



The Next meeting will be at 7 PM on Monday , June 5, 2017 at the Purdue Polytechnic 2601 S. Scatterfield Road, Anderson. The entrance is off of Scatterfield road with parking to the west of the building. Enter through the Main door to the atrium, signs will provide further direction.

President's Message

Welcome to the June edition of the Madison County Amateur Radio Club newsletter. I hope this finds everyone in good health and spirits. We had a good showing at the EOC Saturday, May 6th, for the Indiana QSO Party! There were 9 that came and tried out the new antennas, and the new Com room. We used the 40-80 meter dipole with the Kenwood 850, and we were able to use the Explorer 14 tri-band beam on 20 meters. 10-15 meters were very quiet. Granted, we didn't talk to a large group of Indiana counties, but, the 7 call sign QSO party was very busy, and, the New England QSO and the Delaware QSO parties kept us busy. At least one person there got to work a pretty good DX station in Slovenia! He seemed happy. I would like to thank my wife, Linda, for making her special Sloppy Joe mix, and the double chocolate chip cookies. There weren't very many left. Thanks for all the hard work! There were some things to "debug", but, on the whole, everything went great.

By the time you receive this, the Hamvention will have taken place. I hope those of you who made it will come back to the June meeting on Monday, June 5th, and tell the rest of us your impressions, so we can plan for next year.

A change of meeting place is coming to the June meeting. It will be held at the new Purdue campus, located on Scatterfield Rd, between the railroad tracks, where Delco Remy used to access Scatterfield Road. Again, this year, Dennis, N9OWN is hosting the meeting. A short (hopefully) Business meeting will be held, then, We will get a tour of the new facility. The new "Maker's Space" is where the new braces on our 2 towers were cut and drilled. Dennis will, hopefully, tell us and show us the new building.

The Wednesday net has been going real good. It's on the club's repeater, 145.390 with a pl tone of 151.4, at 8 pm. We've had several visitors drop in during the net. Come and be surprised who checks in! Don't forget the donut meeting on every Thursday morning at the EOC, at 9 am. We had a real good group show up on May 11. Then, on every Saturday morning at 9 am, come to Eva's on Broadway, right across from the Prairie Farms milk processing plant. Good food, good coffee, and ice tea!

The club's next big event will be Field Day. We will be at the EOC again, for 24 hours. Make plans now to come help your club be outstanding!

I guess I'd better wrap this up. Hope to see everyone at the June meeting. Take care and "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
June 5	MCARC Meeting 7:00 PM at the Purdue Polytechnic Campus
June 6	EMA Communications Group Meeting 7:00 PM at the new Madison County EOC
June 10-12	June VHF
June 18	Kids Day
June 24-25	Field Day
July 7- 8	INDY Hamfest, Sat 7:00 AM - 2:00 PM WWW.indyhamfest.com
July 8-9	IARU HF World Championship
August 5-6	222MHZ and Up Distance Contest
August 12	Angola Hamfest 8:00AM - 12:00 PM

Minutes of Regular Meeting
Monday, May 1, 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 April 3, 2017 meeting by Dave-KB9NTG / Dick-KB9STB - passed.

Secretary Report: No correspondence

Treasurer, Jeff-K9DYR:

	Reserved	Unrestricted	TOTAL
Beginning balance	\$1,057.58	\$1,797.81	\$2,855.66
Income			\$ 0.00
Expenses (Antenna-N4TZ)	< 282.98>		
(Antenna-KC9DJU)	< 23.11>		
(Club insurance)		<125.00>	
(Antenna-KV9W)	<203.04>		
(RPTR eval.-KC9DJU)		<47.00>	
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Ending balance	\$ 547.87	\$1,625.81	\$2,173.68

Motion to accept, Tim-KC9GBL / KC9JWO– passed

Officer Reports:

Trustee, Alan-KC9JWO: No bad comments.

V-President, Mike-K9MI: Nothing new.

Awards, Mike-KC9LWK: Points posted.

Newsletter, Mike-KD9CDO: Nothing new.

Tech Committee, Doug-N9DR: 6m and tri-band beams are on the back tower and working fine. 40m/80m dipole is between the two towers and works fine.

Activities, Dale-KV9W: INQP is May 6 th from 1100 to 2300.

Sick report: Kathy-KD9CGT's mother is in bad shape.

Old Business: The backup repeater that was being evaluated had some minor adjustments made to it. To be a truly swap out replacement, it would need to have crystals (hard to get now) and a controller. The repeater can be used by removing crystals and controller from the working repeater.

The Van project: A committee was formed to advise and organize the next phase of work on the renovation of the van. This committee was appointed by President, Mike-KC9DJU from volunteers. The committee is Mike-KC9DJU, Scott-KC9RAX, Dick-WA9STB, and KC9JWO.

Meeting adjourned – Dick-WA9STB/Tim- KC9GBL - passed

NEXT MEETING: June 5, 2017 at the PURDUE POLYTECH, 2601 SCATTERFIELD RD. @ 7:00.

Respectfully Jeff-K9DYR

From: John McCormick [mailto:n0fcd@yahoo.com]

Sent: Sunday, May 21, 2017 6:30 PM

Subject: W9DXCC convention (Sept. 15-16)

Dear fellow amateur radio operator and Midwest ham club contact:

It's our hope that you might help us spread the word about the 65th annual W9DXCC DX Convention and Banquet on Sept. 15-16, 2017, in Schaumburg, Illinois. Please consider sharing the following information with your members via e-mail, website or word of mouth: (May 21, 2017) – Online registration is now available and much of the program is in place for the 2017 W9DXCC DX Convention and Banquet in suburban Chicago. This year's keynote speaker will be ARRL President Rick Roderick, K5UR. The ARRL has approved the gathering as an Operating Specialty Convention. Discounted hotel rooms can also be booked now.

Sponsored by the Northern Illinois DX Association, W9DXCC will also offer Contest University and DX University programs on Friday, with presentations for new and veteran DXers and contest operators. The daylong session on Saturday will feature speakers, exhibits, QSL card checking, a CW pileup contest and many valuable prizes. The evening banquet is a time to relax and enjoy our keynote speaker. For non-ham family members, Woodfield Mall, which offers a wide array of shopping, is one traffic light south of the convention site at the Hyatt Regency Schaumburg, 1800 East Golf Road.

Updates and Registration: <http://w9dxcc.com/>

For more information: John McCormick, K9KE@arrl.net

Geomagnetic activity forecast for the period May 19-June 14, 2017 from F.K. Janda, OK1HH:

Geomagnetic field will be:

Quiet on June 1, 8

Mostly quiet on May 29, June 4, 9, 12

Quiet to unsettled May 23-28, June 5-6, 10

Quiet to active on May 21-22, June 3, 7, 11, 13

Active to disturbed on May 19 (- 20, 30-31,) June 2, 14

Amplifications of the solar wind from coronal holes are expected on May 19 (20-21, 31,) June (5-6,) 9 (- 14)

Remark:

- Parenthesis means lower probability of activity enhancement and/or lower reliability of prediction.

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 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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