



Madison County Amateur Radio Club



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November 2017



The Next meeting will be at 7 PM on Monday , Nov 6, 2017 at the EOC at 200 N. Delaware Street, Anderson

President's Message

Welcome to the November edition of the Madison County Amateur Radio Club newsletter. I hope this finds all in good shape, radio wise. There are several Tailgate parties coming up. Check your Indiana Section newsletter for a list of them. Make sure that you come to the November Meeting. We are currently holding nominations for club officers. Come support your club.

While I'm thinking of it, our Christmas Party has been scheduled for December 9th, at 6 pm at Perkins, on Scatterfield road. We'll be in the back room. Make sure that you put that on your calendar, so you don't miss it! We've had a good time in the past, so, come hungry!

Our Saturday morning breakfast at Eva's, at (am has been a little down on the head count recently. Those that come seem to have good breakfast, and good conversation, and, good coffee.

The November meeting will be Nov. 6th, at 7 pm. Our net, on Wednesday evenings at 8pm have been having good number of check-ins. We're still doing the question of the night. You never know what might be asked. There have been many interesting answers.

The van is slowly taking shape. I've cleared out the plywood, and trimmings, swept it out, recently did an oil change on it. Scott Sheppler, is making two stations for radios to set on when being used remotely. We are going to reuse the counter from the Mounds Road com room for tops. Next step is wiring for power, coax, etc.

I guess I'll wrap up this portion of the newsletter. Just remember, this is Your club. It will be as good as you make it. WE have a good group of members. I always look forward to the meetings. Take care, and, get on a band that you don't normally work, and call CQ! Have fun.

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
Nov 4-6	Sweepstakes CW
Nov 4-5	EME-50 to 1296 MHZ
Nov 18-20	Sweepstakes Phone
Nov 18-19	Fort Wayne Hamfest & Computer Expo www.fortwaynehamfest.com
Nov 25	Turkeyfest 2017, Brazil Indiana, http://w9uuu.org
Dec 1-3	160 Meter ARRL
Dec 9	Club Christmas party Perkins Restaurant 9 pm
Dec 9-10	10 Meter ARRL
Dec 17	Rookie Roundup - CW
Dec 25	Christmas Day

MCARC – Minutes of Regular Meeting

Monday, October 7, 2017

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

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

Minutes: Motion to accept minutes of the October 4, 2017 meeting by N9OWN/Dave-KB9NTG - passed.

Secretary Report: No correspondence

Treasurer, Jeff-K9DYR:

\$2,451.11 Beginning Balance

No activity

\$2,451.11 Ending Balance

Motion to accept by Dave-KB9NTG/George-AC8GT – Passed

Officer Reports:

Trustee, Alan-KC9JWO: No report.

V-President, Mike-K9MI: No report.

Awards, Mike-KC9LWK: Points are posted. 50 Hams have accumulated points.

Newsletter, Mike-KD9CDO: Mike is willing to post the participating points in the newsletter if desired.

Tech Committee, Doug-N9DR: Nothing new.

Activities, Dale-KV9W:

9/9 INPOTA – noon to 8:00pm, Mike-KC9DJU has secured permission from the park. This is the same day as the Andersontown Powwow. Generator, wire antennas, grill, and entrance of \$7. Bring chairs, KC9DJU will bring cooler, Ice, Brats, cups, and plates.

10/16-20 School Club Roundup

10/20-22 JOTA

10/29 Mounds Run

Old Business: Van committee: Allen suggested 2 options: 1) 3-positions driver-side. 1-storage/desk on passenger side. 2) Operator position facing forward. Van Committee: Allen-KC9JWO, Dick-WA9STB, Mike-KC9DJU. Qualified drivers are needed from roster of club members.

New Business: Terry-N4TZ Is the TH5 Antenna available? Motion by Dyer-K9DYR/Dennis-N9OWN to liquidate HF antennas for Club. These include TH5, 204BA, Vertical-1, Vertical-2, (The HEX beam Is not included). – Motion Passed.

Mike-KC9CDO will run an email auction for the HF antennas for 1-week. Motion by Dennis-N9OWN/Allen-KC9JWO – Passed.

Allen-KC9JWO advised that there is a conduit run across the parking lot from just inside the barn to the south side of the parking area. Allen suggested that we pull coax and rotor cable for emergency antenna use. Motion made by Dennis-N9OWN/George-AC8GT to authorize enough money to provide cable and coax for this. – Passed.

The following nominations were made for the officers in 2018

President KC9DJU-Mike

V-President K9LBB-Lew

Trustee KC9JWO-Allen

Activities KV9W-Dale

Newsletter KD9CDO-Mike

Tech Chair N9DR-Doug

Tech CMTE N9OWN-Dennis

Tech CMTE N4TZ-Terry

Additional nominations will still be taken at the November meeting.

NEXT MEETING: November 6, 2017 at the EOC, 200 North Delaware St, Anderson, IN @ 7:00.

Motion to adjourn – George-AC8GT/Lew-K9LBB - Passed

Respectfully Jeff-K9DYR

Club Points

Here are the top 5 points accumulators for the year through September. Note some may be ineligible. The next contenders are scoring in the nineties, so participation is vital.

K9DYR	102
KC9DJU	124
N4TZ	110
KD9CDO	104
K9LBB	105

HAM? HAM radio? ham radio? Amateur Radio? amateur radio!

By Dan Romanchik, KB6NU

On the ARRL PR mailing list, we've been discussing the proper way to refer to amateur radio. What brought this up was an email from one list subscriber, Richard, WB6NAH, who was (rightfully) proud of the work that his club—the [Skagit Amateur Radio Emergency Communications Club](#)—was doing. He noted that they were even featured in the police department's emergency preparedness brochure:

[[download image from <http://www.kb6nu.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/skagit-arc-768x1024.jpg>]]

As you can see, the brochure refers to "HAM radio" and "HAM radio operators."

Referring to amateur radio in this way just drives me crazy. "Ham radio" is just a nickname for amateur radio, and "HAM" is certainly not an acronym for anything. I congratulated Richard on getting his club included in the brochure, but noted, "...it's not HAM radio! It's either 'amateur radio' or 'ham radio' (ham is not an acronym). I hate to be nitpicky about this, but as a professional writer, this usage just drives me crazy." He replied, "I agree on Amateur Radio, that was the city's call."

That kicked off the discussion.

One ham replied to me privately, "Thank you...I am continually trying to explain that it is not an acronym or abbreviation."

Another replied to the list:

The most correct term is "amateur radio" or alternatively "ham radio", both written in normal case. If using "ham radio", it is a best practice to first write "amateur (ham) radio" in the first non-header/non-title occurrence.

Some will write "Amateur Radio" in proper noun format (first letters in caps) and while this may be acceptable to many and in certain venues, anyone using a style handbook will say it is incorrect. Less correct is to write "Ham Radio" in proper noun format

as this is a slang term, albeit a popular one. Of course either term may be written as proper nouns when part of a title or name of an organization.

Least correct is to write "HAM" in all caps; as stated by others, ham is not an abbreviation or acronym. Writing it as "HAM" is completely wrong, will drive many people bonkers, and should be avoided at all costs.

Ward, N0AX, offered this explanation:

To clarify where the capitalization originated, there is a long-standing ARRL Board Directive, decades old, stipulating that the words "Amateur Radio" be capitalized in ARRL publications and documents. Most non-amateur publications return it to the lower-case style that is used for non-proper nouns.

One guy got a little miffed that we were wasting our time discussing this at all:

You know, I've been reading this thread and I think people are getting too hung up on very minor details. The bottom line they got PR. So something wasn't spelled right or capitalized, so what. The message got out and IMHO that's the bottom line. Let's not waste any more bandwidth on this.

I agreed that it was great that they were included in the brochure, and that we were probably beating this topic to death, but I don't think these are minor details. I said that PR professionals pride themselves on getting the details right. So should amateur radio PR people.

I'll give the final word to Dan, AI4GK. He wrote:

I don't think that standardizing what we call ourselves qualifies as getting hung up on minor details. If we don't have a standardized way of referring to us, how can we expect a public, who already is confused, to understand who we are?

I don't think that you can argue with this. Let's avoid confusion by using "amateur radio" when writing about our hobby/service. I'd even urge the ARRL to rethink their use of "Amateur Radio." Sometimes, it may be OK to use "ham radio," but it's just not correct to use "HAM radio" or just "HAM."

Dan, KB6NU, is the author of the "No Nonsense" amateur radio license study guides and blogs about amateur radio at KB6NU.Com. When he's not picking nits about the name of our hobby, he teaches ham radio classes and operates CW on the HF bands. You can email him at cwgeek@kb6nu.com.

The K7RA Solar Update

Geomagnetic activity forecast for the period October 20 to November 15, 2017 from F.K. Janda, OK1HH.

“Geomagnetic field will be:

Quiet on October 20, 30-31, November (19)

Quiet to unsettled on October 22, 28-29, November 1-6, 13-15

Quiet to active on October 21, 23-27, November 7, 9-12

Active to disturbed on November 8

Amplifications of the solar wind, mostly from coronal holes, are expected on October (22, 24,) 25-26, November 7-12

Remarks:

- Amplifications of the solar wind-prediction is less reliable at present.

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

From ARRL Indiana Newsletter dated 10/20/2017

For Sale List

40 ft. Tower with Tri Band Beam (all items already down (ground level)) - Steve Arvin 317-847-6448

Hard line Cabling

The Club is running a For Sale Ad in the *QTH.com "Ham Radio Classified Ads* for the following Hard Line Cable. It reads as follows:

Heliacx Hardline for sale

Used 7/8" 50 ohm cable, lengths approximate. Asking \$1 per foot. Located in Anderson, Indiana. Madison County Amateur RadioClub.

[Andrew LDF 5-50A, black: 280 feet, 310 feet, 354 feet, SOLD].

Following three lengths still available:

The following appear to have the same connector type as on the LDF5-50A above:

Andrew DOE-NV-RF-19 Rev 2, white, gas-block 7/8" 50 ohm, date 07/84, 154 feet.

Andrew DOE-NV-RF-19 Rev 2, black, gas-block 7/8" 50 ohm, 168 feet, 251 feet

For more information contact/text Terry Zivney (N4TZ) N4TZ@arrl.net 1-765-520-1766, or Mike Hoggatt (KD9CDO) hoggattm@hotmail.com 765-621-7319.

For Sale List(Continued)

Bob Cox N9BMW Ph. # 765-425-6970

Icom IC 735	\$ 275.00	Pyramid Phase III Reg. P.S.	\$ 40.00
Ameritron ALS 600 (solid state Fet Amp)	\$1000.00	Sold - MFJ-989 Auto-tuner Versa Tuner 5	\$ 30.00
Yaesu FT-950 HF/50 mhz	\$ 850.00	TH-3JRS Thunderbird Jf. (Hygain) Tri Bander	\$ 100.00
Yassu G1000 DXA Rotor, Control and Manual	\$ 550.00	Baofeng UV5R HT	\$ 20.00
Yaesu Dynamic Mic MD-100	\$ 100.00	Yaesu Power Supply FP 1030A	\$ 250.00
B&W Model 595 Ant Switch (6 input)	\$ 20.00	Yaesu SP2000 Speaker	\$ 150.00
40 Ft. Aluminum Tower	\$ 300.00	DAIWA SWR/PWR (DN-101) 1.8/150 mhz	\$ 50.00
Bencher IMABIC Keyer	\$ 40.00	Ameritron ARB 704 interface Buffer	\$ 40.00
10 Meter Veritical Antenna	\$ 20.00	Mutiple Adapters	
Cabling - \$0.35/foot			
RG-58 Beldin 9311	20 Ft.	RG -58 (Solid Conductor)	10 Ft.
RG-58	38 Ft.	RG-58 (Feedling)	30 Ft
RG-58	30 Ft.	RG-58 (Microwave system)	66 Ft.
RG-58	50 Ft.	8214 (New)	46 Ft
8214	9 Ft.	8214 Beldin	25 Ft.
RG-8 Flexi 44L	34 Ft.	RG-8X	50 Ft
RG-213	28 ½ Ft.	3 Wire Rotor Cable	74 Ft.
8 Wire Rotor Cable	158 Ft.	58U JetStream	133 Ft.
58U with connector	15 Ft.	8U	50 Ft.
75 ohm TV cable with ends	64 Ft		

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