

# MCARC QSO

Home of the W9VCF Repeater 145.39

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ARC Nets: Every  
Wednesday evening at  
8PM, the 2 meter net on  
the 145.39

Repeater, with informal  
ragchew on 28.465 Mhz

## Next Meeting

Thursday July 28th  
10:00 AM

Regular Meeting  
Monday August 1st  
7:00 PM

## President's Message

### The Presidents' Corner:

Welcome to this edition of the news letter. Hope everyone had a good Field Day. I, for one, am glad the heat wasn't here yet. It would have made a miserable day before when we set up the tower trailer. It was a little warm, but it was bearable. The Icom 746 worked admirable on 15 m. with the beam mounted on the tower trailer. We had several members stop by and work for several hours and had a good time doing it. We made a large number of contacts to send in for points. Keep watch in QST for our rankings.

Our next meeting will ***NOT*** be in the club room. We will be meeting down at the Flagship Center, in the Purdue extension at 7 PM. Dennis, N9OWN, has graciously allowed us the chance to see the computer lab, and possibly do a few demonstrations. The directions are located on the website.

Don't forget to stop by on Wednesday

evening at 8 PM on the 145.390 repeater. We've been having a good group checking in, and been having this many participate. Keep up the good work. Then, after the net on the repeater, there have been a few check ins on 10 M. 28.465.

Also, if anyone knows of a member who has been in the hospital, please let one of the club officers know.

And, I almost forgot, don't forget about the Thursday morning donut meeting at 10 AM on Aug. 28 at the clubroom. There is usually hot coffee and donuts and good conversation.

I guess that about wraps things up. Stay as cool as possible in this heat and drink plenty of water! And don't over do it if you have to be outside. Take care, and we'll see you at the next meeting.

"73" Mike, KC9DJU

## VE Testing

08/17/2011 | [Anderson IN 46011-1993](#)

**Sponsor:** Anderson Repeater Club

**Location:** Anderson Dispatch Center

**Time:** 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)

## Reminder

**The August Meeting will be held at the  
Purdue Extension (See Page 4)**

# Minutes of the July 4, 2011 Meeting

7:02

KC9DJU Mike opened the meeting with 8 members attending.

KB9NTH Kevin reports no correspondence from June.

Minutes for June as in Newsletter; No questions or corrections. KB9WI, Gene would like to acknowledge Alan for making the Newsletter design easy to read. KC9PGM John made a motion to accept the minutes, KB9WI Gene second. Motion passed.

TREASURER REPORT KB9NTH Kevin; Savings account - \$125.00. Balance \$1305.36. \$50.00 for rig control cable for TS-850. \$10.00 for Silent Key plaques(2). \$10.00 Secretary of State , Business Fee. \$55.00 for cash on hand . N9OWN Dennis made a motion to accept the report, W2IBC Tim second. The motion passed.

OFFICERS REPORTS; VICE PRESIDENT KB9NTG Dave not here. Last net 19 check-ins. TRUSTEE K9MI, Mike, the repeater's output is up and down, weaker signal when it has set unused. The forms for the club's Field Day score has been sent in. K9RFZ, the Indiana coordinator for emergency message handling, complemented the club for our Field Day Radiogram. We had all our information ready to send on Field Day. NEWSLETTER EDITOR KC9JWO, Alan, asking if everyone got an email version for the Newsletter . If you did not get an email with the Newsletter on the Monday before the dough nut meeting (that is the Thursday before the regular meeting) send Alan KC9JWO an email and let him know, then he can make sure

you get the Newsletter. AWARDS K9MI Mike points are not posted this week. TECHNICAL COMMITTEE CHAIR N9OWN Dennis; we need to work on the feed line to the HF beam, the connector had pulled loose from the coax. Needs to be brought to the ground so it can be soldered. KC9JWO will send out an email to announce the work party for the tower climb.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS Field Day Report; K9MI Mike we made 600 to 700 contacts. Approximately ; 100 on 10 meters, 150 on 15 meters,

200 on 20 meters, 130 on 40 meters, 100 on 80 meters and 45 on 6 meters. There was a lot of noise on some of the bands 40 and 80. The EMA's Icom 746 did well on Field Day, it worked 10 and 15 hooked to the tower trailers' HF beam. KC9PGM John has 2 dates for our tailgate hamfest.

We can have it either August 6 or 20, John will not be available on the 13th.

7:30

NEW BUSINESS - N9OWN Dennis, the club needs to look into buying a set of band pass filters for the HF rigs. KC9JWO loaned us his for Field Day. KC9DJU Mike asked if any one wants to do some research for prices and performance. N9OWN was volunteered. KC9JWO will bring us the stuff he found when he was looking for his filters. No one has inventoried Larry N9HJJ's tower. KC9DJU wanted to know where we were on getting prices on N9HJJ'S equipment, we are still looking. K9MI the equipment is

usually brought out to the club to give our members a chance to look it over. KC9JWO, Larry's family wants us to come remove the radios and stuff from the shack. N9OWN thinks it could help if we got a second 6 meter beam, so it is not on the same rotor as the HF beam, price \$150.00.

Announcements/ Comments Tim W2IBC upgraded to General Class.

7:50

Motion to adjourn by N9OWN Dennis, second by Alan KC9JWO, meeting ends.

The August meeting will not be at Linwood. It will be conducted at the Purdue site on Exit 22 off I-69.

73

KB9NTH

## Area Hamfests

Angola Hamfest  
 August 8, 2011  
 100 Lane 101 Crooked Lake  
 Angola, IN 46703  
<http://llarc.tripod.com>

TARA Hamfest  
 August 21, 2011  
 Tippecanoe Fairgrounds Home Economics  
 Building  
 1401 Teal Road, Lafayette, IN  
<http://w9reg.org/hamfest/index.htm>

## Email Address Needed

Email Addresses are needed for the following members:

KB9ZLS	N9OLG	KA9DAD
KA9GVC	NU9Y	WB9CMW
	KB9MXJ	

If anyone has a current email address for any member listed above please let one of the club officers know. Thanks

## For Sale List Updated July 11, 2011

Kenwood TS 850, and various 2m rigs, meters, power supply. Dick, W9KWI (765) 724-2604 afternoons only.

Maxtor external 500 GB USB back-up drive... \$40.00 and several internal DVD/CD burners (ide) at \$25 each.  
 Dave Hood WA9IVB [dchood@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dchood@sbcglobal.net)

For sale Icom IC-2SAT HT with several accessories \$75. Also MFJ-204B Antenna Bridge \$35  
 Icom Ic 27a 2 meter mobile, Acts like its working, but no output. \$25  
 Would consider any trade.  
 Bob N9BMW rg.cox @ comcast.net

MCARC Annual Tailgate Hamfest

Saturday August 20th

9AM-3PM

Military Museum

2330 Crystal Street Anderson, IN.

Talk-in on 145.39 with a PL of 151.4 hz.

For more info, email [k9mi@arrl.net](mailto:k9mi@arrl.net)

# Madison County Amateur Radio Club

## August 1, 2011 Meeting Location

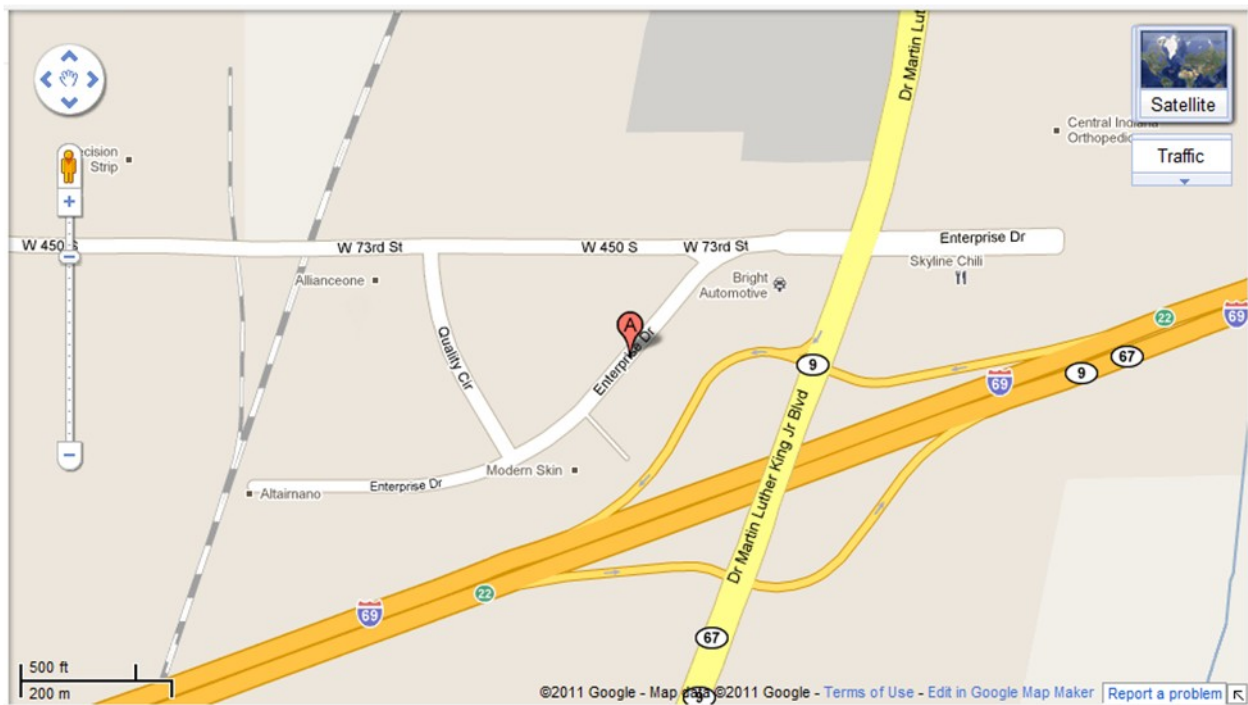
### Room 268

Anderson University Flagship Center

2705 Enterprise Drive

Anderson, IN

7:00 P.M



Anderson University Flagship Center is located at 2705 Enterprise Drive, just west of the intersection of Dr. Martin Luther King Drive and West 73rd Street. This is just north of the intersection of Dr. Martin Luther King Drive and I69 Exit 22. From Dr. Martin Luther King Drive, turn west on 73rd Street and proceed to Enterprise Drive. Do not turn into the Flagship Enterprise Center parking lot. At Enterprise Drive turn south (okay, it is actually southwest). Go approximately 100 yards to the entrance to Anderson University Flagship Center. Park anywhere in the lot and enter the door on the west side of the building. Go up the staircase to the second floor and turn right. Room 268, the Electronics Laboratory, in the last door on the left. Signs will be posted.

# Indiana Parks on the Air

## September 10, 2011

The Indiana Parks on the Air (INPOTA) announces the 1st. Annual "Indiana Parks on the Air: contest to be held on Saturday, September 10, 2011, from the hours of noon to eight p.m. (EDT) (1600 UTC to 2400 UTC).

This contest will operate in tandem with Ohio State Parks on the Air. Visit their web site at <http://www.portcars.org/wp/index.php>

For amateurs throughout the State of Indiana, this is your opportunity to visit and enjoy the amenities offered by the 24 beautiful State Parks here in Indiana. Don't just make a day of it, spend the weekend at the park of your choice. No matter whether you are camping or staying at one of the outstanding lodges or resorts, you will find the parks are one of Indiana's greatest assets. Find out more about the parks at: <http://in.gov/dnr/parklake/2392.htm>

This contest places a premium on working stations in the Indiana State Parks. This means it is critical to have as many parks activated as possible. The challenge for Indiana stations will be to work HF in the 50 to 350 mile range. This is the perfect opportunity to learn more about the design and deployment of NVIS or short range antennas. You can find numerous designs on the Internet as well as in various Amateur Radio antenna manuals. Along with your operating skills, it will be a chance to showcase your antenna skills as well.

Individual and clubs can operate Indiana State Park stations. Non-park stations in Indiana as well as stations outside of Indiana can also participate. Contacts can be made with CW, SSB, AM or digital on 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 and 6 meters. (Digital includes PSK-31, RTTY, etc.).

For additional information - <http://inpota.com/>

So get to an Indiana State Park and get On The Air in September. Have fun with this contest?

**So, who will put Mounds State Park on the Air?**