

MCARC "QSO" for March '10

Home of the W9VCF 145.39 Repeater

MCARC Nets: Every Wednesday evening at 8PM, the 2 meter net on the 145.39 Repeater, with informal ragchew on 28.465 Mhz after the 2m net.

Meeting Dates: Thursday February 25th at 10AM and Monday March 1st at 7PM

President's Corner

I hope all of you have had enough snow for the year. At least, we didn't get the amount that the east coast got! I also hope that your antennas held up better than mine. One end came loose at the feed point, so now, till the weather breaks, I have a 560 ft. end-fed wire. Interestingly enough, it still tunes everything, except 160m, where it didn't tune when it was connected. Still working on that part. Don't forget, if any of you have an idea for a speaker, please send it to Mike, kc9iog and let him know. Also, if anyone hears of someone that should be on our sick-list, please let any of the officers know, or let us know on the Wednesday net.

Has anyone listened in on 18 meters lately in the morning? There seems to be alot of activity from western Europe in the mornings. Also, don't forget to put Field Day on your calendars now. June 26-27.

At the moment, we're using the Motorola repeater with 151.4 tone. At the moment, it seems to be working pretty well. Time will tell. A big thanks to our trustee, Mike, k9mi for the time he puts in to keep us communicating with it.

I guess that's about all. If anyone has a project or something they would be willing to bring to the club meeting for show and tell, you should. Every one, take care and "73"

Mike, kc9dju

February 1, 2010 minutes for Madison County Amateur Radio Club

7:03 Mike KC9DJU opened the meeting with 7 members attending.

No speaker for tonight.

KC9DJU asked for comments or corrections to the minutes from January as published, hearing none.

Alan KC9JWO made a motion to accept them, Dick WA9STB seconded the motion. It passed on voice vote.

Correspondence; Kevin KB9NTH: we got the license plate for the trailer. Also, we have a flier for a Hamfest in Illinois this summer. And an ad from Dish Network.

Treasurer's Report KB9NTH: Checking, withdraws -\$29.75 BMV, -\$70.00 award jacket. Total \$99.75. Deposits \$120.00, and 22.00= \$142.00. Balance \$517.16. Savings balance \$658.02.

Combined balance \$1175.18. WA9STB made a motion to accept the report, Mike K9MI seconded, the motion passed.

OFFICERS REPORTS Vice President Mike K9MI we need to talk about the repeater in new business. Trustee K9MI ; Friday the Motorola repeater had a funny sound coming from it, so Mike went and switched to the Icom repeater. He later went and restarted the Motorola and that cured the problem for now. Mike also asked for help sometime in the near future to go get the Icom so he can look at it on a bench. Mike has been looking at the manual and wants to check out something he read about the PL tone on the Icom. Alan KC9JWO suggested that K9MI make a PDF copy of the manual and install it on the club's computer so it can be gotten to easily. Newsletter Editor Alan KC9JWO; Alan's second edition of the Newsletter is out. It was later than the first, but still on time. Alan will be adding some Contest dates to the Newsletter. Tech Committee Chair Dennis N9OWN; absent. Larry N9HJJ no report from the committee. Awards Mike KC9DJU the points are posted.

Net had 6 check-ins last week, donut meeting 4 attendees.

OLD BUSINESS WA9STB/K9MI state communications test was a bust. We made a mistake and hook up the wrong coax, so we could not transmit on the HF bands. WA9STB told us that there is an inventory of all the things on/in the tower trailer. KC9DJU said we need to check the rotor with the VHF antennas to see if it works and if the direction of the antennas and controller match.

NEW BUSINESS WA9STB called Mike Epley about the module for the Motorola repeater that lets us turn it's PL on/off remotely. The price for this part is not \$50.00, but is \$150.00. Mr. Epley did some tuning on the repeater and duplexers when he looked at it for us. He used a service monitor, and WA9STB said if we had a monitor like that we could do some of these things ourselves. N9HJJ , Frank Dick WA9WJL has one and he might work with us on borrowing it for that type of work.

KC9DJU asked if there was any interest in having classes for any license type. WA9STB wondered if there was anyone wanting to take one. Dick said that there was a problem if there were not many students. His study material has been made obsolete again by rule changes and buying new material is expensive. KC9DJU said that the classes were helpful. K9MI asked if we would do Field Day at the EOC/ Club room again. Yes, we will, because we do not have enough people to set up and tear down if we go into the

field. Also, some one would have to be able to stay with the equipment all night for security. WA9STB we do not have a generator any more either. Ours was outside the barn, but has not been seen for a couple of years. Storm Net/ Skywarn training is March 16 at 7:00 pm at the Pendleton Fire Station, parking is on the west side.

Announcements/Comments

WA9STB make sure every one pays their dues, if they have a key and do not pay dues, the key must be returned.

K9MI wants us to look into getting band pass filters for the HF rigs to us instead of the stubs. The SWR is high with the stubs. Individual filters from ICE shouldn't be that expensive. KC9JWO used his computer and found a price of \$40 each.

8:07 KC9JWO made a motion to end the meeting with WA9STB seconding it, and the meeting ended.

From KB9NTH 25 members have paid their 2010 dues. Your dues are to be paid by the March meeting. If you have a key to the building and club room and don't pay dues return your key to Dick WA9STB.

For Sale List

Last update 1/30/2010

MFJ 962D 1.5 kw roller inductor antenna tuner, with new parts installed for the roller inductor. Make offer. John, W9XJW (765) 643-1185

Yaesu FT 2800M 2 meter mobile, brand new still in the box. Best reasonable offer. Gene, KB9WI kb9wjwanda at aol.com

RCA three band crystal controlled scanner. Model number is 16S300 and has 7 to 10 crystals. This is not a for sale item, but a free one. Bryan, KC9HYZ 425-1633

For Sale: Heavy Duty mount for a Screw driver or similar HF mobile antenna, contact Dick, W9KWI at (765) 724-2604