



Madison County Amateur Radio Club

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The December meeting will be held December 1, 2025



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From the President

It has been an honor to serve as your president for the past 18 months, and I want to express my sincere appreciation for each of you. Your dedication to amateur radio makes our club a vibrant and successful community.

I especially want to thank the board of directors, Dale Bloomer, Don Billey, Paula Dixon, Greg Hunt, Gary Sherman, Doug Rose, and Aiden Paul for their leadership and contributions to the club. We have a lot to build on thanks to their efforts. I also want to thank Lynn Edens for his assistance in guiding me through the president's role. As our former president, Lynn brought a much needed organizational structure to our club.

Although our club has made some great progress, I wasn't able to accomplish everything that I had planned due some health issues that I have experienced this year. I trust that our new president will lead us forward with club activities, outreach, and educational initiatives. I encourage you to give him and our board of directors your full support. I am excited about what our club can accomplish in the upcoming new year.

Thank you for having confidence in me and allowing me to serve. Let's continue to make amateur radio great again!

73

Tim

KD9PSR



Madison County Amateur Radio Club

200 North Delaware Street, Anderson IN Madison County EMA EOC
Monthly Meeting – November 3, 2025

AGENDA/MINUTES

- Attendance - 26 - Including 5 guests

Jeff Stewart	AK9JS		Frank Dick	WA9JWL
Greg Hunt	K9ALC		Aiden Paul	KE9APA
Scott Mercer	KE9BCZ		Don Billey	W9BLY
Andrew Paul	KE9CBI		Jay Hollingsworth	KE9DJN
Mike Cook	KC9DJU		Dennis Owen	W9DO
Doug Rose	N9DR		Jeff Dyer	N9DYR
Gary Sherman	W9GNR		Mark Mace	W9MWM
Dale Bloomer	N9OLC		Tim Bailey	KD9PSR
Tony Poitras	KD9PZR		Harry Burkart	WA9RCY
Charlie Dixon	KD9RZG		Paula Dixon	KD9SZJ
Ferrin Nice	N9VZL			

Guests: Kenny Olvey (WA9QEK), Gary Wegner (KD9NAW), Alan Weber (NA9LA), Josh Stafford (KE9DZO), Jean Sherman (EMA 697)

Meeting called to order at 7pm – Tim Bailey, KD9PSR

- Pledge of allegiance
- Secretary's Report

Minutes as presented in newsletter - Motion to approve: Mike Cook (KC9DJU),
Second by Mark Mace (W9MWM) – Approved.

The secretary advised that a Letter of thanks had been sent to Mike Pelsor (tower climber) for repairs to the tri-band antenna/rotor.

➤ Treasurer's Report...

General Fund Previous Bal	\$ 3505.62
Expenses	\$ 0
Deposit	\$ 115.00
Ending Balance	<u>\$ 3620.62</u>
Special Fund– Beg Balance	<u>\$ 1394.61</u>
Ending Bank Balance	<u>\$ 5015.23</u>

**Motion to accept by Scott Mercer (KE9BCZ) Second by Mike Cook (KC9DJU)
Approved**

➤ **Changes to Bylaws** – Tim reread the amendments for the bylaws and constitution

Question on new members... if someone is a new member and joins in July, come in in July, do they pay \$20 or \$25

The question is addressed in Article III, Section 3:

Section 3: New Member Partial Year Assessment. New members joining after March 31, will be assessed two (2) dollars per month for the remainder of the year with full membership starting immediately. First year dues shall be waived for new Technician Class licensees that join the club within 1 year of obtaining their license.

Motion to approve... Charlie Dixon (KD9RZJ) Second Mark Mace (W9MWM) Approved - Unanimously

➤ **Nominations - The following names have been placed in Nomination for the December Election**

President – Mike Cook (KC9DJU), Charlie Dixon (KD9RZJ)

Vice President – Jay Hollingsworth (KE9DJN)

Secretary – Aiden Paul (KE9APA)

Treasurer – Paula Dixon (KD9SZJ)

Publications – Gary Sherman (W9GMR)

Activities Director – Aiden Paul (KE9APA)

Trustee – Doug Rose (N9DR)

Tech Committee – Greg Hunt (K9ALC), Jeff Stewart (AK9JS), Charlie Dixon (KD9RZG)

Motion to close nominations – Mark Mace (W9MWM), Jeff Stewart (AK9JS) - Passed

➤ Run the Mounds

- Net Control, scribe and 9 communicators - 11 total Participants

Good exercise, no comms issues. Thank you to all who participated.

- MCU1 – Repaired – completed repairs around 10:30pm Sunday

A faulty charging mechanism caused batteries to overcharge resulting in failure.

This was unknown until trying to start the vehicle on Sunday morning. Batteries were replaced and MCU1 is in service.

- Donut Meeting – Next two Thursdays – at Aletheia on 53rd Street
The EOC is unavailable due to scheduled meetings and classes
- Christmas Party December 6 at 9am... bring your spouse or significant other... door prizes, fun, etc.
- November – not busy... ARRL Phone Sweepstakes
Ft Wayne HamFest – Nov 15-16
- Trustee Report – No problems to report...
Still working on the IRLP repeater... changing out equipment, changed out hotspot, changed to raspberry pi to operate the system... still making adjustments.
- POTA – nice day – lots of passers-by came by, did some outreach while they were there...
Greg Hunt (K9ALC) had great success using his ½ watt with an end-fed antenna
- Tech Committee Report
Try to launch Extra class on Feb 21 – Meet every 2 weeks, 4 or five classes 2 months(ish) to test
After breakfast on Saturdays... Around 8 people signed up.
IRLP repeater working again.. wiring and antenna are working well...
220 repeater is up and working as well. Asked that people hop over there and ragchew a bit
Spring Fox Hunt – will offer another antenna build... also attenuator build
- Auction went well – sold everything but 1 lot. Come people paid and donated... \$244.05
Leftover items were sold for scrap - \$27 Money given to Treasurer to deposit.
- Project lifesaver training... depends on how soon Dennis (N9DO) gets out of bandages...
(recovering from surgery to repair trigger finger)
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- **Motion to adjourn 19:35 ... Paula KD9SZJ – Second by Mark Mace – W9MWM**

Respectfully Submitted,

**Don Billey (W9BLY), Secretary
Madison County Amateur Radio Club**



-FOR SALE-

Items for sale :

220 MHz 60 W Mobile TYT TH-9000D Plus/Pro - \$80

GMRS 40W Mobile Radioddity DB-40G - \$100

VHF/UHF Digital Wattmeter SureCom SW-102 - \$5

Steve WA9CWE

765-425-4627

**HAVE AN HAM RELATED ITEM FOR SALE? ADVERTISE HERE!! E-MAIL
w9vcf.mcarc@gmail.com with your Item, asking price and preferred contact info!!**

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 Anderson Grill 09:00 AM at 2038 S Scatterfield Rd, Anderson
December 1st	MC ARC Meeting at the EOC, 7pm
December 16th	VE Testing at the EOC 7pm

SPECIAL EVENTS

December 1 st - 7 th	Pearl Harbor Commemoration 0000z-2359z 3.180 7.244 14.262 21.365
December 19 th	Christmas in Bethlehem 1500z – 2359z 7.183 14.283 21.283 28.383

Have something to contribute to the newsletter?

- Participated in any recent contest?
- Have an interesting QSO?
- Try an experimental antenna?
- Get a new piece of equipment you'd like to offer a review about?

We'd love to hear about it. You are more than welcome to write a piece about something above or something else you feel worthy of sharing. If you would like to write a piece for the newsletter, please submit your article, along with any pictures that you'd like included to the club email, w9vcf.mcarc@gmail.com.

Also, if you have anything for sale that you would like to advertise in the club newsletter, please send it to the above email.

Thank you, Gary - W9GNR

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HAMFESTS



What??? No Hamfests?

Merry Christmas and Happy New Years.