

Anderson Repeater Club, Inc.

January, 2023

Our regular Club meeting is Tuesday, January 3, 2023. This is our Clubs 54th year, and thanks to all of you it's a strong organization. Come prepared to elect Officers for 2023. We'll have a Technical Session about the RF exposure analysis that we Amateurs are required to make to evaluate our stations. It's not as big an issue as one would think. Come to learn about it. Additionally, if you have any show-an-tell items be sure to bring them along.

Congratulations to our member Jeff Friend, KD9TXH, who passed his General license test at the November VE Test session.

We have received a membership application from Jay Parshall, K2ZED, and welcome him to the Club as a temporary member until we vote at this meeting to accept him as a full member. We look forward to Jay's active participation in the Club and hope that it can increase his enjoyment of the hobby.

I'm sorry to report that Bob Shoemaker, W9MTU, became a Silent Key on December 20. He was first licensed in 1946 and maintained his license to this day (he was 101+ years old) and has been an active member of the Club for the last 5 years after a break of a few years. Bob has been a member since 1971, 39 years total. Bob was the first County CD Director (for 12 years 1953-1965) and played a major role in the amateur radio community supporting CD/EMA. He has always been a giving spirit to the community and to our hobby. We will miss him. As Tom, W9EEL, offered: "Truly an accomplished and amazing life. I remember him from the early 1970s when the .82 repeater was first put into service. We chatted many times as he hurried from work, to meetings, to home with his family. He was one who gave much more than he took. Both the world and Anderson are better for his being here."

We are receiving dues contributions for 2023. You can bring your \$20 to the meeting or send it to the Club at: Anderson Repeater Club PO Box 615 Anderson, IN 46015 . In 2022 we had 41 members 10 of whom were first year members. It's wonderful that we have so many new hams who want to take an active role in our Club and find our meetings worthy of their time. Make sure that you offer your suggestions as to how to continually improve our club.

We will be electing officers for 2023 at this meeting. Nominations remain open at this meeting, so if you want to nominate someone (or yourself) feel free to do so until the nominations are closed and we hold the vote. Those nominated so far are:

President	Ferrin Nice, N9VZL
Vice-President	Gary Sherman, W9GNR
Secretary	<u>None yet</u>
Treasurer	Gerald Hollon, K9GDH
.82 Trustee	Tom Ecker, KA9SYP
.09 Trustee	Jeff Dyer, K9DYR
223. Trustee	Lynn Edens, K9RLE

Technical Comm. Dale Bales, KV9W
Gary Sherman, W9GNR
One needed

Our VE Team has again this year contributed to the growth of our hobby. We have held 9 test sessions this year and had 18 Candidates resulting in 11 new licenses and 6 license upgrades. We average 6 VE's present out of our team of 10 active VE's. We have had not only locals attend but we regularly have candidates from Marion and Hamilton Counties and several from southern Indiana. An evening testing opportunity seems to be desirable, and nearly all come fully prepared to score very highly on their test. Thanks to Jeff, K9DYR, for continuing to provide the location for our testing. We can document that the new local licensees are contributing to support for our EMA Communications Division.

We have 8 active VE's supporting our monthly testing sessions. If you would like to become a VE look on the ARRL web site for information on the test that you must complete to become certified. Being an Amateur Extra is desired as it allows you to sign off on all classes of administered tests, but a General Class licensee is welcome also.

The General Class Test pool of questions will be updated with some changes (adds/subtracts) effective July 1, 2023. If you have started studying you might consider planning to take the test before the new questions are presented.

See you at the meeting on Tuesday.

73,
Steve

Minutes of Meeting – November 1, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 1901 by the Secretary, Steve, WA9CWE. President Ferrin, N9VZL, was ill and Vice-President Gary, W9GNR, was absent due to a family emergency.

Meeting Minutes: Those present were asked if they had received the Minutes of the last meeting in the Newsletter and all indicated that they had. Upon motion by K9TZJ and second by KE9XF, all members present voted to accept the Minutes as printed.

New Member Applications: The Secretary presented new member applications; Harry Burkart, WA9RCY and Rick Powers, KD9vHG, had submitted applications after the last meeting and were considered temporary members. Gladys Sowers, KA9MKL, submitted an application today. Upon a motion by the Secretary that all be accepted as fully members and a second by W9EEL, all members present voted in favor of accepting them and they were welcomed to the Club.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Gerald, K9GDH, reported that the 9/1 balance was \$3,376.14 with deposits of dues of \$14.00 and expenses of \$22.00 for the 2022 Corporate report to the State of Indiana. The balance on October 31 is \$3,382.14. Upon a motion by W9EEL and second by KC9DJU that the Treasurer's Report by accepted all members present voted in favor.

Correspondence: The Treasurer reported that none had been received by mail and the Secretary reported that one email had been received concerning the administrator for the Club Insurance had been changed as a result of a merger. There is no change in the policy.

146.820 Repeater Report: Trustee Tom, KA9SYP, was not present but those present indicated that it was working as expected.

147.090 Repeater Report: Two members reported that the IRLP function was not working. Trustee Jeff, K9DYR, had received an email from the administrator reporting a problem, not related to the RF Package, but probably the computer or the link to the internet. Jeff will follow up as soon as possible.

443.350 EMA Repeater Report: Trustee Steve, WA9CWE, indicated it was working with little use.

223.860 Repeater Report: No change in the existing problem with this system.

Weather Station Report: Jeff reported that the sensor suite had been moved from the south side of the EOC parking lot to the back of the EOC property (north side). This was due to the new Health Department pole barn being constructed south of the EOC. The station is working OK per the Warning Division members.

Web Site Report: Tom, W9EEL, reported that he has put up the calendar for 2023, but has little content at this point.

Warning Division Weather Report: Tom, W9EEL, and Gerald, K9GDH, reported that our really nice weather has resulted in above normal temperatures, but we can expect rain probably on Saturday. Should be over by Sunday for the Run-the-Mounds.

EMA Report: Director Jeff, K9DYR, commented that it has been a busy month. He and Deputy Director Lynn, K9RLE, attended the EMAI (Emergency Management Association of Indiana) conference and it was very interesting and well attended. They discussed the tour of the Indianapolis Airport EOC and other things that they saw in the course of the tour of the airport facility. Lynn also mentioned that in the course of presentations and discussions there was a lot of comments about Amateur Radio Communications and the value of Amateurs. Our County is known for our strong organizational use of Amateurs.

ARES Report: EC Gary, W9GNR, was not present, but Mike, KC9DJU, reported that the Indiana State ARES Net is on Sunday evenings @ 5:00PM on 3.900 MHz. Everyone is welcome to check in. It had been held on 40 meters but has been shifted to 75 meters.

Nominations for Officers for 2023: Steve opened the floor for nominations for Officers for 2023. Nominations will remain open until the January meeting and then will be closed for the election. There is an opening for a new Secretary and also one additional Technical Committee member. Charlie, K9TZJ and Steve, WA9CWE, offered up the current list of Officers minus the Secretary: President-N9VZL, Vice-President-W9GNR, Treasurer-K9GDH, Trustees-KA9SYP, K9DYR, K9RLE. Technical Committee: W9GNR, KV9W. Any member interested in an open position is encouraged to self-nominate.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Charlie, K9TZJ, has donated a collection of ARRL Handbooks to the Club to be placed in the ECC. Charlie was thanked for this donation, and everyone recognized the value of Handbooks for information related to electronics and the hobby.

Show-And-Tell: Greg, K9ALC, showed a battery power supply that he had gotten to power his QRP activity at a park activation. Found on Amazon for \$47 it was about 4800 MAH, and had ports for 120VAC (65W), USB (2A), 12V. It charges with 12V. He used a USDX all mode radio (4 Watt) for 2 hours and made several SSB contacts. Steve, WA9CWE, showed "wall paper" certificates that he had received this week for the 13 Colonies event and the Museum Ships Weekend event.

Technical Session: Steve, WA9CWE, presented information on Anderson Power Pole connectors including history, construction, and use. Examples were passed around including the preferred crimping tool needed for these connectors. Others can be used, but as other members mentioned any deformation in the crimp area prevents the contacts from going in the plastic body. These connectors are considered the amateur radio "standard" connectors with discussion as to why this is desirable.

The meeting was closed at 2027 upon motion of K9TZJ and WB9KUL. There were 21 members and guests signed in on the attendance sheet.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Riley, WA9CWE, Secretary, ARC