

Anderson Repeater Club, Inc.

January, 2025

Our regular meeting to start 2025, our **56th year as a Club** will be on Tuesday, January 7, 7:00 PM at the EOC Training Room. Please plan to attend. This will be an important meeting as we elect officers for the new year (see below). We'll also have a Technical Session as a continuation of the November Technical Session on our repeaters and their history. The topic is: "Duplexers, Diplexers, Combiners, Filters, Phasing". There will also be at least one show-and-tell on a low cost Wattmeter. If you have a show-and-tell bring it along to show us.

If possible, bring along a friend. We appreciate all hams who want to participate with us and hopefully they will find our meeting value added to their enjoyment of the hobby and will want to join us as a member in the future.

For 2024 our membership roll includes 3 new members bringing our year membership to 40. Thank you all for your continued support of our Club. Club trivia: Year 1 (1970) to Year 55 (2024) we have had a total of 316 different hams in the Club. Many now are SK's or have moved away, but our Club has appealed to a lot of folks. We've had a minimum of 17 (1970) members and a maximum of 77 (1994). Since year 2000 our average membership is 37.

At the January meeting all in attendance who have paid their dues for 2025 prior or at the meeting will be entered into a drawing for a **door prize....an Alinco DJ-V57 dual band Handheld**. There will also be other handouts for all. If you have not yet submitted your \$20 for 2025 bring it to the meeting or send it to our PO Box: Anderson Repeater Club, PO Box 615, Anderson, IN 46015. Dues are our primary income source and not only fund our yearly expenses, but also add to our treasury balance in the event that we must replace a repeater at a cost of \$2000 or more.

The election of Officers for 2025 will be held for all positions. Some of the current slate of Officers are willing to continue, but we have openings. As noted in the Minutes of the November meeting those nominated for 2025 are:

President	Ferrin Nice, N9VZL (current President)
Vice-President	Gary Sherman, W9GNR (current Vice-President)
Secretary	Open Position – Steve Riley, WA9CWE, will take it again
Treasurer	Open Position - Jeff Stewart, AK9JS, has volunteered to take it
146.82 Trustee	Tom Ecker, KA9SYP (current Trustee)
147.09 Trustee	Jeff Dyer, K9DYR (current Trustee)
223.86 Trustee	Lynn Edens, N9RLE (current Trustee)

Technical Committee: Dale Bales, KV9W, Gary Sherman, W9GNR, Jeff Stewart, AK9JS (all current committee members)

Nominations were opened at the November meeting, and at this meeting we'll take any other nominations, close and vote on the new slate.

Our VE Team has been successful in providing an opportunity to become an amateur or to upgrade. In 2024 we conducted 12 test sessions serving 42 candidates resulting in 26 new licenses and 11 upgrades. We averaged 6 VE's at the test session. Thanks to the VE Team (credited test sessions): K9LBB(51), KV9W(17), WA9JWL(181), K9DYR(36), W9EEL(83), K9ALC(7), K9TZJ(206), N9IKE(29), N9VZL(49), WA9CWE(127), NA9LA(65), AK9JS(13), KB9Y(6) . Dennis Owen, W9DO(1), has joined our VE Team this year. We plan for 2025 (our 15th year of conducting regular test sessions) to again offer testing on the third Tuesday of each month. If you would like to upgrade, or if you know of someone who wants to become licensed you can "walk-in". Our testing opportunities are posted in the ARRL Web Site listing. If you are counseling a friend on taking advantage of our test session remind them that an FRN number is required to be obtained prior to testing, a \$15 fee at test time is required, and a Photo ID. Upon successful completion and submission of test results the FCC will email a required \$35 fee request that must be responded to within 10 days. Upon receipt, the new license will be issued. We have been submitting the test session documents electronically, and that usually results in the information being entered in the FCC database the next day. That's a lot quicker than the 1 to 2 weeks that was happening when we "snail mailed" in.

I know that there are many of you who have experiences related to amateur radio that you can share with the members at a meeting. Please think about offering a technical session or at least tell us what you think would be of interest. It doesn't have to be a polished presentation, just offer what excites you in the hobby. Also show-and-tell presentations are always appreciated. Just bring along your latest treasure and tell us about it (hobby related of course). We want our Club meetings to continue to focus upon our hobby and specifically REPEATERS/VHF/UHF/FM and anything related to that.

Congratulations to our member Lynn Edens, K9RLE, who has been appointed Emergency Management Director replacing the retiring Jeff Dyer, K9DYR (also our member). Our relationship with EMA will continue to be strong as our members and repeaters support the communications needs of the County.

I hope that you are looking forward to our club activities as much as I am for this coming year. Our club is only as strong as it's members. Join us for another year of friendship and fellowship the 6 times per year that we meet.

73,
Steve, WA9CWE

**Anderson Repeater Club November Meeting
Minutes from Tuesday November 5th, 2024**

Call to Order – Ferrin N9VZL 19:02

Attendance: 15 Registration:

Call Sign	Name	License
W9GNR	Gary Sherman	General
K9GDH	Gerald Hollon	General
W9DO	Dennis Owen	General
W9BLY	Don Billey	General
EMA 697	Jean Sherman	#N/A
N9VZL	Ferrin Nice	Extra
WA9CWE	Steve Riley	Extra
AK9JS	Jeff Stewart	Extra

Call Sign	Name	License
KC9DJU	Mike Cook	General
KD9PZR	Anthony Poitras	General
W9EEL	Thomas Harbron	Extra
KD9TXI	Kevin Wycoff	Technician
KD9PSR	Tim Bailey	General
WA9QEK	Kenny Olvey	General
WA9IVB	Dave Hood	Extra

New member Application - None

Minutes Motion to approve by Steve Riley.... Second by Mike Cook

Sickness - None Reported

Silent Keys – None Reported

Treasurer’s Report - Gerald Hollon (K9GDH)

Beginning Balance	\$ 4189.34
Deposits	\$ 40.00
Expense	\$ 22.00 (IN Business Entity Report)
Ending Balance	\$ 4207.34

Motion to accept by: Tony Poitras (KD9PZR) Second by Tom Harbron (W9EEL)- Approved

Correspondence - None

Repeater Updates

W9OBH – 146.82 Trustee Tom Ecker - KA9SYP - No Report

KB9VE – 147.090 Trustee Jeff Dyer - K9DYR - No Report

W9CWE – 443.350 Trustee Steve Riley - W9CWE - Working great

KC9JWO – 223.860 Trustee Lynn Edens - K9RLE - No Report

W9VCF – 145.390 Trustee Doug Rose - N9DR - No Report

Weather Report – Tom Harbron - Light rain tonight, skies clearing tomorrow, highs around 60 for the rest of the week... Saturday, increasing clouds with possible rain over the weekend.

EMA REPORT - Jeff Dyer - K9DYR - No report

Volunteer hours Gary Sherman - (W9GNR)

Outreach	Comms	Nets	Training	October	YTD
				154	2663

VE Testing - Sept/October - two tested... one was an upgrade to General... No one tested in September

ANNOUNCEMENTS/ACTIVITIES Gary Sherman - W9GNR

Wednesdays - MADCO at 8pm, followed by Ragchew

Thursdays – Donut Meeting - 9am

Saturdays – Anderson Grill - 9am

Nov 14 - MADCO UHF Net

Nov 19 - VE Testing

NOV 28 - MADCO UHF Net

Nov 16-17 - Ft Wayne Hamfest

Nov 30 - Turkeyfest in Brazil - Clay County 4H Fairground

W9VCF - 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 8pm

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Nomination of officers...

VP, Secretary, and Treasurer would all like to step down.

Tech Committee... should be OK

Show and Tell - None

Presentation - Steve Riley (WA9CWE) - History of the Repeater Club and Repeaters

Motion to adjourn – Tom Harbron (W9EEL) Second - Jeff Stewart (AK9JS)

ADJOURNED @ 20:10

Respectfully submitted,

Don Billey - W9BLY