

Indiana County Amateur Radio Newsletter for the Month

April 2013 News Letter

Indiana County Amateur Radio Club Meeting Minutes for March 5, 2013

President - Robert Zugates **KB3JOF**

Vice President - Larry Freeman **N3LT**

Secretary/Treasurer- Terry Carnahan **KB3JOD**

Board Members for 2012:

1. Terry Carnahan **KB3JOD**
2. Larry Freeman **N3LT**
3. Jerry Kiehl **WB3DUD**
4. Carl Hvozda **N3PIE**
5. Elmer Sorisio **KB3WG**
6. James St.Clair **N3TQR**
7. Robert Zugates **KB3JOF**

Larry **N3LT** called the meeting to order at 19:33 hours local time.

Approval of meeting minutes for February 5, 2013 as posted on the web site:

Alton **N3PHL** Moved to accept the minutes as posted.

Phil **K3PJ** Seconded the motion.

Motion was voted on and passed.

Financial Report:

Terry **KB3JOD**

Opening balance For February 2012 was announced

Electric Bill (for February) -\$39.41

50/50 drawing (for February) +\$11.00

Closing balance for February was announced

Alton **N3PHL** made a motion to accept the financial report Fred **KM3M** seconded the motion

The motion to accept the financial report was passed.

Monday Night Net update: (146.91MHz @ 20:00)

If you are interested in being a Net Control Station, please contact the Net Coordinator Roger **N3ULC**.

Information:

Rusty **WB3EUQ** - contact information Larry **N3LT** reported that Rusty was at the Saturday Breakfast November 24th. He looked good but is having trouble getting around. Rusty is at the Hollidaysburg Veterans Home, a Pennsylvania state facility just south of Altoona. Please note that he is not in the Altoona VA Hospital. He is in Eisenhower Hall and it's nursing care. The phone number for the unit he is in is (814) 696-5248. The phone, its cordless, is right across from his room at the nurse's station. You may call at any time. He does have a cell phone. For his cell phone number, contact Larry **N3LT**.

Rusty's mailing address is :

David O'Donnell (David
is his actual name)
P.O. Box 319
Hollidaysburg, PA 16648

When you go: when you come to Eisenhower Hall (the large building with the WWII tank in front of it, as you first come onto the grounds) You will need to sign in at the Security desk - they will direct you to his unit, North 2. The security guards have room charts and know the residents.

VE Testing:

The next VE testing is Saturday April 6, 2013 at the Indiana County **EOC** (85 Haven Drive). If you are interested in testing, please contact Bill McMillen **N3QM**. It is listed on the **ARRL** web site.

Fund Raisers: Carl **N3PIE**

It was discussed that the first Hoss's fund raiser should be on April 20th with a back up date of April 13th.

Carl **N3PIE** arranged the first Hoss's fund raiser for this year on Saturday April 13th. We will gather around 6pm at Hoss's. But you can eat at Hoss's anytime that day, as long as you present the ticket, and it will still count towards our fund raiser.

Monday Nite NBEMS Practice:

A group has been getting together on Monday nights around 9:00pm on the 146.91 repeater for some **NBEMS** practice using fldigi with MT63 â€“ 2000 operation mode. It's a great way to get acquainted with digital communications. Everyone is welcome to join in.

BUSINESS:

Repeater Antenna Update:

Larry **N3LT** and Elmer **KB3WG** have been hard at work lengthening the antenna. The antenna is almost finished. Just waiting on nicer weather to finish putting it together. Nothing has been done with the 440 antenna as of yet.

We need a new V.P.

Our current V. President Larry **N3LT**, needs to step down because of health issues. Larry will try to continue as V.P. temporarily until someone steps up and takes over for him.

Airport Awareness Day:

A discussion was held on the upcoming Airport Awareness Day taking place on June 15th and 16th (Sat and Sun).

Dave **N3DZ** offered his hi-efficiency loop antenna to use.

Fred **KM3M** suggested that we have 2 HF rigs set up, only 1 operating at a time. 1 HF rig setup for voice and the other setup for some kind of digital communication. And maybe a 2 meter rig.

It is possible that the ham club at **UPJ** will be putting on a software defined radio program on

this same weekend.

Fred **KM3M** made a motion to setup both days for the Airport Awareness day.

Craig **KB3LBU** seconded the motion.

The motion was voted on and passed.

Fred **KM3M** suggested that we have some **ARRL** publications displayed.

Boy Scouts -- Up coming activities: Phil **K3PJ**
Listed below are the Chestnut Ridge District
(Indiana County) Boy Scout activities for 2013
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Jan 19 - Klondike Derby, @

Camp Seph Mack

Feb 2 - Mall Show @ Indiana
Mall

May 17, 18, 19 - Spring
Camporee @ Mack Park -
Jimmy Stewart Theme

June 23 to July 27 - Summer
Camp @ Camp Seph Mack - 5, 1
Week Sessions

Sept 20, 21, 22 - Mountainfest
@ Camp Heritage, Farmington,
Pa.

Oct 19, 20 - Jamboree on the Air
- Worldwide

Also, individual Scout Troops hold weekly
meetings throughout the year.

Monthly District Scout Leader Meeting
(Roundtable) - Ben Franklin School

Boy Scouts ages 11 to 18

Cub Scouts Grade 1 to 5

Venture Scouts (girls and boys) ages 14
to 21

Youth Protection and BSA Guidelines are to be
enforced at all times while working within the
Scouting Program.

Repeater Site:

Phil **K3PJ** offered the club \$100.00 for the
heavy duty tower that has been lying in the
middle of the field since the beginning of time.

Alton **N3PHL** made a motion to sell it to Phil.

Marcia **KD4ITP** seconded the motion.

The motion was voted on and passed.

We still have authorization for 1 more load of gravel for the entrance. We will wait for the weather to change.

Field Day 2013 June 22-23:

Friday nite “ setup

Saturday “ operate, pot luck picnic?

Sunday “ tear down

Fred KM3M moved to have field day at the repeater site.

Dave N3DZ seconded the motion.

The motion was voted on and passed.

Need to arrange for the mowing and the porta john.

Craig will ask the EOC for the generator and maybe the antenna trailer.

People interested so far:

Dave N3DZ,

Craig KB3LBU,

Clark KB3YEU,

Larry N3LT,

Terry KB3JOD,

Fred KM3M

MS Walk April 28:

Where: Indiana Senior High School, the route will be the same as last year.

When: Registration begins a 1pm, walk begins at 2pm

How long: roughly 2 to 3 hours

Marcia KD4ITP moved that the club help out with radio support

Carl N3PIE seconded the motion

The motion was voted on and passed

People interested so far:

Fred KM3M,

Dave N3DZ,

Phil K3PJ,

Larry, N3LT,

Terry KB3JOD,

Programs / Presentations During 2013:

Robert KB3JOF would like to have a 2 month notice of the upcoming programs so that he can post the program and its description on the web site.

January's presentation -- none

February's presentation -- Robert **KB3JOF** -- Ham

Radio Apps

March's presentation -- Phil **K3PJ** -- Knots you ought not to forget

April's presentation -- open

May's presentation -- open

June's presentation -- open

July's presentation -- open

August's presentation -- open

September's presentation - open

October's presentation -- open

November's presentation -- open

December's presentation -- open

If anyone would like to give a presentation during a club meeting, please contact any of the club officers.

50/50:

Carl **N3PIE** won the 50/50 drawing. A total of \$19.00 was collected.

Carl donate his winnings back into the club

THANKS CARL!

The meeting was adjourned at 20:40 hours local time.

Presentation:

Phil **K3PJ** gave his presentation on knots.

Meeting Attendance:

(x) Craig Bigler â€“ **KB3LBU**

(x) Terry Carnahan â€“ **KB3JOD**

(secretary/Treasure)

(x) David Dzelsky â€“ **N3DZ**

(x) Doug Fitzsimmons **K3LAB** (new member)

(x) Larry Freeman â€“ **N3LT** (Vice President)

(x) Clark Hilterman â€“ **KB3YEU**

(x) Carl Hvozda â€“ **N3PIE** (Board member))

(x) Phil Kopczyk â€“ **K3PJ**

(x) Fred Maize â€“ **KM3M**

(x) Marcia Malcolm â€“ **KD4ITP**

(x) Alton Strong â€“ **N3PHL**

March's Birthdays:

Roger Bartlebaugh **N3ULC** 03/02
David Brozick **N3WIE** 03/09
Christine Bartlebaugh **KB3QJZ** 03/11
Clark Hilterman **KB3YEU** 03/11
Jerry Kiehl **KB3DUD** 03/17

(if your birthday is not listed here and you would not mind it being posted, please send your birthday (month / day the year is not necessary, I will not post the year) to **carnahanterry@gmail.com.**)

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