

# Indiana County Amateur Radio Newsletter for the Month

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## June 2013 News Letter

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### Indiana County Amateur Radio Club Meeting Minutes for the meeting for May 7, 2013

President -- Robert Zugates **KB3JOF**  
Vice President -- Larry Freeman **N3LT**  
Secretary/Treasurer- Terry Carnahan **KB3JOD**

#### **Board Members for 2013:**

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 April 2, 2013 as posted on the web site:

Fred **KM3M** 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 April 2012 was  
announced

Electric Bill (for March) -\$38.00

Electric Bill (for April) -\$37.00

Insurance (Marsh) -\$320.00

50/50 drawing (for April) +\$15.00  
Closing balance for April was announced  
Craig **KB3LBU** made a motion to accept the financial report  
Alton **N3PHL** 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**.

**Monday Nite NBEMS Practice:** (146.91MHz -- 20:30)

Monday nights around 8:30pm on the 146.91 repeater for some **NBEMS** practice using fldigi with MT63 -- 2000 operation mode. It's a great way to get acquainted with digital communications. Everyone is welcome to join in.

**Information:**

Rusty **WB3EUQ** - contact information Larry **N3LT** reported that Rusty was at the Saturday Breakfast November 24<sup>th</sup>. 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:** (Saturday April 13th)  
Carl **N3PIE**

The fund raiser at Hoss's was successful.  
Unofficially, we should receive around \$91  
from it. Since we have not received a check  
from Hoss's, this is considered an approximate  
amount.

## **Business:**

**Repeater Antenna Update:**

The Station Master antenna re-tuning has been  
completed and has been temporarily installed  
about 11 feet up the tower to do some final  
tuning on it for the 146.91 repeater.  
The Station Master antenna for the 440 repeater  
is also ready to be tested.  
A coaxial collinear antenna will be made for  
comparison with the 2 meter antenna.

**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 (June 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>):**

Alton **N3PHL** moved that we as a club attend  
the Airport Awareness Days.

Craig **KB3LBU** seconded the motion. The  
motion was voted on and passed.

Setup will begin on Friday nite June 14<sup>th</sup>  
probably around 6pm, time will be confirmed  
later.

Our stand we operate from 8am to 4pm, both  
days. There will be two 4 hour shifts each day.  
Preferably, there should be a minimum of 3  
people present during each shift. Logging will

be done by paper. We will use the club's call sign (W3BMD).

Fred **KM3M** said that he would design a simple QSL card if needed. Dave N3DZ will loan his 10' by 10' canopy to use as a shelter. Tear down will be on Sunday after 4pm.

There is still time to volunteer!!!

The schedule as of May 7, 2013

Set-up 6/14

6/15; 8am -12

6/15; 12 -- 4pm

6/16; 8am -- 12

6;16; 12 -- 4pm

Tear down 6/16

Elmer **KB3WG**

X

X

Doug **K3LAB**

X

Alton **N3PHL**

X

X

Dave **N3DZ**

X

X

X

X

Terry **KB3JOD**

X

X

X

Fred **KM3M**

X

X

X

X

Craig **KB3LBU**

X (?)

X (?)

X (?)

X (?)

Phil **K3PJ**

X (?)

X (?)

X (?)

Carl **N3PIE** (as needed)

(?)  
(?)  
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### **Repeater Site: Field Day**

Currently the upper field is off limits due to a new home construction. After the construction is finished we will have use of the upper field. Construction is expected to last all Summer and probably all Fall. This will affect our Field Day Operations. The Mack's (the owners of the property) said that we could use the field (their back yard) across the road if we need to. Fred **KM3M** suggested that we use the area across the road as a parking area and to use the area around the repeater shack for antennas. With careful planning we should be able to get at least 3 antennas up around the shack. Craig will ask the **EOC** for the generator. Larry **N3LT** will arrange for the mowing and the porta-john.

### **Field Day 2013**

June 22-23:

Thursday nite -- setup and hot dog nite  
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**

There is a rule change that Class A-B can set up on Thursday 8pm, but the hours of operation are not changed.

Saturday June 8<sup>th</sup> will be a work day at the repeater site directly following the Sat morning Breakfast.

**Red Cross Shelter Drill:** (April 27)

The active Red Cross shelter for Indiana County for this drill was the Nazarene Church in Homer City. The drill started around 9am and lasted until 11:30am. Roger **N3ULC** and Terry **KB3JOD** were the amateur radio operators participating in this drill. Roger had his home base station set up to crossband repeat, and we were able to communicate with the 440 repeater at Pitt University (which was being used for communications at the Red Cross in Pittsburgh).

Although we were not given any messages to pass to the Pittsburgh Red Cross, we did receive several digital messages, in Flmsg format, to show that we were in contact with the Pittsburgh Red Cross. We also explained to the Red Cross people that we have the capability to digitally send files, such as a text document or an excel type file.

**MS Walk April 28<sup>th</sup>:**

We gathered at the Indiana Senior High School at around 1 pm. There was a total of 11.

Ham operators present :

(Roger **N3ULC**,  
Robert **KB3JOF**,  
Larry **N3LT**,  
Elmer **KB3WG**,  
Christine **KB3QJZ**,  
Bill **N3ZYK**,  
Alton **N3PHL**,  
Phil **K3PJ**,  
Dave **N3DZ**,  
Fred **KM3M**, and Terry  
**KB3JOD**).

There was some confusion on the MS Walk

coordinators part, and no signs were posted along the route for the walkers to follow. The Ham Radio Operators came to the rescue and directed the walkers on which way to go at all the major turns. There were over 300 walkers registered but because of the rain only about 150 to 170 people walked the actual route. A big **THANKS** to all the operators that helped out.

**Facebook page:**

**ICARC** has a facebook page now. Search for Indiana County Amateur Radio Club on facebook and click on the Like button and or leave a comment.

**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 forget  
April's presentation -- Terry **KB3JOD** and Phil **K3PJ** -- digital interfaces  
May's presentation -- none  
June's presentation -- open  
July's presentation -- G. Lehman, from the Indiana Red Cross  
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:**

Doug **K3LAB** won the 50/50 drawing.  
A total of \$16.00 was collected.  
Doug donated his winnings back into the club.  
Thanks Doug!

Alton **N3PHL** moved to adjourn the meeting.  
Fred **KM3M** seconded the motion. The motion was voted on  
and passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 20:45 hours local time.

Meeting Attendance:

(X) Craig Bigler -- **KB3LBU**  
(X) Terry Carnahan -- **KB3JOD**  
(secretary/Treasure)  
(X) David Dzelsky -- **N3DZ**  
(X) Larry Freeman -- **N3LT** (Vice President)  
(X) Carl Hvozda -- **N3PIE** (Board member)  
(X) Phil Kopczyk -- **K3PJ**  
(X) Fred Maize -- **KM3M**  
(X) Elmer Sorisio -- **KB3WG** (Board member  
and Repeater Trustee)  
(X) Alton Strong -- **N3PHL**  
(X) Doug Zimmerman -- **K3LAB**

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May Birthdays:

Charles Devett **K3CJD** 5/01  
Phil Kopczyk **K3PJ** 5/01  
Missy Carnahan **KB3MDS** 5/15  
Larry Freeman **N3LT** 5/22  
Mike Reynolds **K3UX** 5/22  
Walt Dzelsky **W3NFY** 5/25  
Jim St Clair **N3TQR** 5/30

(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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