

# Indiana County Amateur Radio Newsletter for the Month

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## March 2013 News Letter

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### Indiana County Amateur Radio Club Meeting Minutes for February 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**

Robert **KB3JOF** called the meeting to order at 19:34 hours local time.

**Approval of meeting minutes** for December 4, 2012 and January 1, 2013 as posted on the web site:

Phil **K3PJ** Moved to accept the minutes as posted.

Bill **N3QM** Seconded the motion.

Motion was voted on and passed.

**Financial Report:**

Terry **KB3JOD**

Opening balance For December 2012 was announced

Electric Bill (for December) -\$35.00

Electric Bill (for January) -\$43

Postage stamps -\$9.00

50/50 drawing (for December) +\$9.00

50/50 drawing (for January) +\$6.00

Hoss's Fund Raiser +\$82.47

Membership dues +\$325.00

Closing balance for January is announced

Alton **N3PHL** made a motion to accept the financial report

Carl **N3PIE** 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 Terry **KB3JOD** by email at [carnahanterry@gmail.com](mailto:carnahanterry@gmail.com) or by phone at 724-388-3826.

**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<sup>th</sup>, 2013

It is listed on the [ARRL](http://www.arrl.org) web site.

**Fund Raisers:** Carl N3PIE

Carl N3PIE will see about setting up 3 fund raisers at Hoss's for this year, around the same time frame as last year's fund raisers.

**Thursday Nite Round-About:**

Has been discontinued.

**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 -- 2000 operation mode. Everyone is welcome to join in.

**OTHER NBEMS NETS:**

**HF:**

Pa NBEMS Sunday 9:30am  
local, 3583 USB, mode- Olivia  
8/500 1500hz center

Pa NBEMS daily 11am local,  
70725 USB, mode Olivia 8/500  
1500hz center

Pa NBEMS 2nd and 4th Sunday  
8pm local, 3.583 USB, mode  
Olivia 8/500, 1500hz center

NY NBEMS Saturday 10am  
local, 7036.00 USB, mode  
Olivia 8/500 1500hz center

Michigan Digital Traffic Net  
Tue, Thur, Sat 8pm local, 3583  
USB, mode Olivia 8/500 1500hz  
center

Coudersport Fldigi net Monday  
19:30, Saturday 18:00 local,  
28.100 USB, mode Olivia 8/500  
1500hz center

**VHF:**

Pa NBEMS 1st and 3rd Sunday

8pm local, 146.195 (PL 131.8)  
and 443.45 (PL 100), repeaters  
in New Castle and Pittsburgh  
and the W3YJ-R Echolink node,  
mode MT63 / 2000, 1500hz  
center.

Cambria Radio Club Wednesday  
7pm local, 146.940, 145.210 and  
other Johnstown area repeaters.  
(PL tone 123.0), mode MT63-  
2000

Skyview Digital net Wednesday  
9:30pm local, 145.530 Simplex,  
mode MT63-2000

## **BUSINESS:**

### **Repeater Antenna Update:**

Larry **N3LT** and Elmer **KB3WG** have been  
hard at work lengthening the antenna. It still  
needs about 1 inch more length. The fiberglass  
will need to be lengthened also. Phil **K3PJ**  
finished working on the top cap piece for the  
antenna.

**Great work guys!!!**

### **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 the 2<sup>nd</sup> Weekend of June.

Questions raised:

Do we want to have a special event station?

What about a special event QSL card?

Antennas?

Restrictions?

Off center fed dipole?

G5RV?

Diamond loop?

Will there be 120 VAC available or do we need a generator?

What about the antenna trailer?

Larry **N3LT** talked to Craig **KB3LBU** and he said that they will give us a site to setup. Dave **N3DZ** was talking to Fred **KM3M** and he said that there are no trees to use as antenna supports so we will need to use self supporting antenna system for whatever type of antenna we decide on.

We still need to decide whether or not to make it a special event station.

**Boy Scouts** -- Up coming activities: Phil **K3PJ**

Listed below are the Chestnut Ridge District (Indiana County)

Boy Scout activities for 2013 :

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.

### **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 presentation -- open  
September presentation - open  
October presentation -- open  
November presentation -- open  
December presentation -- open

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

**50/50:**

Bill **N3QM** won the 50/50 drawing. A total of \$11.00 was collected.

Bill donated his winnings back to the club.

**Thanks Bill.**

The meeting was adjourned at 20:34 hours local time.

Robert **KB3JOF** gave his presentation on Ham Radio Apps for the Android and the Apple mobile devices.

Meeting Attendance:

(x) Roger Bartlebaugh -- **N3ULC**  
(x) Jodi Bartlebaugh  
(x) Christine Bartlebaugh - **KB3QJZ**  
(x) Terry Carnahan -- **KB3JOD**  
(secretary/Treasure)  
(x) David Dzelsky -- **N3DZ**  
(x) Doug Fitzsimmons **K3LAB** (new member)  
(x) Larry Freeman -- **N3LT** (Vice President)  
(x) Carl Hvozda -- **N3PIE** (Board member)  
(x) Phil Kopczyk -- **K3PJ**  
(x) Bill McMillen -- **N3QM**  
(x) Elmer Sorisio -- **KB3WG** (Board member and Repeater Trustee)  
(x) Alton Strong -- **N3PHL**  
(x) Robert Zugates -- **KB3JOF** (President)

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**February Birthdays:**

Richard Bender **W3SYY** 2/19

Chris Stinar **KD0HUZ** 2/10

(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) to [carnahanterry@gmail.com](mailto:carnahanterry@gmail.com).)

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