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ICARC NEWSLETTER

Officers for 2016:

President - Doug Fitzsimmons K3LAB
Vice President - Ernest Clark KC3FVX
Treasurer - Terry Carnahan KB3JOD
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Additional Board Members for 2016:

1. Dave Dzelsky N3DZ
2. Craig Bigler AB3XA
3. Jerry Kiehl WB3DUD
4. Phil Kopczyk K3PJ
5. Elmer Sorisio KB3WG
6. Larry Freeman N3LT

LOCAL HAPPENINGS:

More photos from the crucible walk:





Lower photo shows a few walk participants arriving at the India site rest-stop, the next photo up shows some folks mulling around and resting and the upper photo shows folks leaving the India site heading to the next rest-stop.

We still don't yet have the OFFICIAL photos from the walk coordinators so the author will continue to publish what we were able to get from our local sources (Thanks Walter!). Only two or three at a time will be included because of the file sizes involved. Hopefully, we will eventually have more photos showing multiple sites and more hikers. Above photos courtesy of Mr. Walter Schroth, KC3FVU

OTHER LOCAL NEWS: October 15, 2016, Jamboree on the air went off without any significant hitches. The antenna was put up on Friday and all went well as did the operations on the air. Each scout was able to talk to other scouts in other states, which may be a first, in recent history, this, I am not sure about but I am sure that I will be corrected if wrong. As it should be! There were lots of folks there on site so it was a nice gathering with food. The Steiners should be thanked vigorously for allowing us to invade their space and eat their food. The Biglers should also be heartily thanked for their leadership and participation in all aspects of the event. Ian Bigler did an excellent job of leading much of the on-air communications. There are many folks who participated: Joe Rankin, Cass Fitzgerald, Doug Fitzsimmons, L. Freeman and all the scouts as well as their leader. I am sure I missed someone, so please forgive the memory lapse of the author, the old brain ain't what it used to be!

On October 16, many of the above players spent the better part of a day inventorying the ICARC antenna box, testing a dozen, or so, antennas using milliwatts and much higher power from Dave Steiner's rig, to see how they performed. We now have a fairly complete inventory of the antennas and their characteristics. The information shall be placed in the antenna box for all to use. Much thanks to Craig Bigler for getting the coax and antenna box out to Dave's place so we could do this. Also, many thanks to all those who spent most of their Sunday working on this. It was a very productive day and shows what can be done when we have a team effort on these type projects.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Possible Fox Hunt to be discussed at November 1 meeting.

Tuesday, November 1, 2016 ICARC meets in the back room of Indiana Eat n' Park restaurant. The board meeting starts at 7:00 pm and the general meeting begins at 7:30 pm. We look forward to seeing you all there.

OTHER INFORMATION

Read about the October meeting of ICARC in the meeting summary/minutes at the end of this document.

(If anyone would like to include information or write an article for the Newsletter please let Larry Freeman, know by email at: wd4hoz@gmail.com or wlf@auxmail.iup.edu) The only caveats are: The editor reserves the right to alter the format for publication purposes. The content may also be modified contingent upon accuracy and appropriateness of the contained material. The latter would, of course, be subject to the approval of the original author.

Summary of October 04 ICARC Meeting

Attendees:

Doug Fitzsimmons-K3LAB, President
Craig Bigler-AB3XA
Dave Steiner-KA3KFA W3CDH *
Terry Carnahan-KB3JOD, Treasurer
Ernest Clark-KC3FVX, Vice President
Fred Maize-KM3M

Walter Schroth-KC3FVU
Carl Hvozda-N3PIE
Joe Rankin-KC3CDG
Dave Dzelsky-N3DZ
Marcia Malcolm-KD4ITP
Al Fister-N3ZFZ

Ken Snyder-AA3IO
Jerry Kiehl-WB3DUD
Larry Freeman-N3LT
Alton Strong-N3PHL
Bill Wieserman-K3ZYK
Cass Fitzgerald-N3FLO
Bill McMillen N3QM

The board meeting started at 7:00 PM. No new topics of discussion.

The general meeting was opened by ICARC President, Doug Fitzsimmons-K3LAB at about 7:30 pm. The pledge of allegiance was recited and a verbal roll call (call sign and first name) taken.

Treasurer, Terry Carnahan-KB3JOD provided the financial report and it was voted upon and accepted by the membership.

Emergency Coordinator, Dave Steiner reported on the net and indicated that about 12 hams checked in. Also gave information about the SET exercise on Oct. 22, 2016. Dave Steiner is resigning as EC. A new EC is needed by January 1, 2017.

Repeater Committee: Chairman, Joe Rankin-KC3CDG reported that the repeater is operating on the dual band antenna at the top of the tower. Suggested that the battery needs to be maintained and other shack maintenance needs to be performed. The paper work for the tone has been submitted to the repeater council.

Doug Fitzsimmons reports that the quotes for a new county repeater have been submitted to the county for consideration.

Terry Carnahan reports that the equipment insurance for the repeater, including the battery is \$80 per year. Motion was made, seconded and voted upon to purchase the insurance and it carried.

There was much positive discussion about the crucible walk including a possible short article in QST.

Doug reminded us to designate ICARC for contacts in PA QSO party during the coming weekend. He pointed out that we use our individual call signs.

Craig Bigler-AB3XA reports that the previous Tuesday (9/27/2016) night scout presentation went well and that the scouts seemed interested. Ian Bigler-KC3DTE moderated and introduced the speakers. Kudos to Cass Fitzgerald-N3FLO for his presentation and communications demonstration. Thanks go to Fred Maize-KM3M for his availability from home to assist in the communications demonstration. It was a very positive for all who participated, particularly the scouts. A nice job was done by all who participated.

Craig also reports that Jamboree on the air is October 14, 15, and 16 but the ham radio activity is scheduled for Saturday, October 15, 2016 between 9 and 3 pm at Dave Steiner's property. Antennas need to be put up on Friday and it would be nice to get the antennas to Dave's place before then. Folks are needed to help with this activity.

New Business

Dave Steiner reports that the final fundraiser of the year will be at Hoss' restaurant in Indiana, PA on December 17, 2016. It will be located in the front room of the restaurant and will start around 6:00 PM.

After some discussion, Doug Fitzsimmons has designated October 22 as the repeater work day starting at about 1:00 pm

Terry Carnahan suggested that the club sponsor an amateur radio Fox Hunt. This will be taken up at the next meeting.

There was \$123.00 dollars donated to the club this evening.

This meeting was adjourned at 8:38 PM

*Correction to the original meeting summary for October.