

September 28, 2016



## ICARC NEWSLETTER

(slightly abbreviated)

### Officers for 2016:

President - Doug Fitzsimmons K3LAB  
Vice President - Ernest Clark KC3FVX  
Treasurer - Terry Carnahan KB3JOD  
Secretary - VACANT

### 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:

Well, the Crucible Walk is over and it went very well for ICARC. In fact Doug Fitzsimmons, President of ICARC received a service plaque from the organizers on behalf of ICARC. We were able to use the Derry and Connelville repeaters along with 440 cross-band repeating in most difficult areas as well as hf if one area to relay messages. We also use 146.55 simplex when appropriate. All in All it was a very good experience from which we learned very much about our capabilities. If we are invited next year we can do even more to help the organizers if given the opportunity. Just to give a brief synopsis of what was involved in the operation there were at least 11 ICARC members participating, 5 vehicles with 1 of these acting as a rover from site to site on each day. That left four vehicles each day to work at the service sites. Craig Bigler's and Dave Steiner's vehicles switched off as the roving vehicle for each day. Those were some long days for Dave, Craig, Joe, Doug, Ian, and Loreda! Look at the information below to see a summary of where folks were located on any given day. This is a subset of the material that Doug arranged for each of the participants with some modifications and additions by the editor. The coordinates are shown so that anyone who wants to see where we were can take a look at any of the near real-time map sites.

### Secondary Freq Notes

Mile #	Site	*Day#	Coordinates	arrive/depart	Freq. (Mhz)	Operators
70.5	Alpha	1	40.408664, -79.005865	0600 / 0830 AM	145.150, 146.910	(Day 1 Rover) Dave (W3CDH), Doug (K3LAB)
62	Bravo		40.341972, -79.014269	0730 / 1100	145.150 146.910	Ernie (KC3FVX), Denny (KB3HZM)
57	Charlie		40.280990, -79.053869	1000 / 1330	145.150 146.910	Cass (N3FLO), Terry (KB3JOD)
50.5	Delta		40.220984, -79.102235	1230 / 1600	145.150 146.910	Craig (AB3XA), Joe (KC3CDG)
46	Warhorse		40.180527, -79.118522	1500 / 1730	145.150 146.910	Larry (N3LT), Dave (N3DZ)
46	Warhorse	2	40.180527, -79.118522	0600 / 0815	145.150 145.170	(Day 2 Rover) Craig (AB3XA), Joe (KC3CDG), Ian (KC3DTE)
39	Echo		40.113821, -79.174429	0715 / 1100	145.170 145.150	Cass (N3FLO), Terry (KB3JOD)
31	Foxtrot		40.068087, -79.266107	1030 / 1400	145.170 145.150	Larry (N3LT), Dave (N3DZ)
26	Golf		40.013547, -79.311340	1300 / 1700	145.170 147.045	Ernie (KC3FVX), Denny (KB3HZM)
19	Scorpion		39.954407, -79.368728	1600 / 1900	145.170 147.045	Dave (W3CDH), Doug (K3LAB)
19	Scorpion	3	39.954407, -79.368728	0600 / 0830	145.170 3.900	(Day 3 Rover) Dave (W3CDH), Doug (K3LAB)
11	Hotel		39.892255, -79.37762	0730 / 1100	145.170 3.900	Craig (AB3XA), Joe (KC3CDG), Ian (KC3DTE)
6	India		39.863415, -79.423628	1000 / 1315	145.170 3.900	Larry (N3LT), Dave (N3DZ), Walter(KC3FVU) @
Checkpoint 1300 ft below road level with Cass (N3FLO), Terry (KB3JOD) @ relay point on road level. Using 446.550 cross-band repeating to 2m and 3.900 Mhz for relay from checkpoint to road level also using 146.550 simplex when possible.						

0	Zulu	39.871481, -79.491026	6 1215 / 1500	145.170, 3.900	Ernie (KC3FVX), Denny (KB3HZM)
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\*Note that sites Alpha and Zulu are at Seward and Ohiopyle, respectively. Day 1=Friday, Day 2=Saturday, Day 3=Sunday

Repeaters used for the event:

Connellsville - 145.170/144.570

Derry - 145.150/144.550

Indiana - 146.910/146.310

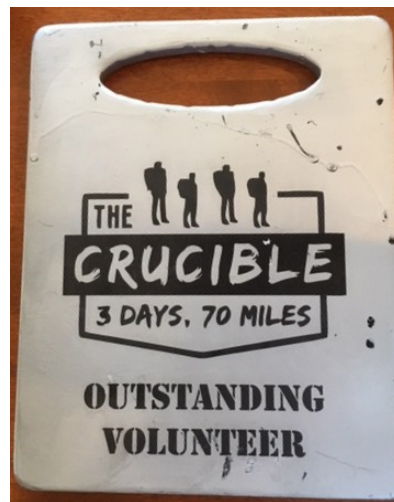
Below are a few photographs provided by Joe Rankin, Dave Steiner, and Doug Fitzsimmons:



Courtesy of Mr. Joe Rankin-KC3CDG



Courtesy of Mr. Joe Rankin



Courtesy of Mr. Dave Steiner-W3GDH

Courtesy of Mr. Doug Fitzsimmons-K3LAB



Photo upper left shows Craig Bigler -AB3XA getting ready at one of the sites. Photo upper right shows us doing what we like most. (Remember our motto: We are the club that likes to EAT! ) Photo lower left shows the presentation ceremony where the plaque shown in the photo above lower right was presented to Doug, ICARC President.

We don't yet have all the photos so the next issue will have much more showing several sites and many of the hikers and much more.

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

Tuesday, October 4, 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.

There is a scheduled Licensing Exam session for October 1, 2016 at the 911 Center in Indiana. For more information contact Mr. Bill McMillen, N3QM  
(724) 397-2702  
Email: [wkmcmillen@gmail.com](mailto:wkmcmillen@gmail.com)

NEW DEVELOPMENT!! There will NOT be an Amateur radio license upgrade class this Fall. It turns out that we cannot get the necessary space in the required time slots at the EOC. The class will be postponed until the spring of next year. Stay tuned for additional information at a later date.

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## OTHER INFORMATION

Read about the September 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](mailto:wd4hoz@gmail.com) or [wlf@auxmail.iup.edu](mailto: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.

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### Summary of September 6, 2016 ICARC Meeting

Attendees: \*

Doug Fitzsimmons-K3LAB, President	Adeline Carpentieri	Ian Bigler-KC3DTE
Craig Bigler-AB3XA	Carl Hvozda-N3PIE	Jerry Kiehl-WB3DUD
Dave Steiner-KA3KFA	Joe Carpentieri-KA3BRH	Larry Freeman-N3LT
Terry Carnahan-KB3JOD, Treasurer	Dave Dzelsky-N3DZ	Denny Clark-KB3HZM
Ernest Clark-KC3FVX, Vice President	Roger Bartlebaugh	Lauren McMullen-KC3FVW
Fred Maize-KM3M	Jodi Bartlebaugh	Cass Fitzgerald-N3FLO

\*NOTE: Published attendance for August 2 was wrong. Alton Strong did not attend the August meeting.

The board meeting started at about 7:00 pm. The usual stuff happened here.

The regular meeting was started by Doug Fitzsimmons at about 7:30 pm. The pledge of allegiance was recited and a verbal roll call (call sign and first name) taken.

Terry provided the financial report and it was voted upon and accepted by the membership.

Dave Steiner reported on the net and indicated that about 12 hams checked in.

Doug reports that the Fall licensing class will need to be longer than the usual 4 weeks, likely 6 weeks but has been postponed until Spring due to training at the 911 center.

Ernie attended the Leadership Conference and reports that it was about the same as last year.

The crucible walk this coming weekend was discussed. All assignments are known and no more prep is feasible.

The ICARC repeater committee reported that the PL tone paperwork is done. The county 2m repeater application for coordination has been submitted.

New business

Fred M. reports a change in the ACS procedures on the Western Area Net on Sunday morning (3990.5 Khz), there will be no early check-ins.

PA QSO party was discussed and it was decided to operate individually and each operator submit a report under ICARC

It was brought up that an antenna workgroup is needed to checkout the antennas stored in repeater shack.

Craig brought up the fact that there is a Scouting event on Tuesday, September 27 in the evening and some volunteers may be needed.

Jamboree on the Air will be on the weekend of October 14, 15, 16 and any of our club participants will be needed on the 15<sup>th</sup>. There may be a need for volunteers for a setup day.

It was suggested that the board meet separately from the regular meeting possibly on another day. There was some resistance to this. Dave S. made a motion to have the board meet as they see fit. Seconded by Walter S. The motion was voted on and passed.

There was \$30.00 dollars donated.

This meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM