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ICARC NEWSLETTER

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4. Phil Kopczyk K3PJ
5. Joe Rankin KC3CDG
6. Larry Freeman N3LT

LOCAL HAPPENINGS:

Reminder: The July meeting date has been moved to July 11 at the usual time due to the July 4 holiday.

Jimmy Stewart Airport Celebration:

The celebration went very well from setup to take down, at least as far as ICARC participation is concerned. The pancake breakfast was very good, the sausage was warm and the coffee hot. The CAP folks did a very nice job. Also, the weather was very cooperative! It seemed that the attendance this year was exceptionally high. The parking lot was full and well organized. Both the g5rv and the 40 m end fed antennas worked wonderfully. There were 151 contacts and very few problems. Thanks to the operators and loggers: Doug Fitzsimmons-K3LAB, Dave Dzelsky-N3DZ, Walter Schroth-KC3FVU, Cass Fitzgerald-N3FLO, Matt Scott-KC3ETO, Phil Kopczyk-K3PJ, Terry Carnahan-KB3JOD, and Larry Freeman-N3LT.

We also had several visitors that made it a special day also: Greg Wieserman-KB3VDD, Laura Wieserman-KB3TVB, and their new daughter, Miss Holly Marie Wieserman (unlicensed for now) whom Larry F. was able to make cry by just looking at her. Yes, he has a very special talent with infants! It has to be his face. Would also like to thank Joe Shupienis-W3BC, ARRL Section Manager, Western Pennsylvania for stopping by and providing some moral support.

Many thanks to the setup and take down crews: Dave Steiner-W3CDH, Cass Fitzgerald, Fred Maize-KM3M, Dave Dzelsky, Jerry Kiehl-WB3DUD, Matt Scott, Phil Kopczyk, Alton Strong-N3PHL, Terry Carnahan, Ernie Clark-KC3FVX, and Larry Freeman. All-in-all we had a great turn-out and much support.

Special thanks go to the Indiana County Emergency Services and the festival organizers, for providing us with the support equipment and physical space to be able to participate in the event.

Field Day 2017:

We operated 2A under W3BMD and obtained 271 contacts with two stations provided by Larry F. : ICOM 746 and Ten-Tec model 544 (vintage 1978). A 160 m loop put up by Fred Maize and Jerry Kiehl and Dave Dzelsky's multiband (80-10 m) end-fed antenna, both performed very well. We had a nice pot-luck dinner at 6:00 pm. Many thanks to those who brought the food and set it up. Chris Edwards-N3VFK operated for several hours on Saturday evening, and Bill McMillen logged for several hours. Others who operated and logged include, Dave Dzelsky, Jerry Kiehl, Doug Fitzsimmons, and Larry Freeman. Fred Maize was

instrumental in setting up one of the stations to get the 160 m loop tuned and working. Many thanks go to the setup crew: Dave Steiner, Fred Maize, Jerry Kiehl, Dave Dzelsky, Doug Fitzsimmons, and Larry Freeman for their very tiring efforts on Saturday morning as the Friday setup was postponed due to weather. Dave Steiner-W3CDH was the primary person in getting the EMS antenna trailer tower and generator/light tower up and working. Fred Maize was the primary person in getting the large 160 m loop antenna up and working, a rather daunting task. Dave Dzelsky, was the primary person in getting the multiband end-fed going. Jerry Kiehl's truck was a life saver in that it was used to haul most of the essential antenna supplies to the site. Jerry and Larry helped out in each endeavor as the need arose. Also many thanks go to those who helped take down the equipment; the list includes the setup crew with a couple of additions: Chris Edwards, Phil Kopczyk, and Terry Carnahan. Thanks to Fred and Larry for staying all night to maintain a presence in the park. Many thanks to the county EMS for loaning us the antenna tower trailer and the generator/light tower trailer. Special thanks go to the county parks officials for their support in letting us hold the event at Blue Spruce Park.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Tuesday, July 11, 2017 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.

Breakfast at the Indiana Eat n' Park restaurant each Saturday starting at 8:30 am in the back room.

OTHER INFORMATION

Read about the June 6 meeting of ICARC in the meeting summary 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) 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 June 6, 2017 ICARC Meeting

Attendees:

Doug Fitzsimmons-K3LAB, President
Terry Carnahan-KB3JOD, Treasurer
Fred Maize-KM3M
Jerry Kiehl-WB3DUD
Joe Carpentieri-KA2BRH
Addie Carpentieri

Ernest Clark-KC3FVX
Denny Clark-KB3HZM
Walter Schroth-KC3FVU
Dave Steiner- W3CDH
Kieth Rearick-KC3FVZ
Cass Fitzgerald-N3FLO

Chris Edwards-N3VFK
Walt Slomski-KA3PFE
Dave Dzelsky-N3DZ
Larry Freeman-N3LT

The board meeting started at about 7:00 pm but no business was transacted.

The regular meeting was called to order by Doug Fitzsimmons at about 7:28 pm.

The pledge of allegiance to the flag of the USA.

Roll call occurred.

Financial Report: Terry provided the financial report for May which was approved by vote of the members present.

Net update: Dave Steiner paid tribute to Roger Bartlebaugh-N3ULC with a formal sign-out as a silent key. The ICARC club members, unanimously, and wholeheartedly, supports this tribute presented by Dave in Roger's honor.

Old Business:

Doug pointed out that the repeater needs work. Feed-line, antenna, etc. need to be seriously discussed.

The airport event was discussed and plans made. Antennas: One g5rv and a 40 m end-fed will be setup. Cassius Fitzgerald will bring a rig and Larry Freeman will bring a rig. Dave Steiner, Doug Fitzsimmons, and Larry Freeman will meet on Friday at 3:00 pm at the repeater shack to pick up needed supplies and get to airport by 4:00 and meet with other crew members to setup antenna trailer, antennas, and the generator. Take down will be on Sunday as necessary.

Field day was discussed and plans made to operate 2A as we have had a lack of operators in the past. Fred Maize, Cass Fitzgerald, and Larry Freeman will go out to Blue Spruce park on Thursday at 4:30 PM and stake out the locations for the Antenna trailer, generator and the porta-potty. They will also explore the location for the loop antenna. There was some discussion about setting up two tents and Dave Dzelsky will set his own tent and antenna, that will be one station for W3BMD. Fred Maize will set up a 160 m or 80 m full wave loop, as seems plausible. Larry Freeman suggested having a g5rv for use if necessary. The setup crew will meet at Blue Spruce park Friday afternoon around 4:00 PM to set up every thing. A short crew will meet at the repeater shack at 3:00 pm on Friday to get needed supplies and meet others at Blue Spruce park. There will be a pot luck picnic at 6:00pm at the same pavilion as last year.

New Business: none discussed at this time.

There was \$29.00 dollars donated.

This meeting was adjourned at about 8:34 PM