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## ICARC NEWSLETTER

### Officers for 2017:

President - Doug Fitzsimmons K3LAB  
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### Additional Board Members for 2017:

1. Dave Dzelsky N3DZ
2. Craig Bigler AB3XA
3. Jerry Kiehl WB3DUD
4. Phil Kopczyk K3PJ
5. Joe Rankin KC3CDG
6. Larry Freeman N3LT

### LOCAL HAPPENINGS:

Very sad news, Roger Bartlebaugh, N3ULC, passed away on the morning of Wednesday, May 10, 2017. As you veterans of the club know, Roger, Jodi, and Christine were very active in ICARC for several years but due to severe health problems in recent time had to curtail participation in many of the club activities. Visitation was held on May 12, at Moriconi's Funeral Home in Northern Cambria with internment at McDowell Cemetery. Our heart-felt condolences go out to Jodi, Christine, Roger's parents and the rest of the family. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers as they pass through this difficult time.

A couple of ICARC folks helped dismantle Roger's radio station and antenna's which, I am very happy to say will go to Christine, who still holds a Technician Class radio license, KB3QJZ. She says she will become more active and that her husband Michael (Mike) Hauser also plans to get into the hobby!

### OTHER LOCAL NEWS:

On May 5, 2017 Doug, Terry, and Larry met with Dan Blevins at Bruno's restaurant in Indiana, PA concerning the Crucible walk. We indicated to Dan that ICARC members voted to participate again this year and we pointed out that we are not likely to have as many participants as last year and that we are likely going to try and get help from another club. Dan said that based upon statements and observations of the support staff for the walk, that the organizers are very happy with our contribution. He also promised to provide more support this year in the form of some supplies, a gas card, and making sure the gates are open at the sites much earlier than last year. He will try to get the gas cards to us a week or so before the walk. He also said that some changes have been made such as there being an overnight for the families of the participants at one site and some support staff have been changed. In the general discussion it was clear to us that the organizers were very happy with our participation and want us back this year. Oh, we also had a nice meal at Bruno's, at Dan's expense!

### OTHER NEWS:

Dayton Hamvention was held from May 19-21 near Xenia, OH, at the Greene County Fairgrounds for the first time this year. The move was prompted by the plans of the owner's of Hara-Arena in Dayton, the previous site for many decades, to sell (or demolish) the old, run-down and now abandoned complex. Luckily there was a contingent from Indiana, PA attending this year: Bill Wieserman-K3ZYK, Ken Snyder-AA3IO, Gloria Freeman-KB4JWV and Larry Freeman-N3LT. The new venue has its advantages and disadvantages: There are four large buildings in a large concreted, and asphalted area that were full of vendors and were very easy to traverse and actually know your location at all times, something that was nearly impossible in Hara-Arena.

Each building had a radio related name: Marconi, Hertz, Maxim, and Tesla which made it easier to remember where particular vendors of interest were located, unlike Hara which had a very complex layout of arenas, exhibit halls, Hallways and rooms that could not be traversed without a map. In all the years I attended, I never fully figured it out. The flea-market area was compact and tolerable except when it rained. It was grassy and muddy, and nearly impossible to traverse on an indoor purposed handicap electric cart. I saw many carts stalled and dirty. The main part of the flea-market was located within the green infield of the Surrey track which was a disaster when the heavy rain came. Light rain on Friday was no real problem but the "gully washer" that occurred on Saturday really stirred things up. However, the drainage was very good. There was another section of flea-market in a smaller, smoother area of grass that was a bit easier to traverse for folks on carts. Parking was good and sufficient direction was provided although not all personnel were up to par on the information to be given out to the public as they tried to enter the flea-market with an early entry pass. There were a large number of police and highway patrol available to keep traffic moving on the highways in the area and entering the fair grounds. There was more than enough shuttles from the parking areas to the event hall areas and flea-market. In addition, the program pamphlets with maps were free of charge and the local high school closed on Friday and allowed the event to use the school buses to shuttle folks from the the out lying areas! All-in-all it was a good experience and will likely get better. I don't think that it could have been much better organized for the first year.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Tuesday, June 6, 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.

Saturday June 10, 2017, 08:00 AM - Sunday June 11, 2017, 05:00 PM. 398 Airport Rd., Indiana, Pennsylvania, 15701, at Jimmy Stewart Airport.

Field Day, 2:00 PM, June 24, 2017 - 2:00 PM, June 25, 2017 at Blue Spruce Park in Indiana County, 1128 Blue Spruce Rd., Indiana PA.

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

### **OTHER INFORMATION**

Read about the May 2 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](mailto: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.

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## Summary of May 2, 2017 ICARC Meeting

### Attendees:

Doug Fitzsimmons-K3LAB, President	Carl Hvozda-N3PIE	Kieth Rearick-KC3FVZ
Ian Bigler-KC3DTE	Ernest Clark-KC3FVX	Cass Fitzgerald-N3FLO
Terry Carnahan-KB3JOD, Treasurer	Phil Kopczyk-K3PJ	Chris Edwards-N3VFK
Fred Maize-KM3M	Walter Schroth-KC3FVU	Joe Shupienis-W3BC
Jerry Kiehl-WB3DUD	Bill Wieserman-K3ZYK	ARRL-SM-WPA Guest Speaker
Ken Snyder-AA3IO	Sarah Wieserman-Guest	

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 7:30 pm.

The pledge of allegiance to the flag of the USA.

Roll call occurred.

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

Net update: Doug Fitzsimmons directed the net Monday night. Need more volunteers to direct the net.

Doug reported that Joe Rankin, the repeater trustee, is in possession of a 450 MHz Motorola repeater provided by Mark Longwell from Waste Management, as they are eliminating their land mobile radio system. It is a 1980's vintage unit that may be useful for 440 MHz

Doug reported that we had a 100% pass rate from the general level license update class. One new tech and eight new general licensees.

Terry reported on the MS Walk and let the membership know that the organizers have asked us to participate in their two day bike-a-thon in Holidaysburg in late July (22,23).

Crucible Walk was discussed. It will be on 8, 9, and 10 of September. Doug, Terry, and Larry will meet with Dan Blevins, one of the organizers, on Friday, May 5, 6:00 pm at Bruno's Restaurant in Indiana, PA to discuss the event and what changes may be happening. There was support by the membership to participate again this year. Tentatively, the following folks have volunteered: Doug, Cass, Terry, Ernie, Denny, Walter, Dave D., and Larry. It was pointed out that we had 5 vehicles last year and may need at least that number this year. It was also suggested that we might get help from other clubs if necessary this year.

Phil Kopczyk reported that David Fyock's Eagle Project is progressing in that the tower, antenna, and a portion of the cable is mounted to the side of the activity building at the Wesleyan Methodist Church School which is a designated emergency shelter. All that remains is to put connectors on the cable to be run into the building. Dave Fyock will be in touch with Larry via email to schedule getting the connectors on the cable. Dave D. also volunteered to help with this. In addition, the radio equipment has yet to be purchased and installed.

Fred reported that WX3E, Dave Wellman of the Western Area is looking for a local on to activate the local (Indiana) PEMA ACS station located on Stormer Rd during an emergency. Fred suggested that a general class licensee may be required.

Terry brought up a Foxhunt and Joe Shupienis suggested that we have a fox hunt at field day as a technical exercise for an extra 200 points.

Joe Shupienis, ARRL Section Manager for WPA presented a short program indicating the advantages of being a member of the ARRL and encouraged the new hams to join if they have not already. He also reminded us of the Sunday net on 3990.5 kHz at 9:00 am and suggested it would be good for the new general class licensees to participate in order to get a feel for such endeavors. Joe also pointed out that on June 4, 2017 at the

Breezeshooters Hamfest there is a WPA Section meeting. There will also be a workshop on GMRS radio. He further indicated that Mike Corey, the new Emergency Preparedness and Response Manager for the ARRL will be there. Joe pointed out that ARES would be part of Mike's domain.

Joe also indicated that he, himself was looking to appoint folks to staff positions. He also encouraged the use of 60 m as well as 470 kHz, and 136 kHz radio spectra when the latter become available for general use by hams in a year or two.

Doug brought up the Airport Festival, and there was considerable discussion about our ability to do it without the help of a couple of key personnel. It was decided that we could do it with those available and that the use of the county's generator and tower trailers would be requested. Walter Schroth indicated that there would be no problem in moving the two trailers around to necessary positions in that he could provide the necessary assistance. It was also decided to have two stations and two antennas: 40 m end fed, and a 5rv. Doug, and Larry volunteered radios and computers (Larry) for wireless logging and Dave D. volunteered his wireless router. It will be in the same location as last year.

Chris Edwards volunteered to print the QSL cards as Fred cannot do that this year. Fred will share what he has done in the past with Chris.

Keith Rearick handed out fliers for this year's Airport Festival and gave a brief description about what will be happening.

There was \$30.00 dollars donated.

This meeting was adjourned at about 9:15 PM