

April 30, 2018



ICARC NEWSLETTER

Officers for 2018:

President - Doug Fitzsimmons K3LAB
Vice President - Ernest Clark KC3FVX
Treasurer - Terry Carnahan KB3JOD
Secretary - Chris Edwards N3VFK

Additional Board Members for 2018:

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

LOCAL HAPPENINGS:

If you have not paid your ICARC dues please do so. The membership form may be downloaded from the W3BMD website.

A reminder that the new county repeater, WB3CGY, is operational. The frequency pair is 146.745/146.145 and the PL tone is 131.8. The repeater is now operating at high power, with a 1.5 sec. hang-time and a courtesy tone.

Read the March meeting minutes, courtesy of Secretary Chris Edwards, N3VFK, provided at the end of this document.

Happy to report that three members of ICARC were able to attend the Eagle Scout Honor Court for David J. Fyock on March 31, 2018. It was a very nice ceremony in which David thanked ICARC for making his project possible which, in turn, made this event possible. For those who are not familiar with the project a brief description follows: David proposed and got approved the installation of an emergency radio communications substation at the Dixonville Wesleyan Methodist Church to be installed in a small limited access room (closet) on the second floor of the event hall of the church. David was advised by ICARC members on the necessary equipment to obtain along with the necessary cables and peripheral equipment to make the system functional. He got a radio antenna tower donated and raised the funds to purchase all the other equipment. He also gathered the volunteers for the physical labor of installing the tower and the antenna. This included a few of us from ICARC to make the necessary physical connections to the cables and radio as well as do the testing. It turned out to be a rather involved project that took over a year to complete and required much tenacity on David's part. We all commend him for his diligence and perseverance on a project well done. The



photo shows David and his Mom and Dad after the ceremony, during the reception. There was a very nice buffet with delicious food, including deserts. It was a great event.

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL HAPPENINGS:

According to the ARRL the FCC is starting to internally discuss softening radio noise and interference requirements for industry. They are considering placing noise blocking requirements on radio receivers that go well beyond the basic requirements currently available to hobbyist applications like ham radio. This has the flavor of another FCC boondoggle similar to broadband over the power lines that currently generate so much noise. One effect of this would be to increase the expense of commercial receivers and make it virtually impossible for amateurs to "roll their own" useable receivers. This may become another example of the FCC pandering to special interests groups who have much lobbying power (i.e. money)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Tuesday, May 1, 2018 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.

MS Walk on May 5 2018 at 1:00 pm

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

OTHER INFORMATION

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.

Indiana County Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of the Meeting 03/06/18

Meeting started promptly at 7:30pm with the Pledge of Allegiance & Roll Call. The Minutes of the March Meeting were passed around. A motion was made to accept the minutes & was passed. The Treasurer Terry Carnahan read the financial report. A motion was made to accept it & was passed.

Net Report:

1. An Avg. of 11 people checked-in on the net in Feb.
2. The high was 17.
3. The low was 8.

Old Business: None.

In New Business: Joe Rankin informed us that due to time commitments he is resigning as Trusteeship of the repeater. Cass Fitzgerald said he would be interested. This was accepted.

MS Walk: Same time & Place. Meet 1pm Ind. Sr. High May 5th, 2018.

Doug wants to test the 745 repeater for coverage. Hang time was discussed & linking to the 910 repeater & once the 910 repeater is moved we need to check coverage area for that one too.

VE testing sponsored by the ICARC will be held April 7th, 2018 at 1pm & also Oct. 6th, 2018 at 1pm.

Need a budget of roughly \$5,000 to upgrade the repeater, cables, moving...etc. Even though we may not need that much. Thinking about using remote control...etc. Dave Steiner made a motion to accept this discussion & was seconded by Dave Dzelsky.

Doug mentioned that we have two comp. tickets to the Breeze shooters Hamfest 6/2-6/3.

6/9-6/10- Jimmy Stewart Airport Awareness. There will be an acrobatics show this year & there will be an admission fee this year to attend the air show.

Doug wanted feedback on what we could do to make our presence more known this year. RTTY was one suggestion. Larry asked Fred about advertising through ARRL. What Freq's we use? What mode? ...etc.

Dave Steiner suggested that we should see about possibly moving us inside the building. Walter said he would check on this.

Phil spoke on Eagle Scout David Fyock putting up a 2 meter Ant. at the Dixonville Wesleyan

Church for his project & everyone was invited to attend his ceremony.

Paul mentioned what our classification would be this year at field day. 2a? 3a?...etc

Fred said Pennsylvania will hold a weather exercise this year. Tuesday May8th. Statewide net 10am-12noon & also 7-10pm on 80 or 40 meters & there will also be regional nets.

Fred made a motion to end the meeting. Seconded by Terry. Approved by all.

Meeting ended 8:27pm.

Fred made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dave Dzelsky seconded it. Meeting adjourned. A Merry Christmas to all ended the meeting at approx: 8:20pm.

End of minutes.

Attendance:

Terry Carnahan KB3JOD
Ernest Clark KC3FVX
David Dzelsky N3DZ
Chris Edwards N3VFK
Cass Fitzgerald N3FLO
Doug Fitzsimmons K3LAB
Larry Freeman N3LT
Jerry Kiehl WB3DUD
Phil Kopczyk K3PJ
Fred Maize KM3M
Bill McMillen N3QM
Paul Morris K3VAR
Walter Schroth KC3FVU
Dave Steiner W3CDH
Alton Strong N3PHL
Harry Dushac K3FSE