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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. Cass Fitzgerald, N3FLO
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 July meeting minutes at the end of this document courtesy of Chris Edwards, N3VFK

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL HAPPENINGS:

Most of us know WWV as a frequency standard used throughout the world. Many of us old timers also remember the 100 Khz crystal oscillators, used to zero beat with WWV, and used as frequency markers throughout the HF bands including the band edges. These were used to calibrate our old analog radio frequency dials. WWV may not be in our future.

Read the story at <http://www.arrl.org/news/nist-fy-2019-budget-would-eliminate-wwv-and-wwvh>

LOCAL HAPPENINGS:

Technician class: four sessions October 10-31, 2018, 6:00-9:30 pm (Each Wednesday) at the 911 center on Haven drive in Indiana, PA. See the W3BMD website.

The class committee had its preliminary meeting Wednesday, Aug. 29 at Doug's house and discussed the progression of the course and topic assignments based on the Gordon West w3yi group. As of now the instructors are Doug F., Phil K., Fred M., Jim R., Bill W., and Larry F.. The last class on October 31 will be a brief review and the FCC exam. All VE's should plan on attending.

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.

Minutes from the July meeting:

Indiana County Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting 07/03/18

Meeting started promptly at 7:30pm with the Pledge of Allegiance & Roll Call. The minutes of the June Meeting were passed around. A motion was made to accept the minutes by Dave Steiner & it was seconded by Chris Edwards & approved. The Treasurer Terry Carnahan read the financial report. They were accepted by Fred Maize seconded by Paul Morris and approved.

Old Business: 85 QSO's were made on Field Day. We got close to 150 points. Thanks to Dave.S for the last minute change of plans. The club will not be doing the Crucible Walk this year. The sponsor will be notified. For the Airport Festival at least 135 contacts were made. The club will meet next month at 7pm to put the QSL cards together. Larry Freeman is checking the original call log for an amateur operator who said that he did not receive a card last year. Doug Fitzsimmons brought up some issues that occurred this year & a discussion ensued.

New Business: A preliminary discussion about holding classes was held. Also discussed was that some people are having trouble hitting the repeater. Doug was going to work on a survey for the club membership concerning meeting attendance & other issues. We talked about possibly changing the time of the meeting as one solution.

End of Business: Fred made a motion to end the meeting. Seconded by Larry. Meeting was adjourned at 8:32pm.

Attendance: 10

Terry Carnahan KB3JOD

Ernest Clark KC3FVX

Chris Edwards N3VFK

Doug Fitzsimmons K3LAB

Larry Freeman N3LT

Mark Longwell KC3AHP

Fred Maize KM3M

Paul Morris K3VAR

Dave Steiner W3CDH

Ramona Edwards