

December 31, 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. Cass Fitzgerald, N3FLO
5. Larry Freeman N3LT

### **LOCAL HAPPENINGS:**

Reminder, the January 1, 2019 meeting will be held on January 15.

There were 8 folks attending breakfast at Eat n' Park on Saturday, December 29, 2018. That is a recent record. We have been getting from 1 to 4 attendees in recent months.

### **NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL HAPPENINGS:**

As most of you may know by now, the ARRL has a new CEO. Howard E. Michel, WB2ITX. He has an interesting story to tell of his early involvement in ham radio as a young boy. It may ring home for many of us. See page 9 of the December, 2018 issue of QST.

### **OTHER INFORMATION**

Reminder: Read the minutes of the November meeting at the end of this document. (Courtesy of Secretary, Chris Edwards- N3VFK)

Reminder: 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 s hang-time and a courtesy tone.

**Reminder: Club dues for the new year are now due. The form may be downloaded from the W3BMD website.**

Reminder: Several ICARC members meet every Saturday morning for breakfast in the back room of the Indiana Eat n' Park restaurant.

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.

### **Indiana County Amateur Radio Club**

#### Minutes of the Monthly Meeting 11/05/18

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Ernest Clark KC3FVX filling in for Club president Doug Fitzsimmons K3LAB who was unable to attend, at 7:30pm with the Pledge of Allegiance & Roll Call. The minutes of the October Meeting were read by Chris N3VFK. A motion was made to accept the minutes by Phil K3PJ & was seconded by Cass N3FLO. Minutes approved. The Treasurer Terry KB3JOD read the financial report. A motion was made by Fred KM3M to accept the report & it was seconded by Larry N3LT & approved.

Monday night net report: We have not been having a Monday night net but an interest was expressed on resuming it. Using both repeaters were discussed. Possibly one check-in on Monday & one on Tuesdays. As for now a tentative schedule has been set up. Phil will take the next two Mondays. 11/12 & 11/19. Chris will also

take a later date as well as Jerry W3DUD. Chris will also send out an email to see if anyone else is interested.

Old Business: The club would like to thank Dave Steiner W3CDH for the use of his house for the PA QSO Party. Several club members took part. QSO's were made with 50 PA counties. There were approximately 185 contacts.

The club Technician licensing class was a success. Five new hams received their Tech license & one became a General by passing that test.

New Business: Nomination of club officers & board members was held for the 2019 calendar year. VP Ernest Clark said he would like to step down if possible but if no one came forward he would continue. Harry Dushac K3FSE was asked if he would like to be nominated & he expressed an interest in the position. Club members thanked Ernest for his time of service to the club. Club President Doug K3LAB was not able to attend the meeting but had also expressed an interest in continuing if asked. He also was renominated along with all remaining current officers & board members as well as Harry.

Chris asked about an interest in a Christmas party for the upcoming Holiday season.

Club members said that they were interested. Chris will check on availability of facilities at Hoss's Restaurant.

Jerry asked about security at the repeater shack. This was discussed.

DX Report: Paul Morris K3VAR said 4U1UN was going back on the air with a new antenna. They have been on for awhile. OH2BH Bhutan was active. A Dxpedition was going to Zimbabwe it would have a call starting with Z23. Paul also mentioned that he was able to work Ducie Isl. on six different bands using different modes including voice.

End of Business: A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Marcia Malcolm KD4ITP & was seconded & approved & the meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm.

Attendance: 15

Terry Carnahan KB3JOD  
Ernest Clark KC3FVX  
Chris Edwards N3VFK  
Larry Freeman N3LT  
Paul Morris K3VAR  
Dave Steiner W3CDH  
Harry Dushac K3FSE  
Jerry Kiehl WB3DUD  
Phil Kopczyk K3JP  
Walter Schroth KC3FVU  
Cassius Fitzgerald N3FLO  
Fred Maize KM3M  
Marcia Malcolm KD4ITP  
Corey Sarka (new Tech)  
Mark Strawcutter (new Tech)