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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, courtesy of Secretary, Chris Edwards, N3VFK, provided at the end of this document.

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL HAPPENINGS:

QST reports (Happenings P.73, July 2018) that Amateur Radio Parity Act (HR555) "language" has been inserted into the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) that asks the FCC to grant radio amateurs living in restricted communities the right to erect "effective" outdoor antennas. "The bill does entitle each and every Amateur Radio operator living in a deed-restricted community to erect an effective out door antenna. Full stop. That is the principal benefit of this legislation," ARRL General Counsel Chris Imlay, W3KD stressed. Imlay pointed out that certain conditions still would apply. Prior to erecting an antenna in a deed-restricted community the applicant may have to apply to the appropriate home owners association (HOA) for prior approval of the particular antenna system proposed by the ham. The Act will not empower an HOA to deny approval of all outdoor antennas. But neither does it entitle radio amateurs to erect whatever antennas they want. The bill was passed by the Armed Services Committee with a 60-1 vote and now awaits House Floor action. The Senate began its review and markup of the NDAA during the week of May 21.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS:

Click on the following link to watch a youtube video of setup for the 1993 Field-day operation, courtesy of Greg Kerr, n3phf. (Greg doesn't know who made the video but he found it in his archives.) Some of you will recognize younger versions of yourself and others. Enjoy!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aZcqvarxzHU&feature=youtu.be>

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Tuesday, August 7, 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.

Breakfast at the Indiana Eat n' Park restaurant each Saturday starting at approximately 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 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