

June 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. 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 May 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:

#### Field Day

Field day plans got changed due to illnesses and other unforeseen events. This year it occurred at Dave Steiner's QTH instead of Blue Spruce Park. Many thanks to Dave and Spouse for the kind invitation to use their property this year. Doug Fitzsimmons reports that there were 9 participants and 85 contacts. Fun was had by all.

#### Airport Festival

The Airport Festival also went well on June 9 and 10. There were many operators and loggers with 138 total contacts including one from Ireland on 20 m made by Walter Schroth. The pancake breakfast was great as usual and as you can see in the photo Smokey the Bear also paid a visit to the airport. The



weather mostly cooperated so it was a productive weekend with plenty of fun for everyone. Kudos to the operators and loggers who made the event so successful: Operators: Cass, Jen, Dave D., Harry, Chris, Ian, Mitch, Walter, Matt, Jerry, and Larry. Loggers: Ernie, Cass, Dave D., Jerry, Matt and Larry. Special thanks must go to the set up and take down crews led by Dave Steiner and Cass Fitzgerald and to Jerry Kiehl for transferring the antenna equipment between the club shack and airport. Also we are grateful to the airport festival committee and the Indiana County EMS for their support and assistance over the years. All in all it took many folks working together to make this a very successful event.

A nice highlight to each of these events was the visit by Joe Shupienis, W3BC, WPA Section Manager. Joe visited both the Airport and Field day sites. Thanks Joe!

### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Tuesday, July 3, 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](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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### **Indiana County Amateur Radio Club Minutes of the Monthly Meeting 05/01/18**

Meeting was called to order by Doug at 7:30pm with the Pledge of Allegiance & Roll Call. The minutes of the April Meeting were passed around. A motion was made to accept the minutes & it was seconded & approved. The Treasurer Terry Carnahan read the financial report. They also were accepted and approved.

Net Report for April. Weekly check-ins varied from 8-15 people. If interested in being a net controller please see Dave Steiner.

Old Business: This Saturday May 5<sup>th</sup> is the MS Walk. Meet at the Indiana Senior High School at 1pm. Terri gave an update. Main Frequency is 147.570-simplex and the backup is the 146.745 county repeater.

VE test was on Saturday 4/7 Jeremy Bellack passed his Tech & General. KC3LEO & also former ham Aaron Lamantia also passed his Tech & General KC3LEP.

Fox Hunt has been postponed.

Airport Festival: Set up is Friday June 8<sup>th</sup>. 3pm. Walter is checking on making arrangements for admittance since they are charging this year. Larry may bring his Icom 7300. Chris is in charge of QSL printing again this year.

End of business: Walter made a motion to end the meeting. Jerry Kiehl seconded it. Meeting was adjourned at 7:54pm.

Attendance: 17

Terry Carnahan KB3JOD  
Ernest Clark KC3FVX  
Harry Dushac K3FSE  
David Dzelsky N3DZ  
Chris Edwards N3VFK  
Cassius Fitzgerald N3FLO  
Doug Fitzsimmons K3LAB  
Larry Freeman N3LT  
Jerry Kiehl WB3DUD  
Fred Maize KM3M  
Paul Morris K3VAR  
Walter Schroth KC3FVU  
Dave Steiner W3CDH  
Alton Strong N3PHL  
Ramona Edwards  
Dan Hartman  
Marcia Hartman