

October 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:

The Technician class ended with an Exam session on Wednesday evening, October 31, 2018. The results were great! There are now five new licensed hams in our community. Mark Strawcutter of Indiana was successful in passing elements two and three of the exam to win the General Class license. David Fyock of Clymer, Marcia Hartman of Schelocta, Corey Sarka of Dunlo, and Cody Toy of Indiana were also successful in passing element 2 of the exam to win their Technician Class license. Kudos and Congratulations! Hope you all enjoy your new hobby, because it can be much fun! Also, all of you new hams are eligible for **Free individual membership (no dues)** in the Indiana County Radio Club (ICARC) this year. All you need to do is complete the form that each testee received at the test session and bring it to the next meeting on November 6, 2018 at Indiana, Eat n' Park restaurant.

### 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>)

### OTHER INFORMATION

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

Reminder: Club meeting on November 6, 7:30 pm in the back room of the Indiana Eat n' Park restaurant.

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:** If you have not paid your ICARC dues please do so. The membership 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. We try to solve all the world's problems. Of course we have yet to be successful at this lofty endeavor. Maybe you will be the catalyst for an amazing break-thru, so please try to join us. Most people tend to be there by 9:00 AM. Hope to see you.

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 09/04/2018**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm with the Pledge of Allegiance & Roll Call. The minutes of the August Meeting were read by Chris Edwards. Terry Carnahan made a motion to approve the minutes and it was seconded by Dave Dzelsky. Minutes approved. The Treasurer Terry Carnahan read the financial report. A motion was made by Ernest Clark to accept the report & it was seconded by Larry Freeman & approved.

**Net Report:** There were 13 check-ins on Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup> & the average for August was 14.

**Old Business:** Publicity for the October Technician class will be from Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> on local radio. Also, the class will be posted on campus & an ad will run in the Indiana Gazette. Three people signed up for the class so far. Joe Shupienis W3BC said to send the information to him as well.

**New Business.** The PA QSO Party will be held Oct 13 & 14<sup>th</sup>. Dave Steiner said we can use his house for the party. We will have 40 & 80 meter coverage.

Next an informative talk was given by Joe Shupienis W3BC the Western Pa ARRL Section Manager. He said major changes were coming to ARES & the OO Programs. The ARRL working group has completed it's project to retool ARES. The new program features three levels of ARES membership with three levels of required training & certification. New members, average members & leadership. The training is free & online. It includes NIMS IS-100, IS-200, IS-700 & IS-800 as well as the newly revised ARRL EC-001.

The current OO Program will end & be replaced by a new Volunteer Monitoring Program administered by ARRL Headquarters working closely with the FCC. All current OO's are invited to apply for the new program which will concentrate on major enforcement that the FCC requests. The goal is to provide more rapid enforcement response to significant developing on air violations instead of minor operating & technical issues.

**End of Business:** A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Chris Edwards, seconded by Phil Kopczyk & the meeting was adjourned at 8:03pm.

**Attendance: 15**                      Joe Shupienis W3BC

Terry Carnahan KB3JOD, Dave Steiner W3CDH, Ernest Clark KC3FVX, Harry Dushac K3FSE, Chris Edwards N3VFK, Dave Dzelsky N3DZ, Doug Fitzsimmons K3LAB, Walter Schroth KC3FVU, Larry Freeman N3LT, Jerry Kiehl WB3DUD, Fred Maize KM3M, Phil Kopczyk K3JP, Paul Morris K3VAR, Aaron Lamantia KC3LEP