

September 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 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.

A Public Service Announcement concerning the class appeared in the Indiana Gazette and flyers were put out to various places including IUP but as of now we have no information on the number of students signed up.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm with the Pledge of Allegiance & Roll Call. The minutes of the July Meeting were read by Chris Edwards. One correction. 138 contacts were made for the airport festival correcting the number of 135. The minutes were accepted & approved. The Treasurer Terry Carnahan read the financial report. A motion was made by Dave Steiner to accept the report & it was seconded by Terry Carnahan & approved.

**Old Business:** A survey on the direction of the club was emailed to 50 club members that are listed. 16 responses were received so far. The deadline for responses is Aug. 31. Classes will be held October 10th, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> with the exam being held on the 31<sup>st</sup> as well. We have five instructors so far & possibly a sixth. Bill Wieserman, Doug Fitzsimmons, Larry Freeman, Phil Kopczyk & newest VE Jim Ratay. Doug mentioned that we will continue with the W5IY book.

**New Business.** A raffle was held for REA lightbulbs & Bill McMillen was the winner. \$24.00 was collected for donations.

**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: 17**

**Terry Carnahan KB3JOD**

**Ernest Clark KC3FVX**

**Chris Edwards N3VFK**

**Doug Fitzsimmons K3LAB**

**Larry Freeman N3LT**

**Fred Maize KM3M**

**Paul Morris K3VAR**

**Dave Steiner W3CDH**

**Harry Dushac K3FSE**

**Dave Dzelsky N3DZ**

**Cassius Fitzgerald N3FLO**

**Jerry Kiehl WB3DUD**

**Phil Kopczyk K3JP**

**Bill McMillen N3QM**

**Aaron Lamantia KC3LEP**

**Marcia Hartman**

**Ramona Edwards**