

April 30, 2019



ICARC NEWSLETTER

Officers for 2019:

President - Doug Fitzsimmons K3LAB
Vice President - Harry Dushac K3FSE
Treasurer - Terry Carnahan KB3JOD
Secretary - Chris Edwards N3VFK

Additional Board Members for 2019:

1. Dave Dzelsky N3DZ
2. Craig Bigler AB3XA
3. Jerry Kiehl WB3DUD
4. Cass Fitzgerald, N3FLO
5. Larry Freeman N3LT

LOCAL HAPPENINGS:

Next ICARC meeting is on May 7 2019, at Eat n' Park restaurant in the backroom at 7:30 pm. Hope to see you there.

The program for the April meeting was a very informative talk by Indiana County's Emergency Management Coordinator Tom Stutzman. He talked about the Amateur Radio Community's important role they can play when needed for disasters and other emergency situations. Mr. Stutzman showed a wide range of knowledge of the organizational structure and available communications technology and its implementation as well as a strong desire for amateur radio operators to become credentialed participants in emergency services. It was well worth hearing.

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL HAPPENINGS:

As you all may know there has been rumors of defunding wwv and wwvh. But apparently the proposed federal budget for 2019 includes funding for both WWV and WWVH, at least to 2018 levels. This obviously is good news for most of us.

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.

April 18 was World Amateur Radio Day. It was the 94 th anniversary of the founding of the IARU (International Amateur Radio Union). ARRL CEO Howard E. Michel, encourages the creation of a non-competitive "contest" to publicize Amateur radio, in celebration of the 95th anniversary of the IARU for April 18, 2020. One may read about it on page 9 of the April issue of QST.

OTHER INFORMATION

Read the March meeting minutes of ICARC which appear at the end of this document (Courtesy of 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: Several ICARC members meet every Saturday morning for breakfast in the back room of the Indiana Eat n' Park restaurant normally starting between 8:30 and 9:00 AM

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 W3BMD
Minutes of the Monthly Meeting -March 5th 2019

Call to Order: The meeting was convened by Doug Fitzsimmons Club President at 7:30pm with the Pledge of Allegiance & Roll Call. The minutes of the February meeting were read by Club Secretary Chris. A motion was made by Dave Dzelsky to accept the minutes & was seconded by Larry. Minutes approved. The Treasurer Terry read the financial report. A motion was made by Fred to accept the report & it was seconded by Doug & was approved.

Old Business: Doug mentioned that there will be more upcoming technical presentations for the next few months. He then asked about the Jimmy Stewart Airport Airshow for this year. A discussion took place on several questions asked. "what do we need to do better to promote the club? A different location at the airport? A loudspeaker of some sort? Doug informed us that we are a few months away from moving our repeater antenna to the 911 center.

New Business: Doug spoke to Joe Shupienis W3BC, ARRL WPA Section Manager & he mentioned about the club being involved in a special event station and activities for KDKA's 100th anniversary in Nov. 2020. As for now the club has declined.

News & Announcements: Bill McMillen shared descriptions and pictures of radio equipment that he has available from an estate if anyone is interested. He also mentioned that VE Testing will be held on April 6th at 1pm at the Indiana County Emergency Management Center. Club members also mentioned on Tuesday March 26th there will be a PEMA All Hazards Exercise from 9am-5pm.

Technical Demonstration: A highly informative demonstration was given by Mark Strawcutter and Cody Toy on Ham Radio Hotspots. They discussed the workings of DMR, D-Star, Fusion...etc

Closing:The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:22pm. The next meeting will be held at Eat-n-Park restaurant Tuesday April 2nd at 7:30pm.

Attendance: 17

Terry Carnahan KB3JOD Mark Strawcutter KC3MLA
Chris Edwards N3VFK David Dzelsky N3DZ
Larry Freeman N3LT Fred Maize KM3M
Phil Kopczyk K3JP Bill McMillen N3QM
Paul Morris K3VAR Alton Strong N3PHL
Doug Fitzsimmons K3LAB David Overdorff KC3DTH
Dave Steiner W3CDH Cody Toy KK3CAT
Harry Dushac K3FSE Marcia Hartman KC3MKZ
Jerry Kiehl WB3DUD
Submitted by Club Secretary: Chris Edwards