



December 31, 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

Happy New Year to All!

LOCAL HAPPENINGS:

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

The ICARC officer are unchanged for the year 2020.

Remember:

The yearly ICARC party is scheduled at Hoss' Restaurant for 6:30 pm on Saturday, January, 4, 2020.

Read the tentative November meeting minutes of ICARC which appear at the end of this document
(Courtesy of Chris Edwards, N3VFK)

The new county repeater, WB3CGY, is still operating nicely. 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

INTERESTING HAM RADIO NEWS

First ever transatlantic 2 meter QSO reported:..As reported by Newsline, D41CV, the Manteverde Contest Team in the Cape Verde Islands used 500 watts and a half dozen stacked dipole antennas using the FT8 mode to contact FG8OJ in Guadeloupe who was using 100 watts and a 14 element Yagi antenna. A distance of about 2398 miles was covered and this is longer than the distance between Ireland and Newfoundland.

New Ham Gear for the International Space Station: Kenwood has donated two TM-D710GA transceivers to the Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) program in order to update the equipment on the space station and in the training facilities in Russia. One will replace the aging equipment on the station and one will be used as a backup for crew training on the ground in Russia.

QRZ.com Beefs Up its Security: QRZ is offering its online users enhanced security options. It is now offering registered users the ability to use a "two- factor authentication" (2FA) hoping to make it more difficult for password phishers and fraudulent posters. They are also going to require anyone marketing gear through the Swapmeet forum to enroll in its Verified User program.

Petition Seeks a New Amateur Band at 40 Mhz : Michelle Bradley, KU3N, a Maryland amateur has filed a petition for rulemaking with the FCC, seeking a secondary amateur frequency allocation at 8 meters in the 40-41 Mhz range. Michelle feels that the new spectrum would spark the next generation of 'Makers' in the fields of science, technology, education, and math ..etc... She notes that since there is currently no mass-produced equipment for this band that "makers" will have to make their own gear. **The petition number is RM-11843 and short comments are being accepted via FCC's Express Electronic Comment Filing Service.**

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 11/05/2019

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by Club Vice-President Harry Dushac K3FSE with the Pledge of Allegiance & Roll Call. The minutes of the October Meeting were read by Club Secretary Chris Edwards N3VFK. They were accepted and approved. Mark Strawcutter KC3MLA read the Financial Report. It was accepted & approved.

Old Business: Harry Dushac gave a report on the Fox Hunt that took place at the Boy Scout Camporee on October 12th.

New Business: The next meeting will be the Election of Officers for the upcoming year. Chris will check on having a Christmas-Holiday Party at Hoss's Restaurant sometime in December or January.

End of Business: A motion was made to adjourn the meeting, the motion was accepted & the meeting was adjourned at 7:40pm.

After the meeting Harry Dushac gave an informative discussion on Underground Mining Communications from the 1920's to the present.

Attendance: 15

Terry Carnahan KB3JOD

Dave Steiner W3CDH

Alton Strong N3PHL

Dave Dzelsky N3DZ

Chris Edwards N3VFK

Bill McMillen N3QM

Fred Maize KM3M

Harry Dushac K3FSE

Larry Freeman N3LT

Ernest Clark KC3FVX

Mark Strawcutter KC3MLA

Paul Morris K3VAR

Walter Schroth KC3FVU

Jerry Kiehl WB3DUD

Carl Hvozda N3PIE