



June 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

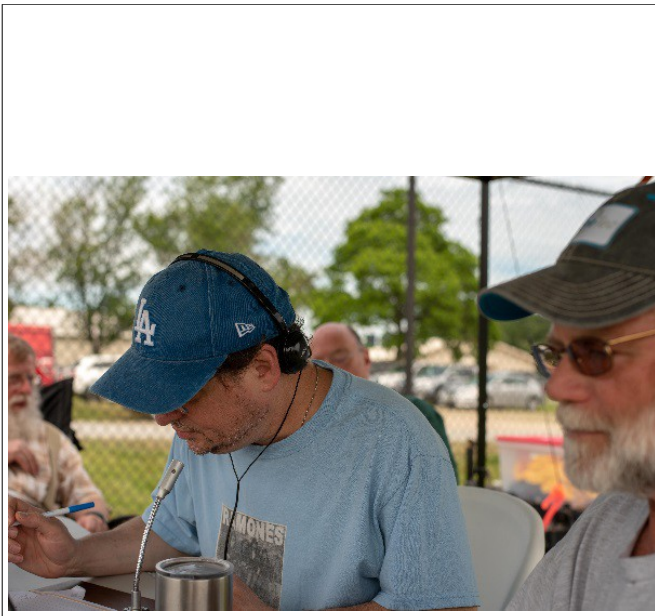
### LOCAL HAPPENINGS:

Next ICARC meeting is on July 2, 2019, at Eat n' Park restaurant in the backroom at 7:30 pm. Hope to see you there.

The Jimmy Stewart Air Show was a stellar success for ICARC. There was 233 contacts using one station with several operators, a few of whom are shown in the photo's below. In addition the club had a second site located up closer to where most of the pedestrian traffic was near the main terminal. It was dedicated to information distribution. This was manned primarily by Harry Dushac, K3FSE and Jerry Kieh, WB3DUD. Also there were two special guest operators at the main site: Mark StrawCutter of Indiana, KC3MLA, and Nathaniel Frissell, W2NAF of the New Jersey Institute of Technology. Mark is a relatively new HAM and operated on HF for the first time and made the lion-share of the contacts. Nathaniel is a seasoned ham who was named Dayton Hamvention Hamradio Operator for 2019 because of his prolific activities including ionospheric research using hamradio. Also we see Nathaniel's son, Anthony who is getting properly conditioned for hamradio at an early age. Also shown in the photo's are Dave Dzelsky, N3DZ, and Cass Fitzgerald, N3FLO, who are both active ham operators and major contributors to ICARC's activities. In fact Cass and Dave both operated and/or logged at the airport event as did Chris, N3VFK, and Phil, K3PJ shown in the lower left photo. (photos courtesy of Cass Fitzgerald, N3FLO).

Many thanks to everyone who participated in the setup and take down as well as those of you who logged and operated and manned the two locations. It took much team work to get this working as well as it did this year.





As spectacular as the air show was, ICARC members, repeated the good work at Fieldday on June 22, and 23 with a total number of contacts of 465 using two stations that were operated full time. The two antennas used were g5rv contributed by the club and Craig Bigler. Other equipment was contributed by Dave Steiner and Larry Freeman. Paul Morris, K3VAR, made around 177 contacts on CW using a key and his ear, no computer other than for logging. Dave Dzelsky and Mark Strawcutter provided the major number of contacts on the phone station. Several other folks provided yet a few contacts throughout the day and into the late evening. This was Mark's second foray into HF hamradio and he attacked it with a vengeance just like at the airport. This year the location was at Marge, and Dave Steiner's home QTH with a great picnic late Saturday afternoon and a Sunday lunch near midday on Sunday. The weather was excellent both days and the sacada's calmed down a little for the event so that was also nice. It was the most relaxing field day ever for many of us due to the hard work done on Friday by Dave Steiner, Craig Bigler, and Joe Rankin. They erected the antennas and easy-up shelters. Dave Steiner had put the ropes in the trees earlier so the rest of us were fairly well rested prior to starting at 2:00 pm on Saturday. The following photos, courtesy of Cass Fitzgerald, N3FLO, show a few of the ICARC members at the controls. Note, in the final photo, the sacada relaxing on the shelter top and enjoying all the activity. Maybe we should make that creature an honorable member of ICARC. Other folks who were present for setup and take-down and also operated and/or logged, several of them into the late night, were: Dave Steiner, Jerry Kiehl, Alton Strong, Cass Fitzgerald, Craig Bigler, Ian Bigler, Doug Fitzsimmons, Chris Edwards, Joe Rankin, and Gary Miller. (If I missed anyone, my apologies.) All in all it was a great fieldday. Many thanks to the Steiner family for going well beyond the call of duty in making this such a memorable day.





## Other Local Stuff

Also a reminder that a couple of local hams are planning to put up wire antennas this Summer so we should all be thinking about trying to help out when they are ready to start to work on them a bit later in the the Summer or early Fall. A couple of brief site surveys have already been done and initial plans made. Just remember that some of the mosts fun in Ham radio is getting antennas into the air so that radios can actually be used. Will likely need several folks to help out with this so keep a few weekends open for it. Im sure there will be further discussion and planning as time progresses. It's gonna be a barrell of fun!

Read the approved May 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 moring for breakfast in the back room of the Indiana Eat n' Park restaurant normally starting between 8:30 and 9:00 AM

## **NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL HAPPENINGS:**

Email as received from ARRL headquarters addressing false report of a vanity call sign fee being reinstated:

**SB QST @ ARL \$ARLB015**

**ARLB015 The FCC is Not Reinstating a Vanity Call Sign Fee**

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**ARRL Bulletin 15 ARLB015**

**From ARRL Headquarters**

**Newington CT May 16, 2019**

**To all radio amateurs**

**SB QST ARL ARLB015**

**ARLB015 The FCC is Not Reinstating a Vanity Call Sign Fee**

**An erroneous report this week suggested that the FCC planned to again impose an Amateur Radio vanity call sign application (regulatory) fee of \$70 for the 10-year term. This incorrect conclusion resulted from an incomplete reading of the May 7 FCC Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) in the matter of the assessment and collection of regulatory fees for fiscal year 2019.**

**Although the Schedule of Regulatory Fees does show a \$7 annual fee for Amateur Radio vanity call signs, a boldface heading in that section of the NPRM states, "REGULATORY FEES. This section is no longer in effect as it has been amended by RAY BAUM'S Act of 2018..."**

**Section 9(e)(2) of RAY BAUM'S Act gives the Commission discretion to exempt a party from paying regulatory fees when the FCC determines that the cost of collection exceeds the amount collected. A new section 9(e)(1) incorporated the Amateur Radio vanity fee exemption from FCC rules into the statute.**

**The NPRM makes clear in several other places that regulatory fees no longer apply to Amateur Radio licenses. The FCC eliminated the regulatory fee for Amateur Radio vanity call signs in 2015.**

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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**

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 05/07/2019**

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by Club President Doug Fitzsimmons with the Pledge of Allegiance & Roll Call. The minutes of the April Meeting were read by Club Secretary Chris Edwards. Ernie Clark made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Harry Dushac and they were approved. The Treasurer Terry Carnahan read the financial report. Fred Maize made a motion to accept the minutes, seconded by Mark Srawcutter and they were approved.

New member Jeffrey Tobin KC3NJE introduced himself. Walter Schroth thanked Fred, Larry Freeman and Dave Dzelsky for coming out to his residence and doing an antenna assessment. Dave Steiner offered his residence for field day again this year. The club agreed on having two stations set up. The Airshow was discussed. Equipment, operation, logistics, QSL cards, time of setup, teardown..etc. Also, some members are to meet at the shed 3pm the day before to gather up equipment for the event.

A motion was made by Alton Strong to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Walter and the meeting was adjourned at 9pm.

**Attendance: 15**

Terry Carnahan KB3JOD  
Doug Fitzsimmons K3LAB  
Harry Dushac K3FSE  
Dave Dzelsky N3DZ  
Chris Edwards N3VFK  
Ernest Clark KC3FVX  
Paul Morris K3VAR  
Walter Schroth KC3FVU  
Fred Maize KM3M  
Mark Strawcutter KC3MLA  
Alton Strong N3PHL  
Jeffrey Tobin KC3NJE  
Larry Freeman N3LT  
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