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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:

Mark Strawcutter KC3MLA and Cody Toy, KK3CAT, both of Indiana, presented a very nice program on "Digital Radio Hot Spots" at the March meeting of ICARC. It was interesting and informative. Mark and Cody did a very nice job in organizing, presenting the information and demonstrations. They both are relatively new hams so kudos to these guys for all the nice work they are doing!

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

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL HAPPENINGS:

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 is World Amateur Radio Day. It will be 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

For Sale: Cushcraft R7000 vertical antenna 40-10 meter (\$100 or make an offer) Contact Marcia Malcolm, KD4ITP of Indiana. Phone: 724-465-6440.

Read the February 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: Club dues for the new year are now due. The 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 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

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting February 5th 2019

The meeting was called to order by Harry Dushac Club Vice President at 7:30pm with the Pledge of Allegiance & Roll Call. (Club President Doug Fitzsimmons was unable to attend.) The minutes of the January meeting were read by Club Secretary Chris. A motion was made by Fred to accept the minutes & was seconded by Cass. Minutes approved. The Treasurer Terry read the financial report A motion was made by Walter to accept the report & it was seconded by Dave Dzelsky & approved.

New Business:

DX Report: Paul Morris mentioned that Myanmar will soon be active. Also Ghana, Papua New Guinea (P29) & Bhutan (A45). Chris mentioned that the country of Macedonia will be changing their name to North Macedonia though this should not effect the DXCC program. Harry asked about having technical demonstrations at the meetings.

After a discussion about possible topics Mark Strawcutter agreed to give a demonstration on Digital Radio Hot Spots in March & Harry will possibly give a talk on the mining industry's use of communications underground in April. Craig Bigler asked if the club could take part in the Boy Scouts Camporee on Aug 12th. The theme this year is Big Foot. Dave Steiner suggested that we do a Fox Hunt looking for Big Foot. A show of hands showed some interest. Cass made a motion to get involved & this was seconded by Mark. Harry wanted the club to think about a CW Class. Chris read an email he received from the Fort Armstrong Wireless Association about working with other clubs & making it easier for clubs to check-in to each others nets so they are changing their time to 7:30pm Monday nights as most nets are at 8pm. It is on 145.410 with an offset of 144.810.

End of Business: A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Walter & was seconded by Dave.D. All in favor & the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:58pm.

Attendance: 13

Terry Carnahan KB3JOD

Craig Bigler AB3XA

Ernest Clark KC3FVX

Mark Strawcutter KC3MLA

Chris Edwards N3VFK

Fred Maize KM3M

Paul Morris K3VAR

Cassius Fitzgerald N3FLO

Dave Steiner W3CDH

Walter Schroth KC3FVU

Harry Dushac K3FSE

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