April 2021 ICARC NEWSLETTER



Officers for 2021:

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

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- 1. Dave Dzelsky N3DZ
- 2. Craig Bigler AB3XA
- 3. Gary Miller KC3NHE
- 4. Cass Fitzgerald, N3FLO
- 5. Larry Freeman N3LT
- 6. Terry Carnahan KB3JOD
- 7. Harry Dushac K3FSE
- 8. Chris Edwards N3VFK
- 9. Doug Fitzsimmons K3LAB

LOCAL HAPPENINGS:

The April monthly meeting was held over the WB3CGY Blue Spruce Park Repeater (146.745 - PL (131.8)) due to the current Health Crisis. The minutes for the meeting can be found at the end of this document.

NATIONAL NEWS:

Mark Your Calendar for April 18, 2021. "World Amateur Radio Day, held on April 18 each year, is celebrated worldwide by radio amateurs and their national associations which are organized as member-societies of the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU). It was on this day in 1925 that the IARU was formed in Paris. American Radio Relay League (ARRL) Co-Founder Hiram Percy Maxim was its first president." <u>http://www.arrl.org/world-amateur-radio-day</u>

Interesting Article on the Demographic Shift data showing that radio contesters are older than the average ARRL member. Not good. The reason? Screen time of course. People are using whatever free time they have as screen time. <u>http://www.arrl.org/news/traditional-amateur-radio-contesting-faces-a-demographic-cliff</u>.

<u>We welcome your contributions:</u> If anyone would like to include information or write an article for the Newsletter please let Chris Edwards know at: chowhowa@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 & appropriateness of the contained material. The latter would, of course, be subject to the approval of the original author.

Indiana County Amateur Radio Club April 2021 Monthly Meeting

Minutes of the Meeting 04/06/2021: (Held over the Blue Spruce Park Repeater)

<u>Call to Order</u>: The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by Club President Doug Fitzsimmons. K3LAB. Doug said we would follow the same format as before; members not responding to a question would be considered as affirmative votes. Chris Edwards N3VFK read Roll Call. 12 members were present.

Reports: The minutes of the January, February & March meetings were read by Club Secretary Chris Edwards N3VFK. Doug asked for a motion for approval. They were all accepted & approved. The financial report for March was read by Club Vice President Harry Dushac K3FSE. Doug asked for a motion to approve. Motion made by Gary Miller KC3NHE, Second motion by Mark Strawcutter KC3MLA. Motion was approved.

Old Business: No old business.

New Business: Doug said club membership dues are due for 2021. Doug thanked the ARES team for the SET exercises. Gary gave an ARES report & thanked everyone for their recent participation. He said he has received several donations for go kits & a couple new additional hams have helped out with the exercise. The club then discussed if we should have an in person meeting in May. Doug said we would decide by the end of the month where we will hold the that meeting, probably on the April 26th check-in. Mark asked where to send dues. Dues can be sent to Club Treasurer Terry Carnahan KB3JOD through the QRZ address. Harry reported that Two Rivers will be having their Ham Fest this year. Chris asked if Butler would be having there's this year. Harry said no. Field Day will also be discussed at the May meeting.

End of Business/Adjournment: Having no further business Doug asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Harry made a motion, Gary seconded it. Meeting adjourned at 8:09pm.

Attendance: 12

Doug Fitzsimmons K3LAB (Pres.) Harry Dushac K3FSE (VP.) Chris Edwards N3VFK (Sec.) Terry Carnahan KB3JOD (Tres.) Paul Morris K3VAR Dave Steiner W3CDH Gary Miller KC3NHE Marcia Malcolm KD4ITP Mark Strawcutter KC3MLA Walter Schroth KC3FVU Jeffrey Tobin KC3NJE John Mayhue KB3EKD