



July 2021 ICARC NEWSLETTER

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President - Doug Fitzsimmons K3LAB
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1. Dave Dzelsky N3DZ
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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 ICARC got together for Field Day at the QTH of Dave Steiner W3CDH. We had a great enthusiastic turn out as we stepped out of Covid for awhile. 572 contacts were made. This month the Club will be at the Jimmy Stewart Airshow here in Indiana on July 10th & 11th. We will have a table set up for HF as well as 2 meter operation & will have use of the Westmoreland County Emergency Amateur Radio Service Truck & will be operating from in there as well.

The Future of Amateur Radio: Here is a link to a video of a QRP Portable Winlink set up. You can watch the video on YouTube but I put the link here from QRZ because of the good discussion in the comments section below it. <https://forums.qrz.com/index.php?threads/grp-portable-winlink-station.772484/> The article below addresses the anemic growth in Amateur Radio recently but where the future probably lies. <https://spectrum.ieee.org/the-uncertain-future-of-ham-radio>

Items for Sale: US tower 55 foot crank-up tilt over with 3 element beam, Two-15 element 2m beams, 1-2m/440 vertical antenna, rotor with all coax, also have 10/40 meter cushcraft vertical R7. Contact Paul Williams N3PW @ pdwill3@comcast.net if interested.

We are looking for articles for print. Either something you find interesting or something you may have written yourself. If anyone would like to include information or write an article for the Newsletter please let Chris Edwards know by email at: chowhowa@gmail.com. The only caveats

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Minutes of the Monthly Meeting 07/06/2021

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by Club President Doug Fitzsimmons. K3LAB with Roll Call & the Pledge of Allegiance.

Reports: The minutes of the June Meeting were read by Club Secretary Chris Edwards N3VFK. Doug entertained a motion to accept the minutes. Motion made by Walter Schroth KC3FVU, seconded by Terry Carnahan KB3JOD & they were approved. The financial report was next read by Terry Carnahan. Doug entertained a motion to accept the minutes. Gary Miller KC3NHE made a motion; seconded by Harry Dushac K3FSE. The EC report was read by Gary Miller. He said there were three Skywarn activations in June. He said more work was done on the Blue Spruce repeater capability test & was still working on go-kits & seeing who needs training.

Old Business: Repeater move. Terry, Cassius Fitzgerald N3FLO & Doug checked on the repeater move location. An install date will be sometime late July or early August. Re-purposing a two meter antenna for 70 cm's (440) was discussed & making it digital. Field Day: Thanked Dave Steiner W3CDH for hosting the event at his QTH. An estimated 572 contacts were made. Air Show: Operators are needed for Sat. & Sun. operating times both days are 9am-5pm. Abe Smith N3BAH attended the meeting representing the Westmoreland County Emergency Amateur Radio Service. He is coordinating the use of their refurbished FBI Truck for the Air Show & talked about it's capabilities & took questions.

New Business: A change to the club by-laws was proposed & after a lengthy discussion the proposal was tabled until next month's meeting.

End of Business/Adjournment: At 9:28pm Doug entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Harry made a motion which was seconded by Fred Maize KM3M & the meeting was adjourned.

Attendance: 13

Doug Fitzsimmons K3LAB (Pres.)

Cass Fitzgerald N3FLO

Harry Dushac K3FSE (VP.) Fred Maize KM3M

Chris Edwards N3VFK (Sec.) Gary Miller KC3NHE

Terry Carnahan KB3JOD (Tres.) Paul Morris K3VAR

Mark Strawcutter KC3MLA Abe Smith N3BAH

Walter Schroth KC3FVU

Dave Steiner W3CDH

Jerry Kiehl WB3DUD

