June 2021 ICARC NEWSLETTER



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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

Ham Happenings: June is the big month for hams all across North America as it in the month for Field Day. It is always held the last weekend in June. This year it is June 26-27th. 2021. It's a great weekend to make new friends & introduce new people to Amateur Radio as well as important training for emergency situations. This year will be somewhat back to normal as the virus isn't as bad as it was last year at this time with more clubs holding the event face to face at parks, club headquarters...etc. So get out, get some fresh air & operate! Here is a handy & informative field day guide put out by the ARRL.http://www.arrl.org/files/file/Pubs/Field %20Day%20Insert.pdf

Indiana County Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting 06/01/2021

Location: Indiana, Pa Eat-n-Park Restaurant

<u>Call to Order</u>: 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 May Meeting were read by Club Secretary Chris Edwards N3VFK. Doug entertained a motion to accept the minutes. Motion made by Gary Miller KC3NHE, seconded by Mark Strawcutter KC3MLA & they were approved. The financial report was read by Terry Carnahan KB3JOD. Doug entertained a motion to accept the minutes. Harry Dushac K3FSE made a motion; seconded by Larry Freeman N3LT & they were approved. The EC report was read by Gary Miller. He said it was a lite month of activity. There was a simplex test of two meters, and a Skywarn activation on May 26th. Gary mentioned that he needs some batteries for some HT's which the county is responsible for. He also said he is the new trustee for the Indiana County ARES call KB3BUV.

<u>Old Business:</u> An update on the repeater move was given by Doug. Doug said he talked to the Director of Emergency Management for Indiana County; Tom Stutzman, about the repeater move & it will probably take place next month or so. Access to the EOC building will continue to be restricted for now. The Fire Academy can be used for license exams...etc. Field Day will be held June 26-27th at Dave Steiner's house. Dave W3CDH said a committee can come over & ascertain the facilities for Field Day operation. Also, if you operate Field Day from a different location make sure to give the club credit when you submit your log. We will be able to use the Westmoreland County Emergency Amateur Radio Services truck for the Jimmy Stewart Air Show. The placement of the Truck was discussed. The Logistics of the Club's participation in the event will be discussed further at the July Meeting. Doug asked Chris about QSL cards for the event. He said he would do it.

New Business: Chris mentioned that all HF bands were opened all weekend for DX. Larry said 6 meters was as well. Gary said UHF was & he also heard some SSTV activity.

End of Business/Adjournment: As all business was discussed, at 8:24pm Larry made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Walter Schroth KC3FVU & the meeting was adjourned.

Attendance: 15

Doug Fitzsimmons K3LAB (Pres.) Craig Bigler AB3XA Harry Dushac K3FSE (VP.) Ian Bigler KC3DTE Chris Edwards N3VFK (Sec.) Gary Miller KC3NHE Terry Carnahan KB3JOD (Tres.) Paul Morris K3VAR Mark Strawcutter KC3MLA Jeffrey Tobin KC3NJE Larry Freeman N3LT Walter Schroth KC3FVU Dave Steiner W3CDH Ron Zeller N7GWU Jerry Kiehl WB3DUD

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