



May 2021 ICARC NEWSLETTER

Officers for 2021:

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

Board Members for 2021:

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 May monthly meeting was held at our normal location (Indiana, Pa. Eat-n-Park) where we met regularly before the Pandemic. It was nice to be back in person & see familiar faces once again. The minutes for the meeting can be found at the end of this document. Let's hope we can continue to meet on a regular basis face to face.

As the Covid-19 Virus infection rates drop with the combination of the vaccines being distributed some hamfests & license testing are being held once again in person after being canceled last year or held virtually. Sorry to report though that the largest local hamfest, sponsored by the Breezeshooters Ham Radio club held every year on the first full weekend in June at the Butler Fair Grounds in Butler County has been postponed once again. Hopefully next year we can see you all there again.

National News:

Effective as of May 3rd, the FCC has updated it's RF exposure rules. "The new rules do not change existing RF exposure (RFE) limits but do require that stations in all services, including amateur radio, be evaluated against existing limits, unless they are exempted..." "For most amateurs, the major difference is the removal of the categorical exclusion for amateur radio, which means that ham station owners must determine if they either qualify for an exemption or must perform a routine environmental evaluation..." "Ham stations previously excluded from performing environmental evaluations will have until May 3, 2023, to perform these. After May

3, 2021, any new stations or those modified in a way that affects RF exposure must comply before being put into service.” You can find the full article here.
<http://www.arrl.org/news/view/updated-radio-frequency-exposure-rules-become-effective-on-may-3>

Indiana County Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting 05/04/2021

Location: Indiana, Pa Eat-n-Park Restaurant

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 April Meeting were read by Club Secretary Chris Edwards N3VFK. Doug entertained a motion to accept the minutes. Motion made by Larry Freeman N3LT, seconded by Terry Carnahan KB3JOD & they were approved. The financial report was read by Terry & it was approved. The EC report was read by Gary Miller KC3NHE. He said it was a successful month, several exercises were held. He is working on some grants for Go Kits & has received some donations for Go Kits as well. He mentioned that a SW District Sky Warn group has formed if anyone is interested.

Old Business: None

New Business: Doug wanted to form a small group to look into by laws on applying for 501c3 status then report to the board. Field Day was discussed, possibly holding at Dave Steiner's QTH & possibly taking part in the Jimmy Stewart Airshow scheduled for July 10-11th. A question arose; “Has it been more for exposure for the club or recruitment?” Gary is going to check on use of the Westmoreland County Emergency Amateur Radio Services truck. Walter Schroth KC3FVUnow has HF Capabilities & gave his thoughts on his HF experience. Keith Rearick KC3FVZ stated that the 3rd Saturday of every month until October, there will be a breakfast at the Jimmy Stewart Airport. Jerry Kiehl WB3DUD stated that the club's listing for the 440MHZ repeater in the repeater guide shows that the location is noted as Blairsville, PA. Dave Steiner indicated that the physical location of the repeater is Coral, but that location has a rural route Blairsville mailing address. No interest in doing anything to revive or enhance 440 at this time. The 10 meter repeater was noted as in pieces and was considered as junk. No interest in revival of 10 at this time. At 9:24pm Walter Schroth made a motion to adjourn the meeting. This was seconded by Harry Dushac K3FSE & the meeting was adjourned

End of Business/Adjournment: At 9:24pm Walter Schroth made a motion to adjourn the meeting. This was seconded by Harry Dushac K3FSE & the meeting was adjourned.

Attendance: 15

Doug Fitzsimmons K3LAB (Pres.) Ernest Clark KC3FVX

Harry Dushac K3FSE (VP.) Keith Rearick KC3FVZ

Chris Edwards N3VFK (Sec.) Gary Miller KC3NHE

Terry Carnahan KB3JOD (Tres.) Paul Morris K3VAR

Mark Strawcutter KC3MLA John Mayhue KB3EKD

Larry Freeman N3LT Walter Schroth KC3FVU

Dave Steiner W3CDH Aaron LaMantia KC3LEP

Jerry Kiehl WB3DUD

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