



November 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: Five people from Indiana County (four from the club) participated in the PA QSO Party which was held the first weekend in October. It was very easy to make contacts this year as the band conditions were great. One popular nationwide contest will be held this month. The ARRL sponsored November Sweepstakes. The CW portion will be held the weekend of November 6th-8th & the SSB portion November 20-22nd. One interesting aspect of the exchange for this contest is that you give the year that you were licensed.

Articles of Interest: For those of you that enjoy using new technology with Amateur Radio, this article & video compares the trusty Raspberry Pi versus the Microsoft Surface for a field computer. <http://oh8stn.org/blog/2021/11/03/microsoft-surface-or-raspberry-pi-field-computer/>. Next up James Madison University put together a team of past & present JMU students, faculty advisers & local ham radio operators that sent up a high-altitude balloon into near space. <https://www.jmu.edu/news/madison-trust/2021/11-9-dukesat-test-launch.shtml>.

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: chowhwa@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.

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting 11/02/2021

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 October Meeting were read by Club Secretary Chris Edwards **N3VFK**. Doug entertained a motion to accept the minutes. Motion was made, seconded & they were approved. The financial report was next read by Terry Carnahan **KB3JOD**. Doug entertained a motion to accept the minutes. A motion was made & it was unanimously approved. Gary Miller **KC3NHE** gave the EC report. He reported that in October there were eleven reports of tornadoes west of here. Luckily none here. This shows the importance of Skywarn. After the net last Monday there was an impromptu simplex exercise that went okay. There will be a 2 meter test this Saturday at 9:30am. A 10 meter test at 10:30am & a 75 meter test as well.

Old Business: For the PA QSO Party five people from Indiana County participated, four from the club. It was agreed that it was not necessary to have a full second reading of the by-laws. Only the revised sections. The updated Club By-Laws were finalized & approved.

New Business: There will be a new feature in 2022, video presentations. Aaron LaMantia **KC3LEP** will coordinate. Short videos will be shown with a short discussion afterwards. Chris will check on making Christmas (Holiday) dinner reservations. Tentative date will be January 8th, 2022 for 25-40 people. Walter mentioned using Zoom for our meetings for people that cannot attend due to other commitments. Nominations were announced for the upcoming 2022 year. There are as follows: **President**—Doug Fitzsimmons, **Vice-president**—Cass Fitzgerald, **Secretary**--Chris Edwards, **Treasurer**—Gary Miller, **Board Members**—Terry Carnahan, Larry Freeman, Harry Dushac, Jeff Tobin, Mark Strawcutter, John Mayhue, Aaron Lamantia.

Closing: Doug entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made, was seconded & approved. Meeting adjourned 8:56pm.

Attendance: 17

Doug Fitzsimmons K3LAB (Pres.)	Walter Schroth KC3FVU
Aaron LaMantia KC3LEP	Jeffery Tobin KC3NJE
Harry Dushac K3FSE (VP.)	Fred Maize KM3M
Chris Edwards N3VFK (Sec.)	Gary Miller KC3NHE
Terry Carnahan KB3JOD (Tres.)	Larry Freeman N3LT
Mark Strawcutter KC3MLA	John Mayhue KB3EKD
Cass Fitzgerald N3FLO	Marcia Malcolm KD4ITP
Dave Steiner W3CDH	Paul Morris K3VAR

Jerry Kiehl WB3DUD