

# October 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:** This is October & that means it's time for the PA QSO Party. One of the most popular state parties in the Country & known as one of the friendliest! It is being held Oct 9th-10<sup>th</sup>. The local club will be talking part this year as well as many regional clubs throughout Western Pennsylvania as well as the rest of the state. Club members will not be operating from a central location this year but from their home QTH. However, club members were reminded when they submit their score in order to have their score consolidated to the club total, when they generate their Cabrillo log, enter "Indiana County ARC" in the club name field.

**National Events:** Other Popular contests this month that hams in this area should be able to take part in are the NY QSO Party as well as the IL Party on Oct 16-17<sup>th</sup> & the CQ SSB Worldwide DX Contest Oct 30-31<sup>st</sup>. A good way for Amateurs looking to add to their Country totals for those attempting to win awards or just contact new Countries for fun & see what their radio, antenna or operating skills are capable of. There are also other contests this month as well. If you want to see how well you do in making contacts across the country; the CA State QSO party is Oct 2-3<sup>rd</sup>. Here is a link to a 12 month Contest Calendar that I access pretty regularly. <https://www.contestcalendar.com/contestcal.html>

**Articles of Interest:** Ran across this article entitled “Five Common Mistakes New Hams Make.” & it's pretty accurate. Most new hams as well as experienced ones have made these five common mistakes at some point. A good short read.

<https://hamradioschool.com/five-common-mistakes-new-hams-make/>. This is a very brief light-hearted piece of amateur fiction written by Randy Cook, K6CRC.

<https://www.eham.net/article/46627>

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](mailto: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 and appropriateness of the contained material. The latter would, of course, be subject to the approval of the original author.

## **Indiana County Amateur Radio Club**

### **Minutes of the Monthly Meeting 10/05/2021**

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Club President Doug Fitzsimmons. **K3LAB** with Roll Call & the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Reports:** The minutes of the September 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 there were no activations in September. In Cambria County there was an alert over a possible dam breakage. Fall SET went well this past Saturday. There was a County Wide Simplex Test. Had seven operators between HF, 2 meters & APRS. There was also a quick 10 meter test.

**Old Business:** There was a VE Session this past Saturday & everyone passed. Three Generals & an Extra.

**New Business:** For the PA QSO Party it was decided that club members will operate from their home QTH & make sure that when you send in your logs you give the club credit. A further 10 meter test will be held in November. Club members interested in building 10 meter antenna's for the test can meet at Dave Steiner's (**W3CDH**) QTH on Saturday Oct 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am. The test will be held Saturday Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>. Doug & Terry discussed updating the insurance policy on the repeater. A motion was made to accept updates to the insurance policy & it was approved. The new By-Law updates & changes were further discussed & the new proposed By-Laws will be passed on to members not attending tonight so they can look it over as well. A full reading took place at this time. A second reading will be held next month as well.

**Closing:** Doug entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Fred Maize **KM3M** made a motion & it was seconded by Larry Freeman **N3LT**. Meeting adjourned 8:43pm

**Attendance:** 15

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| Doug Fitzsimmons K3LAB (Pres.) | Aaron Lamantia KC3LEP |
| Dave Dzelsky N3DZ              | Ernest Clark KC3FVX   |
| Harry Dushac K3FSE (VP.)       | Fred Maize KM3M       |
| Chris Edwards N3VFK (Sec.)     | Gary Miller KC3NHE    |
| Terry Carnahan KB3JOD (Tres.)  | Larry Freeman N3LT    |
| Mark Strawcutter KC3MLA        | Ed Wilson KC3QAJ      |
| Bill McMillen N3QM             |                       |
| Dave Steiner W3CDH             |                       |
| Jerry Kiehl WB3DUD             |                       |

