

March 2023 ICARC NEWSLETTER



Officers for 2023:

President – Jeffrey Tobin KC3NJE
Vice President – Cass Fitzgerald N3FLO
Treasurer – Gary Miller KC3NHE
Secretary - Chris Edwards N3VFK
* Officers also serve on the Board

Board Members for 2023:

1. Harry Dushac K3FSE
2. Craig Bigler AB3XA
3. Doug Fitzsimmons K3LAB
4. Dave Steiner W3CDH
5. Larry Freeman N3LT

Local Happenings: The ICARC now has an education room at the Indiana Mall courtesy of Indiana Mall Manager Sherry Renosky. It is next to King's Jewelers. Thank you Sherry! The club immediately started utilizing the new location. On Monday March 27th at 6pm Guest Speaker Tom Schiller N6BT gave a Zoom Presentation on Antennas. He gave an overview of Yagis & vertical antennas & a quick overview of antenna fundamentals for newer hams. He also talked about using drones to actually check antenna propagation. Roughly 13 attended. Good first turn-out. Many more to come.

Of Interest: Does anyone know this man or what became of him? This is from Four years ago. Found getting off of a Bus in Pittsburgh. Had a medical condition, couldn't speak, had no ID BUT had a flyer with him on the Butler Ham Fest. Is he a fellow ham that someone might know? I will follow up in a future newsletter. Watch the video.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5Axh5xYThL0>.

This website has put out a “Guide to No-Tune Antennas for Ham Radio”.
<https://www.onallbands.com/guide-to-no-tune-antennas-for-ham-radio/>. No tune antennas are a compromise but if you are space restricted & want to get on the air with minimal effort then one might work for you.

We are looking for articles for print. Either something you find interesting or something you may have written yourself . If anyone would like to submit information or write an

article for the Newsletter please let Chris Edwards know by email at: 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.

ICARC General Membership Meeting Minutes 3/7/2023

ICARC Secretary Chris Edwards, N3VFK

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm with Roll Call & the Pledge of Allegiance led by Club President Jeffrey Tobin KC3NJE

Reports: The minutes of the February 2023 monthly meeting were read by Club Secretary Chris Edwards N3VFK. Jeffrey entertained a motion to accept the minutes, a motion was made, seconded & then approved. The February Treasurer's report was presented by Gary Miller KC3NHE. Jeffrey entertained a motion to accept the minutes. A Motion was made to accept the minutes. It was seconded, then approved. The motion was carried. Gary then gave the EC report. Jeffrey entertained a motion to accept the minutes. A motion was made, seconded. Motion carried.

Business: The first order of business was the meeting times for the board, length & options such as Zoom. It was determined to keep the Board meetings attached to the general meetings for now.

Jeffrey announced that our club calendar is now online thanks to Edward Wilson KC3QAJ.

The first month's educational program was announced. Indiana Mall has provided a community room - an empty retail space - for our use. The space is to the left of Kay Jewelry in the mall.

Jeffrey presented the prospective use of PayPal for club needs such as online dues payment and costs for "kits" necessary for educational programs...etc Mark Strawcutter suggested we look at Venmo as well. Board approved use of Paypal or Venmo once further research was concluded.

Gary Miller talked about EOC, the Red Cross & other potential emergency-circumstance events we could potentially support as a club. He also discussed relationships with regional organizations he should & would develop.

Jeffrey brought up the fact that we have never had a lease with the Mack family and we still have not received a reply about the lease that Doug Fitzsimmons & Chris Edwards presented to them last Fall.

General discussion ensued about the Luciusboro tower. It was decided to attempt to get three proposals from insured, qualified tower-climbers to get pricing for a report on the condition of the tower. Gary Miller offered to put out a “request for proposal”.

End of Meeting/Adjournment: Having no further business to discuss, a motion was entertained to adjourn the meeting. Cass made a motion, seconded by Larry. Motion approved. Meeting adjourned 8:25pm.

