



ICARC NEWSLETTER

OCT. 22, 2024

Officers for 2024:

President – Craig Bigler, AB3XA
Vice President - Dylon Curtis KC3WMN
Treasurer - Chris Edwards, N3VFK
Secretary - Chris Edwards, N3VFK

Additional Board Members for 2024

1. John Kalicicki KA2YOS
2. David Steiner W3CDH
3. Phil Kopczyk K3PJ
4. Cass Fitzgerald, N3FLO
5. Elmer Sorisio, KB3WG
6. Larry Freeman N3LT

LOCAL HAPPENINGS:

ATTENTION! ATTENTION! Nov. 5th Meeting of ICARC: Club Officers are to be nominated for election at the December 3rd meeting. Please Think about running and serving our club! It is an important meeting so please try to be there. Your input is essential.

Net control operators are needed! Chris is no longer able to serve in this function. So now Phil is the only net control operator. We need others to share the joy!

On Saturday, October 26, There will be a “hot dog picnic/social” event at ICARC's remote site on Rhine Road. It will start around 1:00 pm. As always, bring you favorite soft drinks and any special food that you require. There will be water and hotdogs and a camp fire. There can be a radio setup for those who want to do some RF playing.

Very Sad News Again, Another Silent Key: Barb Bender, KA3VXR

As many of you are aware of by now, Barb Passed on September 24, 2024. Those who have known her, also know that she has been one of those special individuals who affect the lives of so many people in very positive ways. Her contributions to ham radio go well beyond most of us. She will certainly be missed.









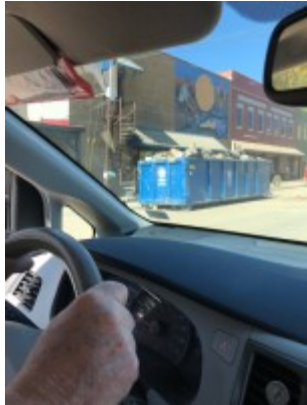
The following is an excerpt from Barb's Obituary published on the **Gibbons funeral home web site:** “After high school Barb went to DC to work for the Voice of America and while in DC also modeled for the Phyllis Bell Modeling Agency as a Runway and Tearoom Model and then on a weekly TV fashion show for the Olbum Agency in upstate NY. After moving back to PA family took up most of Barb's time but she managed to devote time to church work thru many Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel Altar/Rosary projects for 36 years, Basilica Prayer Shawl Group, Prince Gallitzin Bible Study Group, and Cursillo #69. She was

awarded the “Prince Gallitzin Cross” award for her work with Pre Cana for the Divorced, Separated and Widowed of the Diocese. Barb was a devout professed Secular Franciscan for 41 years and loved her Franciscan vocation and her Franciscan family. She was active in Amateur (Ham) radio (KA3VXR) where she acted as Amateur Radio Emergency Coordinator for Cambria County for 10 years; belonging to 3 local clubs and a National Club, as well as Australian, British, Canadian and Japanese National Clubs. “

See the complete obituary at the following link: <https://www.gibbonsfhashvillecoalport.com/obituary/Barb-Bender>

Other events of Interest:

While traveling South over the past three weeks the author was able to travel to a fringe of one disaster area near Asheville, N.C., caused by hurricane Helene. It was a sobering site in the small town of Old Fort, N.C. Where the damage was very obvious and is now a staging area for recovery and distribution of potable water and other necessities. The following photos tell a good part of the story.

 <p>Garage roof removed by the wind</p>	 <p>Directions to amenities</p>	 <p>The road is covered with dry mud</p>
 <p>Supply Depot setup at Church</p>	 <p>A few National Guardsmen</p>	 <p>The bridge is covered with mud.</p>
 <p>This shows a bit of the personal toll at individual homes.</p>	 <p>More of the same here. Notice the thick mud on paved streets</p>	 <p>Downtown was also hit hard</p>

There are many more photos but you can get the idea of the need with the few that are shown.

Reminder: The ICARC Public Service and Information Net happens on Monday night starting at 8:30 PM using the W3BMD repeater on 146.91/146.31 Mhz. (ICARC is an ARRL affiliated club). In recent weeks it has also been repeated at approximately 8:45 PM on the new N3FLO repeater on 146.655/.055, tone of 131.8 Hz. Check it out.

Reminder: The ICARC meetings are scheduled for the FIRST Tuesday of each month; next meeting is September 5, 2024 the Indiana Eat n' Park restaurant in the backroom at 6:30 PM. Hope to see you there. Also, in the same room, there is usually an informal breakfast each Saturday morning starting around 08:30 am. Come and join in the camaraderie, it's great fun.

Other Announcements of potential interest:

The ARRL Grant submitted by ICARC earlier this year is currently being reviewed and results will be provided by the end of November, 2024.

OTHER HAM RADIO NEWS:

From the ARRL WEB Site:

Grants to Amateur Radio Organizations:

The ARRL Foundation grants program awards limited funding to organizations for eligible amateur radio related projects and initiatives, particularly those with a focus on educating, licensing, and supporting Amateur Radio activities. Youth-based projects and initiatives are especially encouraged. The ARRL Foundation grants program accepts proposals on a cyclical model three times a year.

2025 Grant proposals are accepted from:

- February 1 - February 28
- June 1 - June 30
- October 1 - October 31

Attention: If other ICARC members would like to contribute to this Newsletter, please contact or submit articles to the Newsletter editor, N3LT via email at n3lt@aarll.net or wd4hoz@gmail.com by the middle of each month. Preferred document format is **.doc**, **for editing purposes..** All submissions are subject to approval for publication by the editor.