

February 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 Club took part in it's first & hopefully annual Winter Field Day at the Club Shack location. We were a two oscar station. About 162 contacts were made. Thanks to WPA ARRL Section Manager Joe Shupienis for stopping by. Everyone had a great time with plenty of Food goodies. Photos below from this event.

Articles of Interest: NASA is looking for your help during Solar Eclipses. They want you! Ham Radio Operators to take part in making radio contacts during the 2023 & 2024 North American eclipses. They say it will be a fun, friendly event with a competitive element involved. <https://science.nasa.gov/science-news/citizenscience/ham-radio-operators-we-need-your-help-during-solar-eclipses>. Also, more news from NASA that may be of interest to ham radio operators. NASA is conducting a cybersecurity review of their Deep Space Network tracking site. It has been taken off line. It provided real time information about activities on the Deep Space Network. Hopefully it will be back up & running soon. <https://spacenews.com/nasa-conducting-cybersecurity-review-of-deep-space-network-tracking-site/>

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 . 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 2/7/2023

ICARC Secretary Chris Edwards, N3VFK

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:03pm with Roll Call & the Pledge of Allegiance led by Club President Jeffrey Tobin KC3NJE

Reports: The minutes of the January 2023 monthly meeting were read by Club Secretary Chris Edwards N3VFK. Jeffrey entertained a motion to accept the minutes, a motion was made by Gary Miller, seconded by Dave Dezelsky & then approved. The monthly Treasurer report was presented by Gary Miller KC3NHE. Jeffrey entertained a motion to accept the minutes. A Motion was made to accept the minutes by Doug. It was seconded by Cass then approved. The motion was carried. Gary then gave the EC report. Gary had a district & section level conversation on Spring SET which is coming up. Also, Feb 18th a Red Cross Shelter Session will be held. Contact Gary for more info. Gary mentioned he is now a Certified Field Instructor through ARRL & also a field examiner for the ARRL. Jeffrey entertained a motion to accept the minutes. Harry made a motion, seconded by Jerry. Motion carried.

Old Business: Jeffrey thanked Larry, Chris, Ed & Cass for the help with the calendar... Winter Field Day Report: This was the first outdoor one for the club. We were a two oscar station with two transmitters. About 162 contacts were made. Jeffery, Cass, Craig, Ian, Jerry, Ed, Chris, Justin, Fred took part as well as WPA ARRL Section Manager Joe Shupienis stopping by to visit. If I missed anyone please let me know... The annual club Christmas Holiday Dinner took place at Hoss's Restaurant January Seventh. About 40 people attended... Three of our members attended the Cambria Radio Club meeting on January 20th. Jeffrey, Gary & Dave Steiner...

New Business: Doug reported on the repeaters. The 745 repeater has been repaired. DMR is also up & running. All repeaters are working as of now. The next meeting we will discuss moving the 910 repeater back to the shack location... We discussed the club calendar & an attachment handout to the calendar.

End of Business/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 7:43pm.

After the meeting new club member Zac Trimble gave an informative brief presentation on the art of Bushcraft.

Attendance :18

Chris Edwards	Des Warzel	Craig Bigler
Jeffrey Tobin	John Bertolino	Dave Dzelsky
Gary Miller	Zac Trimble	Jerry Kiehl
Dave Steiner	Bob Pease	Phil Kopczyk
Paul Morris	Mark Strawcutter	Cass Fitzgerald
Doug Fitzsimmons	Harry Dushac	Larry Freeman



Illustration 1: Beautiful Skyline with Our Antenna Structure



Illustration 2: Craig working 40



Illustration 3: Jeffrey Working QRP



Illustration 4: Fire getting ready for the night air.



Illustration 5: Cass warming up with some Coffee



Illustration 6: Craig making a contact on 20.

