



# Indiana County Amateur Radio Club

## Meeting Minutes for the meeting on August 6, 2013

President – XXX

Vice President – Craig Bigler KB3LBU

Secretary/Treasurer - Terry Carnahan KB3JOD

### Board Members for 2013:

1. Terry Carnahan KB3JOD
2. Larry Freeman N3LT
3. Jerry Kiehl WB3DUD
4. Carl Hvozda N3PIE
5. Elmer Sorisio KB3WG
6. Craig Bigler KB3LBU
7. ???

Terry KB3JOD called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm hour's local time.

### Presentation:

Dale Kirsch, the Indiana Area School District Superintendent, speaking on the ARISS (Amateur Radio on the International Space Station) event that is being proposed.

The Indiana Area School Board has applied to NASA for an Amateur Radio contact with the Space Station and has received notification that they have been selected. They then contacted Robert KB3JOF to see if we would be willing to partner with them in contacting the ISS. Robert informed them of our club meeting in August to present this before the club members. Dale reported this to the School Board at their July meeting. Unfortunately, the reporter for the Gazette, that was present at their meeting, twisted the information around and reported in the Gazette that it was a done deal that the ICARC was going to help the IASD with the ARISS contact. At that point the School Board still did not know if such a contact would be feasible. They are being pressured to add more STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) type of programs into their curriculum. The entire contact would take place in about a 10 to 12 minute window (the time it would take the space station to go from horizon to horizon). The Indiana Junior High School was selected as the place of this event. Time slots available are in November, December, and January. As the time gets closer NASA narrows down the time to participate.

An option other than a live amateur radio contact would be a Telebridge. *Telebridge is where a the amateur radio station may be at some distant place and he relays the contact communication by way of telephone to the participating school.*

The Contact or Mentor/Technical adviser person is Charlie Sufana, AJ9N, from Huntington Beach, California. Charlie has mentored over 60 schools and also the first school to make contact.

Larry N3LT contacted Mr. Kirsch prior to our meeting and discussed with him the substantial cost for the NASA required equipment to make such a contact. Mr. Kirsch said that they, the school board, was not aware of the equipment needed and that they would not be able to supply any financial help. Dave N3DZ came up with a list of the NASA required equipment that if we had to purchase new would cost us around \$9,000.00. Our local club members do not have the required equipment for this contact, The Telebridge maybe the best option.

If direct contact is decided upon, then roof access is a must. One possibility is if hams in the area (Pittsburgh) that may be in to the AMSAT type communications that may be able loan and help out with a direct contact.

Mr. Kirsch will contact Larry N3LT with any more information.

**ARRIS discussion:**

The general concession of the club members present was that without financial support the direct contact was a mute point.

A January contact is little early

Fred KM3M suggested that he would contact the technical advisor, Charlie AJ9N, to see if he has any contacts that may be in AMSAT in Western Pennsylvania to see if there is any presence in loaning equipment to local organizations to make such a contact.

Larry N3LT made a motion that Fred KM3M do as suggested

Dave N3DZ seconded the motion

The motion was voted on and passed.

This discussion was tabled until we get more information

**Approval of meeting minutes for July 2, 2013:**

Fred Km3M Moved to accept the minutes as posted.

Phil K3PJ Seconded the motion.

Motion was voted on and passed.

**Financial Report:**

Terry KB3JOD

Opening balance For July 2012 was *announced*

Electric Bill (for July) -\$34.00

50/50 drawing (for July) +\$16.00

Flowers for Jimmy N3TQR -\$50.00

Donation from Marcia KD4ITP +20.00

Dues +20

Closing balance for July is *announced*

Phil K3PJ made a motion to accept the financial report

Elmer KB3WG seconded the motion

The motion to accept the financial report was passed

**Monday Night Net update: (146.91MHz – 20:00)**

If you are interested in being a Net Control Station, please contact the Net Coordinator Roger N3ULC.

**Monday Night NBEMS Practice: (146.91MHz – 20:30)**

The Monday Night NBEMS practice net will be postponed until this fall.

If anyone is interested in a NBEMS session, please let me know (KB3JOD (724) 388-3826) and a session can be arranged.

**Information:**

**Rusty WB3EUQ – contact information**

Rusty is at the Hollidaysburg Veterans Home, a Pennsylvania state facility just south of Altoona. Please note that he is not in the Altoona VA Hospital.

He is in Eisenhower Hall and it's nursing care. The phone number for his room is (814) 695-1635. You may call at anytime. He does have a cell phone. For his cell phone (724) 388-1202.

Rusty's mailing address is:

David O'Donnell (David is his actual name)

P.O. Box 319

Hollidaysburg, PA 16648

When you go: when you come to Eisenhower Hall (the large building with the WWII tank in front of it, as you first come onto the grounds) You will need to sign in at the Security desk – they will direct you to his unit, North 2. The security guards have room charts and know the residents.

**VE Testing:**

The next VE test will be in October. If you are interested in testing, please contact Bill McMillen N3QM. The date is also listed on the ARRL web site.

Cambria Radio Club will be hosting their 'Ham in a Day' event in September 14<sup>th</sup>. Classes start at 8am until 4pm. Exam 4pm to 5pm. Lunch will be provided. Walk in tests will be held at 2pm. All testing is free. For more information contact Scott Zimmerman – N3XCC, [VETeam@CambriaRadio.com](mailto:VETeam@CambriaRadio.com) , 814-444-9460.

**Facebook page:**

ICARC has a Facebook page now. Search for Indiana County Amateur Radio Club on Facebook and click on the Like button and or leave a comment

**Business:****Repeater Antenna Update:**

Another repeater antenna broke: The receive antenna that we have been using broke. Not sure what happened to it. We are currently using a Diamond type antenna mounted on a 20 foot mast supported by the front of the shack until we get the refurbished Station Master antenna installed on the tower. The Station Master antenna has been finished and is awaiting a climber to install it. Phil K3PJ said that he would contact Jim Knox to see about someone to climb the tower for us.

[We definitely need someone to climb the tower to install the antennas.](#)

**Repeater Update:**

The repeater is also in need of some repair. It needs a new exciter for the transmitter and also new finals.

**Fund Raisers:**

Thanks to Carl N3PIE the next fund raiser at Hoss's will be on August the 17<sup>th</sup>. We will gather as a group around 6pm. But you can eat there at anytime that day and present the ticket and the club will still be credited by your purchase. To qualify for 20% reimbursement we need a total of \$300 in food and drink purchases, to qualify for the 25% reimbursement we need a total of \$1200 in food or drink purchases. Gift card purchases will not count towards the total.

**Winner Night? Larry N3LT**

For quite a few years we have been meeting at the repeater site on Wednesday evenings for hotdogs, sausage, hamburgers or what have you over a campfire. We haven't done that in a while but there have been a few people meeting at Bruno's every so often for the 'hotdog night'. Beverly Sorisio would like to pose the question; Do we want to continue with the Wednesday wiener night at the repeater site? Or would you rather meet at Bruno's in Indiana or Whitey's in Coral or someplace else? A discussion was held and there is still interest in keeping the wiener night at the repeater site.

Phil K3PJ said that on Wednesday the 21<sup>st</sup>, he will bring sweet corn up to the repeater site for wiener night.

**Fox Hunt?**

The fox is now operational. Larry N3LT made a motion to have a fox hunt on September 14<sup>th</sup> or 21<sup>st</sup> at 11:00am. Marcia Kd4ITP seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and passed. Greg N3PHF will hide the fox.

**PA QSO Party October 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>:**

A discussion was held on the QSO Party and around 5 to 6 people present were interested in participating. Fred KM3M will email updates.

### Programs / Presentations During 2013:

January presentation – none

February presentation – Robert KB3JOF – Ham Radio Apps

March's presentation – Phil K3PJ – Knots you ought not forget

April's presentation – Terry KB3JOD and Phil K3PJ – digital interfaces

May's presentation – open

June's presentation – Phil K3PJ gave a short presentation on ticks and their removal

July's presentation – G. Lehman, from the Indiana Red Cross

August presentation – Mr. Kirsch, the IASD superintendent speaking on the ARISS event

September presentation - Gary Miller the Burrell Township's EC

October presentation – open

November presentation – open

December presentation – open

If anyone would like to give a presentation during a club meeting, please contact any of the club officers.

### August Birthdays:

Doug Fitzsimmons	K3LAB	8/5
Blanch Bender	KA3VXR	8/28
Terry Carnahan	KB3JOD	8/28
Craig Bigler	KB3LBU	8/29

*(if your birthday is not listed here and you would not mind it being posted, please send your birthday (month / day the year is not necessary, I will not post the year) to [carnahanterry@gmail.com](mailto:carnahanterry@gmail.com).)*

### 50/50:

Carl N3PIE won the 50/50 drawing. A total of \$14.00 was collected.

Carl donated the winnings back to the club

Thank you Carl!

Larry N3LT moved to adjourn the meeting.

Fred KM3M seconded the motion.

The motion was voted on and passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 local time.

**Meeting Attendance:**

- (X) Roger Bartlebaugh – N3ULC
- (X) Jodi Bartlebaugh
- (X) Christine Bartlebaugh - KB3QJZ
- (X) Terry Carnahan – KB3JOD (*secretary/Treasurer*)
- (X) Joe Carpentieri KA2BRH
- (X) David Dzelsky – N3DZ
- (X) Doug Fitzsimmons – K3LAB
- (X) Larry Freeman – N3LT (*Board member*)
- (X) Carl Hvozda – N3PIE (*Board member*)
- (X) Jerry Keihl – WB3DUD (*Board member*)
- (X) Greg Kerr – N3PHF
- (X) Phil Kopczyk – K3PJ
- (X) Fred Maize – KM3M
- (X) Marcia Malcolm – KD4ITP
- (X) Paul Morris - K3VAR
- (X) Ken Snyder – AA3IO
- (X) Elmer Sorisio – KB3WG (*Board member and Repeater Trustee*)
- (X) Bill Wieserman – K3ZYK
- (X) Robert Zugates – KB3JOF