

Indiana County Amateur Radio Newsletter for the Month

July 2013 Newsletter

Indiana County Amateur Radio Club Meeting Minutes for the meeting on June 4, 2013

President -- Robert Zugates **KB3JOF**
Vice President -- Larry Freeman **N3LT**
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. James St.Clair **N3TQR**
7. Robert Zugates **KB3JOF**

Terry **KB3JOD** called the meeting to order at 19:36 hours local time.

Approval of meeting minutes for May 7th, 2013 as posted on the web site:

Doug **K3LAB** 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 April 2012 was announced

Electric Bill (for May) -\$34.00

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

Hoss's Fund Raiser +\$97.05

Closing balance for April was announced Alton **N3PHL** made a motion to accept the financial report

Craig **KB3LBU** seconded the motion

The motion to accept the financial report was passed

It has come to my attention that the Mack's have not been paid for the last couple of years for the use of the repeater site. This should be taken care of. (A check for \$300 dollars was delivered to the Mack family on June 8th)

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 Nite NBEMS Practice: (146.91MHz -- 20:30)

Monday nights around 8:30pm on the 146.91 repeater for some **NBEMS** practice using fldigi with MT63 -- 2000 operation mode. It's a great way to get acquainted with digital communications. Everyone is welcome to join in.

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 testing is Saturday April 6, 2013 at the Indiana County EOC (85 Haven Drive). If you are interested in testing, please contact Bill McMillen **N3QM**. It is listed on the [ARRL web site](#).

Fund Raisers

Carl **N3PIE**

We received \$94.00 from Hoss's for our last fund raiser. Carl is working on the next fund raiser

BUSINESS:

Repeater Antenna Update:

The rebuilt station master antenna has been installed on the tower at a low height so as to test it. Elmer is planning on building another antenna to compare it against the rebuilt antenna. Most of the progress has come to a stand still due to Larry's health.

We need a new V.P.

Our current V. President Larry **N3LT**, needs to step down because of health issues. Larry will try to continue as V.P. temporarily until someone steps up and takes over for him.

. Airport Awareness Day

(June 15th and 16th):

Alton **N3PHL** moved that we as a club attend the **Airport Awareness Days**.

Craig **KB3LBU** seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and passed.

Setup will begin on Friday nite June 14th probably around 6pm, time will be confirmed later.

Our stand will operate from 8am to 4pm, both days.

There will be two 4 hour shifts each day. Preferably, there should be a minimum of 3 people present during each shift. Logging will be done by paper. We will use the club's call sign (**W3BMD**).

Fred **KM3M** said that he would design a simple **QSL** card if needed. Dave **N3DZ** will loan his 10' by 10'

canopy to use as a shelter. Setup will begin on Friday around 5pm. Tear down will be on Sunday after 4pm. There is still time to volunteer!!!

Fred **KM3M** moved to a low up to \$20.00 for expenses.

Roger **N3ULC** seconded the motion.

The motion was voted on and passed.

The schedule as of May 7, 2013

Set-up 6/14

6/15; 8am -12

6/15; 12 -- 4pm

6/16; 8am -- 12

6;16; 12 -- 4pm

Tear down 6/16

Elmer **KB3WG**

X

X

Alton **N3PHL**

X

X

Dave **N3DZ**

X

X

X

X

Terry **KB3JOD**

X

X

X

Fred **KM3M**

X

X

X

X

Craig **KB3LBU**

X (?)

X (?)

X (?)

X (?)

Phil **K3PJ**

X (?)

X (?)

X (?)

Carl **N3PIE** (as needed)

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Repeater Site: Field Day

Currently the upper field is off limits due to a new home construction. After the construction is finished we will have use of the upper field. Construction is expected to last all Summer and probably all Fall. This will affect our Field Day Operations. The Mack's (the owners of the property) said that we could use the field (their back yard) across the road if we need to. Fred **KM3M** suggested that we use the area across the road as a parking area and to use the area around the repeater shack for antennas. With careful planning we should be able to get at least 3 antennas up around the shack.

Craig will ask the **EOC** for the generator. Larry **N3LT** will arrange for the mowing and the porta-john.

A repeater work day was setup for Saturday the 8th with Sunday the 9th for a rain date. We will gather after the Saturday morning breakfast (between 10am and 11am) at the repeater site. Bring mowers, trimmers, pruners and rakes.

Field Day 2013

June 22-23:

Thursday nite -- setup and hot dog nite at 5pm

Friday nite -- setup -- generator will be dropped off at 3pm

Saturday -- operate, pot luck picnic at 6pm

Sunday -- tear down after 12pm

Dave **N3DZ** will have his wireless router setup for logging contacts.

People interested so far:

Dave
N3DZ,
Craig
KB3LBU,
Clark

KB3YEU,
Larry
N3LT,
Terry
KB3JOD,
Fred
KM3M

There is a rule change that Class A-B can set up on Thursday 8pm, but the hours of operation are not changed.

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

Programs / Presentations During 2013:

Robert **KB3JOF** would like to have a 2 month notice of the upcoming programs so that he can post the program and its description on the web site.

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 -- none
June's presentation -- Phil **K3PJ** gave a short presentation on ticks and there removal
July's presentation -- G. Lehman, from the **Indiana Red Cross**
August's presentation -- Gary Miller the **Burrell township's EC**
September's presentation - open
October's presentation -- open

November's presentation -- open
December's presentation -- open

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

50/50:

Carl **N3PIE** won the 50/50 drawing. A total of \$16.00 was collected.

Carl donated the winnings back into the club.

Thank you Carl!

Dave **N3DZ** moved to adjourn the meeting.

Fred **KM3M** seconded the motion.

The motion was voted on and passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 21:00 hours local time.

Meeting Attendance:

(X) Roger Bartlebaugh -- **N3ULC**

(X) Christine Bartlebaugh - **KB3QJZ**

(X) Craig Bigler -- **KB3LBU**

(X) Terry Carnahan -- **KB3JOD**

(secretary/Treasure)

(X) Joe Carpentieri **KA2BRH**

(X) David Dzelsky -- **N3DZ**

(X) Carl Hvozda -- **N3PIE** (Board member)

(X) Phil Kopczyk -- **K3PJ**

(X) Fred Maize -- **KM3M**

(X) Elmer Sorisio -- **KB3WG** (Board member and Repeater Trustee)

(X) Alton Strong -- **N3PHL**

(X) Doug Zimmerman -- **K3LAB**

June Birthdays:

Alton Strong **N3PHL** 6/14

Elmer Sorisio **KB3WG** 6/18

Dave Dzelsky **N3DZ** 6/23

(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.**)

