

Indiana County Amateur Radio Newsletter for the Month

May 2013 News Letter

Indiana County Amateur Radio Club Meeting Minutes for the meeting for April 2, 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**

Robert **KB3JOF** called the meeting to order at 19:34 hours local time.

Approval of meeting minutes for March 5, 2013 as posted on the web site:

Fred **KM3M** Moved to accept the minutes as posted.

Larry **N3LT** Seconded the motion.

Motion was voted on and passed.

Financial Report:

Terry **KB3JOD**

Opening balance For March 2012 was announced

Electric Bill (for March) -\$n/a

50/50 drawing (for March) +\$19.00

Tower Sale (K3PJ) +\$100.00
Membership Dues +\$20.00
Closing balance for March was announced
Larry **N3LT** made a motion to accept the financial report
Roger **N3ULC** 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**.

Information:

Rusty **WB3EUQ** - contact information Larry **N3LT** reported that Rusty was at the Saturday Breakfast November 24th. He looked good but is having trouble getting around. 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 the unit he is in is (814) 696-5248. The phone, its cordless, is right across from his room at the nurse's station. You may call at any time. He does have a cell phone. For his cell phone number, contact Larry **N3LT**.

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

Saturday April 13th.

We will gather around 6pm at Hoss's. But you can eat at Hoss's anytime that day, as long as you present the ticket, and it will still count towards our fund raiser. Need at least \$300 in sales to realize a 20% profit.

Monday Nite NBEMS Practice:

A group has been getting together on Monday nights around 8:30 pm 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

Business:

Repeater Antenna Update:

The Station Master antenna has been lengthened, but needs to have a final tuning and the fiberglass extension sleeve for the outside of the antenna.

The 440 antenna has not been started yet, but with the gained experience and knowledge it should go faster than the 2m antenna.

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):

No further updates

Repeater Site:

Phil K3PJ picked up the antenna tower he purchased from the club. While doing so he found a box of cable tv components (what looks like hardline connectors). If anybody would like

them contact Phil. Phil said that there are some tower sections that we may be able to use for field day events.

Field Day 2013

June 22-23:

Thursday nite -- setup and hot dog nite

Friday nite -- setup

Saturday -- operate, pot luck picnic?

Sunday -- tear down

Fred **KM3M** moved to have field day at the repeater site.

Dave **N3DZ** seconded the motion.

The motion was voted on and passed.

Need to arrange for the mowing and the porta john.

Craig will ask the EOC for the generator and maybe the antenna trailer.

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.

MS Walk

April 28th:

Where: Indiana Senior High School, the route will be the same as last year.

When: Registration begins a 1pm, walk begins at 2pm

How long: roughly 2 to 3 hours

People interested so far:

Fred **KM3M**,

Dave **N3DZ**,

Phil **K3PJ**,

Larry, **N3LT**,

Terry **KB3JOD**,

Roger **N3ULC**,
Christine **KB3QJZ**,
Elmer **KB3WG**,
Bill **N3QM** ,
Alton **N3PHL**.

If you would like to help please contact
KB3JOD at carnahanterry@gmail.com . There
will be a couple of extra HTs from the county
EOC to lend out if you need one.
Robert **KB3JOF** and Roger **N3ULC** will try
cross banding from the St. Bernards Church
parking lot.

Facebook page:

A discussion was held on whether or not the
club should have a Facebook page.
Bill **N3QM** move that we start a Facebook
page.
Larry **N3LT** seconded the motion.
Out of the 14 members in attendance 13 voted
for and 1 voted against the motion.
The motion was passed.

Rules for the Facebook page:

No pictures of people unless they give their
permission.
Only public information shall be posted.

Introductions were made for our visitor / future Amateur
operator, Jack Davis from Brick Church.

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's presentation -- none
February's 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 -- open
July's presentation -- open
August's presentation -- open
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:

Bill N3QM won the 50/50 drawing. A total of \$15.00 was collected.
Bill donated his winnings back into the club.
Thanks Bill!

The meeting was adjourned at 20:22 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) Larry Freeman -- **N3LT** (Vice President)
(x) Carl Hvozda -- **N3PIE** (Board member)
(x) Phil Kopczyk -- **K3PJ**
(x) Fred Maize -- **KM3M**
(x) Bill McMillen -- **N3QM**
(x) Elmer Sorisio -- **KB3WG** (Board member and Repeater Trustee)
(x) Doug Zimmerman -- **K3LAB**
(x) Robert Zugates -- **KB3JOF** (President)
(x) Jack Davis -- potential new amateur radio operator and member

March Birthdays:

Ron Carnahan **KB3JOE** 4/20

Ray Hazlett **KB3WDN** 4/20

Richard Stinson **KB3KBC** 4/22

(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.)

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