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ICARC NEWSLETTER

Officers for 2018:

President - Doug Fitzsimmons K3LAB
Vice President - Ernest Clark KC3FVX
Treasurer - Terry Carnahan KB3JOD
Secretary - Chris Edwards N3VFK

Additional Board Members for 2018:

1. Dave Dzelsky N3DZ
2. Craig Bigler AB3XA
3. Jerry Kiehl WB3DUD
4. Joe Rankin KC3CDG
5. Larry Freeman N3LT

LOCAL HAPPENINGS:

If you have not paid your ICARC dues please do so. The membership form may be downloaded from the W3BMD website.

A reminder that the new county repeater, WB3CGY, is operational. The frequency pair is 146.745/146.145 and the PL tone is 131.8. The repeater is now operating at high power, with a 1.5 sec. hang-time and a courtesy tone.

Read the April meeting minutes, courtesy of Secretary, Chris Edwards, N3VFK, provided at the end of this document.

NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL HAPPENINGS:

According to the ARRL the FCC is starting to internally discuss softening radio noise and interference requirements for industry. They are considering placing noise blocking requirements on radio receivers that go well beyond the basic requirements currently available to hobbyist applications like ham radio. This has the flavor of another FCC boondoggle similar to broadband over the power lines that currently generate so much noise. One effect of this would be to increase the expense of commercial receivers and make it virtually impossible for amateurs to "roll their own" useable receivers. This may become another example of the FCC pandering to special interests groups who have much lobbying power (i.e. money)

UPCOMING EVENTS:

June 9-June 10, 2018 Airport Festival at the Jimmy Stewart Airport in Indiana County.
Set up is the afternoon starting around 3:00 pm of Friday June 8, 2018

Tuesday, June 5, 2018 ICARC meets in the back room of Indiana Eat n' Park restaurant. The board meeting starts at 7:00 pm and the general meeting begins at 7:30 pm.

Field Day: June 28-29. Planning/Discussion at the June 5 meeting.

Breakfast at the Indiana Eat n' Park restaurant each Saturday starting at 8:30 am in the back room.

OTHER INFORMATION

If anyone would like to include information or write an article for the Newsletter please let Larry Freeman, know by email at: wd4hoz@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.

Indiana County Amateur Radio Club
Minutes of the Monthly Meeting 04/03/18

Meeting started promptly at 7:30pm with the Pledge of Allegiance & Roll Call. The minutes of the March Meeting were passed around. Dave Steiner made a motion to accept the minutes & it was seconded & approved. The Treasurer Terry Carnahan read the financial report. A motion was made by Walter to accept the report, it was seconded by Larry & approved.

Net Report from 04/02/18: Nine check-ins. Doug said that anyone is welcome to be a fill-in net controller. If interested see Dave Steiner.

Old Business: May 5th is the MS Walk. Meet at the Indiana Senior High School at 1pm. It starts around 2pm & ends at around 4pm.

VE test this Saturday 4/7 1pm & also the first Saturday in Oct. at 1pm at the 911 Center.

Airport Festival will be held 6/9-6/10. Walter gave a report. We will be in the same location as of now.

The club received two complimentary tickets for the Two Rivers hamfest & two for the Breeze Shooters hamfest. Chris & Dave Steiner were the winners for the Two Rivers one & the winners for the Breeze Shooters were Jerry & Cass.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:58pm.

After the meeting a possible fox hunt was discussed for May 12 at 10:30am. Will be discussed further at next meeting.

Attendance:

Terry Carnahan KB3JOD
Ernest Clark KC3FVX
David Dzelsky N3DZ
Chris Edwards N3VFK
Cass Fitzgerald N3FLO
Doug Fitzsimmons K3LAB
Larry Freeman N3LT
Jerry Kiehl WB3DUD
Phil Kopczyk K3PJ
Fred Maize KM3M
Bill McMillen N3QM
Paul Morris K3VAR
Walter Schroth KC3FVU
Dave Steiner W3CDH
Alton Strong N3PHL
Harry Dushac K3FSE