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ICARC NEWSLETTER



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8. Chris Edwards N3VFK
9. Doug Fitzsimmons K3LAB

LOCAL HAPPENINGS: This month the Club had a table set up at the Jimmy Stewart Airshow here in Indiana on July 10th & 11th. We operated HF as well as on 2 meters & had use of the Westmoreland County Emergency Amateur Radio Service (WEARS) Truck where we made most of our contacts. Once again a big thanks goes out to them for the use of this magnificent vehicle. <http://www.wc3ps.org/>

National News: Here is a very good article from the Boston Globe newspaper how during the pandemic & in the age of modern technology good old fashioned analog ham radio brought a family together. A good read indeed.

<https://www.bostonglobe.com/2021/05/22/opinion/connecting-with-strangers-over-ham-radio-tuned-my-husband-back-into-our-little-family/>

FCC News: Good news for now. The \$35 application fee that the FCC has proposed will not go into effect more than likely until 2022. The fee will apply to new, modification i.e upgrade and sequential call sign change, renewal, & vanity call signs. All fees will be PER application. <https://www.arrl.org/news/fcc-application-fees-unlikely-to-go-into-effect-until-2022>

Items for Sale: US tower 55 foot crank-up tilt over with 3 element beam, Two-15 element 2m beams, 1-2m/440 vertical antenna, rotor with all coax, also have 10/40 meter cushcraft vertical R7. Contact Paul Williams N3PW at pdwill3@comcast.net if interested.

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.

Indiana County Amateur Radio Club

Minutes of the Monthly Meeting 08/03/2021

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by Club President Doug Fitzsimmons. K3LAB with Roll Call & the Pledge of Allegiance.

Reports: The minutes of the August Meeting were read by Club Secretary Chris Edwards N3VFK. Doug entertained a motion to accept the minutes. Motion was made, seconded & they were approved. The financial report was next read by Terry Carnahan KB3JOD. Doug entertained a motion to accept the minutes. Fred Maize KM3M made a motion; seconded by Dave Steiner W3CDH. The Financial Report was approved. The EC report was read by Gary Miller. KC3NHE He said there were four Skywarn activations in July. He mentioned that 175 contacts were made at the Jimmy Stewart Airshow; including digital & two meters. He also said repeater capability tests are continuing.

Old Business: The club will be making a donation for fuel costs to the Westmoreland County Emergency Amateur Radio Service for the use of their truck at the Airshow. Special Event QSL Cards for the airshow were discussed. We will get together early; probably at the September meeting to affix labels, mail...etc. The repeater will be moved to it's new site this week. Looking to restore the 440 repeater as well by the end of the year. Will discuss with the County. The ongoing proposed revisions to the by-laws continued from last month. Chris checked on previous by-law revisions & found one from 04/01/1991 & nothing after the last known revision of 05/04/99. Nothing final was agreed upon this month for changes & the discussion was tabled until next month.

New Business: The repeater site needs mowed & will be done this up coming Saturday.

End of Business/Adjournment: At 9:17pm Doug entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. A motion was made & seconded. Meeting Adjourned.

Attendance: 17

Doug Fitzsimmons K3LAB (Pres.)	Aaron Lamantia KC3LEP
Cass Fitzgerald N3FLO	Dave Dzelsky N3DZ
Harry Dushac K3FSE (VP.)	Fred Maize KM3M
Chris Edwards N3VFK (Sec.)	Gary Miller KC3NHE
Terry Carnahan KB3JOD (Tres.)	Paul Morris K3VAR
Mark Strawcutter KC3MLA	Ian Bigler KC3DTE
Walter Schroth KC3FVU	John Mayhue KB3EKD
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Jerry Kiehl WB3DUD	

