

## FORT WAYNE RADIO CLUB MEETING MINUTES 19 October 2012

The October meeting of the Fort Wayne Radio Club was held at the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church on 19 October 2012 with club president Steve Nardin, W9SAN, serving as host. There were about 35 guests present.

The Treasurer provided information for the following report regarding club finances as of 19 October, 2012:

Income \$4,543.77

Expenses \$4,895.93

Cash on hand \$125.99

Checking balance \$5,870.26

Savings balance \$2,041.99

Minutes from the September meeting can be found in the Ham News and on the club web page.

Details regarding the October Foxhunt may be found in the Foxhunt Chronicles which will be posted in the Ham News and on the club web page. But in summary, Charles Ward and Fred Gengnagel, KC9MUT and KC9EZP won the October hunt and will serve as the fox for the last foxhunt of the year (November). Note, following the conclusion of the November hunt, Jim & Annie Pliett will once again host the end-of-season Foxhunt bonfire out at their QTH on Wappes Road. Everyone is invited to attend, but if you do please bring a carry-in to help feed the happy bon-fire goers.

### New Business:

During the November foxhunt, the high power fox will operate on the input of the 147.255 repeater, (i.e., 147.855 MHz) which will give casual listeners a chance to listen-in on the foxhunt goings-on. The actual (low power) fox will still operate on 146.430 MHz.

Jeff Dailey, KC9QCD reported that a balloon launch from Taylor University would occur Saturday, 20 October. The balloon will carry a micro-fox operating as a beacon on 146.565 MHz and would not be dropped. The micro-fox will transmit for 20 seconds every 60 seconds for as long as the batteries last and it will sign Jeff's call sign.

Steve Nardin noted that the November club meeting would occur on 9 November because of the Fort Wayne Hamfest occurring the following weekend. The presentation will feature a discussion and description of National Bureau of Standards radio station WWV.

Steve also reported that the club will not formally be supporting the Boy Scouts JOTA activity this year as we could not recruit enough volunteers to man the activity properly. However, Joseph Lawrence, KB9RFZ reported that he would be conducting merit badge classes with groups of Scouts on Saturday, 20 October at IPFW and would be making demonstration contacts on the 146.91 machine every 20 minutes starting at 13:00 local.

Steve Nardin reopened nominations for the election of club officers and Board members and Brian Jenks, W9BGJ's name was added to the list of those willing to run for a board position. Since the offices of President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and Communications Manager had only one person each willing to run for those positions, those positions were filled by acclamation and only the Board of Director positions were voted on.

Those running (for the four Board) positions were:

Tom Baker, K9TB,

Brian Jenks, W9BGJ,

Jim Machamer, KB9DOT,

Tom Rupp, KU8T,  
Charles Ward, KC9MUT, and,  
Rich Gilson, KC9PUX

Ballots were passed out and the results tabulated. The results were that for the 2013 club year Officers and Board members are:

President, Steve Nardin, W9SAN  
Vice President, Jim Pliett, K9OMA  
Secretary, Al Burke, WB9SSE  
Treasurer, Bob Streeter, W8ST  
Communications Manager, Paul Prestia, KA3OPZ  
Board of Directors members:  
Tom Baker, K9TB  
Jim Machamer, KB9DOT  
Tom Rupp, KU8T  
Charles Ward, KC9MUT

Following the elections Joseph Lawrence, KB9RFZ provided an excellent tutorial on the assembly of crimp type PL-259 RF connectors onto LMR 400 type coaxial cable. Anyone who has ever had to assemble PL-259 type connectors of the soldered braid variety would very definitely appreciate how much easier it is to use these crimp type connectors.

In addition to the connector assembly tutorial, Jim Pliett, K9OMA and Al Burke, WB9SSE conducted the annual Rig Clinic where-in they hauled in tons of test equipment used to test club members' equipment for power output, frequency accuracy, deviation, modulation depth and SINAD/receiver sensitivity. Most of the club members who brought equipment in to be tested were happy to find that their rigs were functioning normally.

Respectfully submitted,

Al Burke, WB9SSE  
Secretary, FWRC