

FORT WAYNE RADIO CLUB MEETING MINUTES
16 October, 2015

The October meeting of the Ft. Wayne Radio Club was held at the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church on 16 October, 2015 and was hosted by club president Steve Nardin, W9SAN. There were about 40 people in attendance for this meeting, and, after reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, everyone present introduced themselves via their call-sign.

Bob Streeter, W8ST gave the Treasurers report. As of 16 October, 2015 the club's numbers were:

Income YTD, \$3,598.97, Expenses YTD, \$3,381.48, Cash on hand, \$106.56, Checking, \$848.32, Savings, \$8,057.93.

Steve reopened nominations for the various offices and Board positions to be voted on that evening. No additional persons entered their names for any office so nominations were closed and a written vote was taken and tallied. Since only one person each had offered their names for President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Communications Manager, those positions were filled by acclamation. But six persons had agreed to run for three Board of Director slots; Tom Baker, N9TB, Terry Bowman, K9FMX, Kim Machamer, KB9DOS, Linda Nardin, W9LAN, Paul Prestia, KA3OPZ and Tom Rupp, KU8T.



So when all the dust settled, the resulting Officers and Board members for 2016 are:

President, Charles Ward, KC9MUT
Vice President, Carole Burke, WB9RUS
Secretary, Al Burke, WB9SSE
Treasurer, Bob Streeter, W8ST
Communications Manager, Fred Van Kempen, KA4YBR
Board of Directors:
Linda Nardin, W9LAN
Paul Prestia, KA3OPZ
Tom Rupp, KU8T
Steve Nardin, W9SAN (retiring President fills the 4th Board position automatically)

Joseph Lawrence, K9RFZ reported that Special Event Stations (SES's) are being planned to help celebrate the upcoming Indiana Bicentennial. These include an Indy 500 SES and a SES at the Indiana State Fair. If the FWRC intends to put up a SES it needs to decide and declare same no later than the first of November of this year.

Steve displayed the input he received in response to his "Show us your station" request. He received and displayed pictures of the shacks of KB9's DOS & DOT, KB9BNI, KA4YBR, KA3OPZ and of his and Linda's. (All were impressive but I thought KA3OPZ's was the coolest).

Following the break Steve showed a video created by the ARRL that addresses the facts, and the myths, being spread around regarding the Amateur Radio Parity Act currently up for debate in Congress. It seems that lobbyists for Home Owners Associations (HOA's) are unloading a lot of baloney on members of Congress, and whomever else that will listen, regarding the content and intent of the proposed Parity Act. The video sets the record straight.

Al Burke, WB9SSE then showed a video produced by TED.com that demonstrated what can be accomplished these days with autonomous unmanned aerial vehicles, UAV's, (in this case quad-copters). The video "Autonomous Agile Aerial Robots" was hosted by Prof. Vijay Kumar of the Department of Mechanical Engineering and Applied Mechanics, of the University of Pennsylvania. Prof. Kumar and his students have developed control systems that allow groups of quad copters to fly in formation amidst complicated obstacles by communicating amongst themselves without human control. Truly amazing technology.
Respectively submitted,

Al Burke,
Secretary FWRC