

FORT WAYNE RADIO CLUB MEETING MINUTES
September 16, 2016

The September meeting of the Ft. Wayne Radio Club was held at the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church (GSUMC) on 16 September, 2016 and was hosted by club president Charles Ward, KC9MUT. There were about 30 people in attendance. After reciting the Pledge of Allegiance (where NOBODY took a knee), everyone present introduced themselves via their call sign.

President Charles (KC9MUT) opened nominations for the upcoming (October) election of FWRC Officers and Board of Directors. Folks willing to run for various offices, so far, are as follows:

President: Charles Ward, KC9MUT
V.P.: Carole Burke, WB9RUS
Secretary: Al Burke, WB9SSE
Treasurer: Bob Streeter, W8ST
Board of Directors: Tom Rupp, KU8T, Steve Nardin, W9SAN, Linda Nardin, W9LAN, Paul Prestia, KA3OPZ, Kim Machamer, KB9DOT

While the current Board and Officers do an unbelievably spectacular job guiding the club, I mean, it's just amazing; we are always open to new faces and new ideas. Why not consider tossing your name in the hat for one or more club positions? By serving, you'd be in a better position to influence what the club does, and does not do. Nominations for all positions will be reopened at next month's meeting just before we conduct the elections. Why not add your name to the list!

Tom Rupp (KU8T) provided Treasurer Bob Streeter's club financial status report as follows:

Income year-to-date	\$2,173.00
Expenses year-to-date	\$3,495.24
Cash-on-Hand	\$107.33
Checking Account	\$3,179.37
Savings Account	\$7,821.20

Charles passed around a birthday card celebrating Bob Streeter's 75th birthday for sign-off. Happy Birthday Bob!

Paul Prestia brought the Sarkes-Tarzian/FWRC Parrott Rd. Lease Agreement for sign-off and Charles signed the lease for the club.



Once Paul has the Sarkes-Tarzian Ft. Wayne General Manager sign it, we will have our lease agreement in place and can then start ordering the antenna & feedline for the Parrot Rd. site, and hire a tower climber so that we can put the 146.94 Fusion repeater on the air at 380'.

Steve Nardin retold the saga of the September foxhunt. Steve, Linda and grandson Alex were the fox and hid out at the Arcola primary school out in, well, Arcola. They emplaced the microfox in a tree-bush in the playground out behind the school building. Foxhunter teams consisted of Charles Ward & Fred Gengangle, Jim & Annie Pliett plus Carole & Al Burke and of Jason, KC9UOQ and Debbi, KK4QXC plus Kylie. Charles and Fred found the fox first, followed by the Pliett/Burke team, followed by Jason, Debbi and Kylie. Details of the hunt can be found in the September Foxhunt Chronicles which should be posted on the club web page and in the November issue of the Ham News soon.

Jim Mooring, KB9WWM announced three upcoming civic events that are in need of communications services that local hams routinely supply. The events are:

1. Fort 4 Fitness Marathon (from Parkview Field), October 1. Starts at 7am. Jim needs about 30 operators with uhf handheld capability to provide route surveillance/communications. Coverage from about 7am to 1pm.

2. Heart Walk (from Ivy Tech north), 24 September. See: <http://fortwayneheartwalk.kintera.org/faf/home/default.asp?ievent=1149995>

3. Making Strides against Breast Cancer (from Parkview Field), 15 October. See: http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR/MakingStridesAgainstBreastCancer/MSABCCY16LS?pg=entry&fr_id=77416

Contact Jim @ servo300@aol.com, 260-493-8326 for more information on these three events, and what you can do to help out.

Charles noted that the Fort Wayne Radio Club will operate a special events station, W9I, to celebrate the 200th anniversary of Indiana becoming a state (the Indiana Centennial). It will occur tomorrow, 17 September simultaneous with the annual Johnny Appleseed Festival. The club will set up stations operating on 20 and 40 meters, plus operation on 146.910 EchoLink on IPFW's campus on the west side of the St. Joe river near where the St. Joe Pathway passes under Coliseum Blvd. Operations are planned from 9:00am until about 4:00 pm.

Joseph Lawrence, K9RFZ announced that the club will set up a demo station at the Ft. Wayne Community Safety Awareness Program to occur 24 September at Jefferson Point (behind Carmike) starting about 9:00 am. The event will give us a chance to introduce the attending crowd to Ham radio.

Following the business meeting and a coffee and cookie break, Kevin Loughin, KB9RLW provided an excellent presentation entitled "An Arduino Vox Rig Interface". Kevin designed, built, and programmed a usb enabled audio interface for use on amateur radio digital modes, which includes the VOX function, based upon the Arduino microcontroller board. Kevin's design is inexpensive (\$20.00 to \$30.00 range), is simple to build (thru-board components, no surface mount, and works with popular digital modes. And since it is micro-controller based, it is flexible, so should be applicable to new digital modes as they are developed. (You can find a video describing Kevin's system at:

<https://twitter.com/kb9rlw>

This would be an ideal club project.

The meeting adjourned about 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Al Burke, WB9SSE
Secretary, Fort Wayne Radio Club