

FORT WAYNE RADIO CLUB MEETING MINUTES
July 2018

The July meeting of the Ft. Wayne Radio Club was held at the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church (GSUMC) on 15 July, 2018. The meeting was presided over by President Charles Ward, KC9MUT, there were about 30 folks attending. Following the Pledge of Allegiance each person introduced themselves via their call sign.

Paul Prestia, KA3OPZ provided a repeater status update:

The 146.760 machine at Robison Park is operating with low output power (about 10 watts) due to a sick power amplifier. Al Burke, WB9SSE removed the P.A. from Robison Park and brought it to the meeting for Tom Rupp, KU8T who will put it on his bench with the intent of fixing whatever went "blooey" (a technical term) in it.

The 146.910 machine at IPFW will be upgraded with a new Echo-Link suite of equipment that Paul Prestia has fabricated. The upgrade is planned to occur on the 24th of this month. We will also check the alignment of the duplexer receive and transmit cavities which are believed to be slightly out of adjustment at present.

Permanent and robust grounding of the Parrott Rd. enclosure (housing the 146.940/Fusion and the D-STAR systems) has been completed, tying the enclosure ground into the WLDE tower ground grid.

The 444.875 machine (Robison Park) and the 146.940/Fusion and D-STAR machines (Parrott Rd.) seem to be operating nominally.

Jim Pliett, K9OMA gave a report on the July Foxhunt. Jim and Annie (KA9YYI) served as the fox, and they hid out on the River Greenway Tow Path off Glendale Ave. Three teams hunted them including Steve and Linda, K9's SAN & LAN, Don, K9LI and his wife, and Charles, KC9MUT, Fred, KC9EZP, and new ham and foxhunter Stuart, KD9LFW. Don was the first to find the microfox followed by Charles, Fred and Stuart, and finally Steve and Linda. More of the gory details can be found in the upcoming July Foxhunt Chronicles.

Bob Streeter, W8ST provided the Treasurer's report. As of 20 July, 2018 the numbers of interest were:

Income Year-to-Date.....	\$8,767.43*
Expenses Year-to-Date.....	\$5,173.91*
Cash-On-Hand.....	\$120.00
Checking balance.....	\$3,679.23
Savings balance.....	\$4,828.44
Vanguard balance.....	\$5,012.61

* These numbers include the impact of funds collected from buyers, and dispersed to sellers, as a result of the recent auction activity overseen by the club.

Charles noted that next month's meeting will be the Tailgate Hamfest which is held on the GSUMC parking lot on Friday August 17th. Setup for this yearly event will commence at 6:00 pm with the Hamfest itself starting at 6:30 pm. This is your once-a-year opportunity to clear your old stuff out of your basement/hamshack and replace it with new (old) stuff.

Joseph Lawrence, K9RFZ announced that the FWRC had once again agreed to attend and participate in the Allen County Safety Fair which will be conducted at Jefferson Point on 22 September. Contact any Board member if you would like to help out.

Charles reported that the ACARTS picnic will occur Saturday, 11 August at Jefferson Township Park starting at 4:00 pm. ACARTS will provide hot dogs and hamburgers (prepared by master chef Charles) and all participants are encouraged to bring a pot-luck carry-in dish. (Per ARRL tradition, carry-ins of meat balls and/or deviled eggs is highly recommended. Mr. Maxim himself had a fantastic meat ball recipe, so I'm told). Joseph Lawrence commented that, weather permitting, the Fort Wayne Astronomical Society facilities will be open for anyone who might want to do a little star gazing while out at the Township Park site.

Charles noted the following results from the club's Field Day efforts:

CW contacts.....	676
Phone contacts.....	284
Digital contacts.....	9
GOTA contacts.....	76

Charles estimates we will garner somewhere between 4550 to 4750 points when all is said and done. It was suggested that the club offer a donation to the Fort for their allowing us to use the venue for our Field Day event. After some discussion a motion to make a donation in the amount of \$250.00 was introduced and seconded. This was followed by a vote in the affirmative (unanimous), so the FWRC will go forward with the donation.

Respectfully submitted,

Al Burke, WB9SSE

Secretary, Fort Wayne Radio Club