

FORT WAYNE RADIO CLUB MEETING MINUTES
15 March, 2019

The March meeting of the Ft. Wayne Radio Club was held at the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church (GSUMC) on 15 March, 2019. The meeting was hosted by President Charles Ward, KC9MUT.

There were about 35 folks in attendance and following the Pledge of Allegiance, each person introduced themselves via their call sign.

The Treasurer's report, provided by Bob Streeter, W8ST, indicated the club's financial status as of 15 March, 2019:

Income Year-To-Date	\$2,541.20
Expenses Year-To-Date	\$51.85
Savings balance	\$1,830.01
Checking balance	\$5,131.26
Cash-on-Hand	\$43.00
Vanguard account balance	\$8,085.95

Steve Nardin, W9SAN noted that efforts continue to prepare for the club's 100th year celebration. Steve has received artwork from several club members that could be used in the development of club QSL cards, operating certificates, window decals or bumper stickers and other items that attest to our 100 years of existence. Examples of all submissions that will have been received by the time of the Spring Banquet (which will occur on Friday, 12 April) will be displayed at the Spring Banquet. During the May club meeting we will formally vote on which pieces of submitted artwork will be used to represent the club during CY 2020. At present we are planning to have three special event operations in 2020; during the first weekend of the Three Rivers Festival, during John Appleseed weekend, and during the Indiana QSO party in May, 2020.

Details of these events need to be worked out, including suitable venues. Once cast in concrete Al Burke will prepare an article about them for submission to QST for inclusion in the Special Event Stations column.

Ken Rogner, N8KR, representing the Straight Key Century Club welcomed the FWRC as SKCC member number 20000C and noted that W9TE has advanced to the Centurion C1 level of SKCC achievement. The Centurion Cx1 award is earned by SKCC members who work 100 other members, exchanging SKCC number and name. This was accomplished by a group of 12 FWRC members who worked a SKCC event from N8KR's QTH this last weekend.

Charles announced that the Circle of Friends Interdenominational Prayer Net will commence operation on the 147.015 repeater starting on Sunday, 17 March at 7:00 pm. A flyer regarding this activity is shown below.

Announcing the New,

Circle Of

Friends

Interdenominational
Christian Prayer Net—

Premiering at
7:00 P.M. Sunday, March 17 on the
W90U (Auburn) Repeater, 147.015

Join the
Circle Of Friends
and appeal for prayers for your needs or the needs of
friends or family, then be a part of the
"Power of Prayer."

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Following the business meeting Jim Pliett, K9OMA, gave a presentation on considerations for operating on the 630 meter band which is available to hams with a General or higher class license, using frequencies between 472 KHz and 479 KHz. Jim addressed the challenges of building an antenna system for that band, and touched on unique devices such as the Variometer, and class D power amplifiers. All in all an interesting and informative presentation.

Respectfully submitted,

Al Burke, WB9SSE

Secretary, Fort Wayne Radio Club