

**FORT WAYNE RADIO CLUB MEETING MINUTES**  
**19 APRIL 2013**

The April meeting of the Fort Wayne Radio Club was held at the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church on 19 April 2013 with club president Steve Nardin, W9SAN, serving as host. There were about 25 members and guests present.

The assembled group addressed the flag with the Pledge of Allegiance, and then everyone identified themselves and their calls.

Treasurer Bob Streeter, W8ST provided the following report regarding club finances as of 13 April, 2013:

Income \$2,973.07,  
Expenses \$419.49,  
Cash on hand \$94.49,  
Checking balance \$1,621.20,  
Savings balance \$8,042.90.

Al Burke, WB9SSE gave a synopsis of the April Foxhunt, the details of which are documented within the April Foxhunt Chronicles which can be found either in the May Ham news or on the club web page.

Jim Pliett, K9OMA and Al Burke reported that they performed a repair on the power supply at Robison Park, replacing a muffin fan. The fan had a frozen bearing that would cause the power supply to overheat and shut down. They also noted that at present the Motorola "emergency" repeater was on-line as the 146.76 machine in order to check out the operation and reliability of this recently acquired hardware. Jim has programmed it with all of the local vhf repeater frequency pairs so that it would be possible to substitute it as a drop-in replacement for any of the repeaters currently in use around town.

Steve also noted that several Walk-a-Thons/Events, needing communications support from the local Ham community, will be occurring shortly. These include:

The Indiana Trail 100 mile footrace at Chain-O-Lakes State Park will occur beginning 20 April, a two day (Saturday-Sunday) event.

The March of Dimes Walk for Babies, 27 April, Headwaters Park.

The Juvenile Diabetes Walk, 4 May, Franke Park.

Joseph Lawrence, K9RFZ announced that the National Weather Service (NWS) is soliciting hams who own Emergency Weather Alert radios to monitor weekly tests of the Emergency Alert System and report what they observe to the NWS via e-mail. The NWS is attempting to ascertain the range/geographical coverage of the system, so reports of who heard what will help them in that endeavor. Contact Joseph for details if you are able to participate.

Steve Nardin reminded everyone of upcoming club events, such as:

The Indiana QSO Party occurring on the 4th of May, most likely using the IPFW-Dolnick Hall facility as the operating venue.

The club Spring Banquet occurring on Friday 10 May at Good Shepherd United Methodist Church. It's a carry-in as usual with the club providing dinnerware, cutlery, coffee and punch. Note that the banquet is scheduled for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday in May, not the 3<sup>rd</sup> because Dayton occurs on that 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend. And finally.....

The ARRL June VHF QSO Party which occurs the first full weekend in June. Perhaps Dolnick Hall will be utilized for this event too, rather than one of the IPFW parking garages. Over-the-Air planning meetings for the Indiana and VHF QSO Parties will start occurring soon according to Steve.

Following the business meeting Steve Nardin provided a "Antenna Potpourri" program with contributions from himself, Jim Pliett, Charles Ward, KC9MUT and Adolf Wozniak, WA9WTJ who discussed subjects including Magnetic Loop Antennas, Stealth Loop Antennas, six-meter Squalo antennas, Scimitar antennas and patch/cavity-backed antennas.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary, FWRC