

FORT WAYNE RADIO CLUB MEETING MINUTES
19 June, 2020

The June meeting of the Ft. Wayne Radio Club, (the first once since February, because of the Corona virus hub-bub restrictions being put in place), was held in the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church parking lot on 19 June, 2020.

Club president Carole Burke, WB9RUS, hosted the meeting of about eleven people which suggests that most folks are still gun-shy about the virus. But for those who were able to attend, we executed the Salute to the Flag ceremony, and then everyone introduced themselves by their call sign, as we always do.

Treasurer Debbie Jenks, KB9DEB was not in attendance, so we had no Treasure's report.

Al Burke, WB9SSE noted the passing of Adolph Wozniak, WA9WTJ, who had been a long time club member. Adolph was a first class engineer, working at Magnavox in Electronic Warfare specializing in the area of antennas and electromagnetics. It was suggested that an epitaph be prepared and posted in the HamNews.

It was also noted that former club president Tom Baker, N9TB, was in the hospital (Lutheran S.W.) suffering from bleeding from the esophagus, and had been put on a ventilator when first admitted, but he has since been removed from it.

The rest of the meeting addressed Field Day plans as follows:

1. Field Day is on at the Old Fort. Bob Jones, KB9MEA, who is our Old Fort liaison will not be able to attend Field Day as he is recovering from an injury. Cory Balkenbusch will serve in his place.
2. It appears that we will have between five and ten operators participating plus some non-operators. So it's likely we will be using end-feds and dipoles strung inside the Old Fort and likely no towers.
3. We expect to have CW and Phone stations for 80, 40, 20, and probably phone on 15 and 10 meters.
4. We have acquired band pass filters for 80, 40 and 20 meters to try to improve the co-station receiver overload problems we have typically run into at Field Day. We will also implement ground rods and chokes on power supply (mains) and feedlines where they enter each station location, and employ ferrite beads on all microphone and headphone leads, and on dc power leads. It should be an interesting and informative experiment.
5. Carole agreed to acquire a supply of face masks, disinfectant wipes and hand sanitizers for use by all participants.
6. Operators and Loggers will practice safe separation.
7. All participant vehicles will be parked inside the Fort.
8. There will be no GOTA station this year.
9. Carole will formally announce the FWRC 100th year proclamation prepared for us by the Mayor's office, probably around 2:00 pm.
10. Everyone will be on their own for food this year.
11. Charles Ward, KC9MUT is the point of contact for anyone wishing to participate in Field Day.
12. Charles is updating the club's logging computers to the latest version of Windows 10.

The next club meeting will occur on 17 July and will be held in the church parking lot again. The August meeting will be the Tailgate Hamfest, again in the church parking lot. We expect the church to be available for meetings as of 17 September so it should be available for our September club meeting on the 18th.

Respectfully submitted,

Al Burke, WB9SSE
Secretary, Fort Wayne Radio Club