

FORT WAYNE RADIO CLUB MEETING MINUTES
22 November, 2019

The November meeting of the Ft. Wayne Radio Club was held at the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church (GSUMC) on 22 November, 2019. The meeting was hosted by President Charles Ward, KC9MUT.

There were about 40 folks in attendance, and following the Pledge of Allegiance, each person introduced themselves via their call sign.

Treasurer Bob Streeter, W8ST provided details on the club finances as follows:

Income Y-T-D \$8,002.93, Expenses Y-T-D \$4,836.70, Cash on hand \$43.00, Checking \$4,417.41, Savings \$1830.65, Fidelity account \$11,244.06. About eighty folks re-upped their club membership for 2020 during the Hamfest.

Charles announced that the annual Christmas banquet would occur on Friday 13 December starting at 6:30 pm. The club will provide both baked and fried chicken, drinks and cutlery. Attendees should arrive with other carry-in dishes and desserts as is the usual practice. Al Burke noted that recent historical research into the papers of Hiram Percy Maxim (W1AW, the co-founder of the ARRL) revealed that at the first ham radio club banquet (circa 1915) both meatballs and deviled eggs were popular items on the menu thus establishing the precedent for bringing meatballs and/or deviled eggs to ham radio banquets ever since.

After multiples shouts of "Al, sit down and shut up!" Charles then noted that a gift exchange was planned. Those wishing to participate should bring a ham related item with a value of about \$10.00 plus or minus, identified as for an OM or YL, (or alternately some meatballs or deviled eggs). The identity of the person supplying the gift should be noted on the gift inside its wrapping. Charles also mentioned that he is looking for a volunteer that can fabricate table prizes as has been done in the past. Contact Charles if you can help out with this task.

Clark Derbyshire provided details about a special events opportunity the club will create to celebrate its one hundred years of existence during calendar year 2020. This will be an operating event that runs from 1 January through 31 December 2020. Operation can be on any band commensurate with your license, using any mode (CW, AM, SSB, FM analogue, and any of the digital modes). The idea is to make at least one hundred contacts, but the more the better. In the process you must make a contact with at least twenty five FWRC members. You must trade call sign, name, city, state, signal report, details on rig and antenna and note if the person contacted is a member of the FWRC (although a little bit of rag chewing is encouraged too). You must log all contacts and eventually send them in to Clark. He will process them and provide certificates attesting to the activity. Further details relative to this event are being formulated by Clark and he will publish them shortly.

Charles announced that the club will not hold its annual auction during the January meeting. Instead, during the January meeting there will be an "Indoors Hamfest" similar to the Tailgate Hamfest the club conducts in August. The difference is that the January event will be held inside the GSUMC so it will be warm, and we won't have to contend with mosquitoes.

Charles noted that our Allen County HamNews editor, Ken Helms, K9ZT has been ill of late requiring some hospitalization and it's conceivable that he may not be able to continue his stewardship as editor of the HamNews for a period of time. Hopefully this isn't the case, but being prudent it was decided to identify someone who could take over the editorial duties while Ken recuperates. Please note that the Allen County HamNews serves not only as the official organ of the FWRC but also serves as the official organ of ACARTS and of the Fort Wayne DX Association. So we are soliciting a volunteer to take on the task of editing the Allen County HamNews and would ask that anyone who is interested and feels up to the task contact any member of the FWRC Board of Directors or Officers.

Steve Nardin, W9SAN announced that he has prepared pictures of, and order forms for the FWRC 100th year centennial golf shirts he and Linda, W9LAN have been developing. He plans to make the pictures and order forms available to the general public by Monday, November 25th. (They would make a great Christmas present).

Steve noted that during his research on the centennial shirts he discovered a source for large banners depicting the FWRC logo that would be suitable to apply on the club trailer, and to the building at our Robison Park repeater site. He proposed allocating up to \$750.00 to have banners fabricated. A motion to do so was put on the floor and seconded and then was unanimously voted on in the affirmative.

Following the business meeting Brian Jenks, W9BGJ provided a discussion on the National Traffic System.

Respectfully submitted,

Al Burke, WB9SSE
Secretary, Fort Wayne Radio Club