

FORT WAYNE RADIO CLUB MEETING MINUTES
22 February, 2014

The February meeting of the Ft. Wayne Radio Club was held at the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church on 22 February, 2014, and was hosted by club president Steve Nardin, W9SAN. There were about 100 people in attendance for this meeting, a very nice crowd indeed.

Bob Streeter provided the Treasure's report. As of 22 February the club had experienced year-to-date income of \$2,176.59 and expenses of \$789.75 for a net surplus of \$1,386.84 so far this year. Cash-on-hand totaled \$101.60, the checking account totaled \$1,660.02, and the savings account totaled \$8,046.26. Club membership totaled 100 souls for the first time in a number of years.

Charles Ward, KC9MUT provided the February Foxhunt report. It was a challenging hunt considering the weather we've been experiencing of late, and was won by Bob Dean, KC9UHU and Dave Spence, K9NDU, so they will serve as the fox for the March hunt. Details of the February hunt may be found in the Foxhunt Chronicles on the club web page and in the March Allen County Ham News.

Steve Nardin reported that the antenna for the 146.910 Echo-Link repeater atop the tower at IPFW has been replaced after several attempts frustrated by the weather. Users should find much improved coverage, especially transmit coverage, now that the new antenna is operational. Details can currently be found in the February edition of the Allen County Ham News.

Steve asked members to read the article "To tone or not to tone: That is the question" on the current FWRC web page. The article addresses the initiative being put forth by the Indiana Repeater Coordinating Committee and Indiana Repeater Council that will require that CTCSS tones be present on the inputs of all coordinated Indiana repeaters in order to access them. This has hardware implications for all users, as well as for the operators of the repeaters. The implications, which may be controversial, are addressed in the article, so club members are encouraged to read the article and address any concerns to Steve or other club officers.

Joseph Lawrence, KB9RFZ announced his intention to run for the position of ARRL Indiana Section Manager against incumbent Lou Everett, WA5LOU in the upcoming ARRL elections. To this point he addressed why he intended to run for the position and circulated a petition necessary to put his name in the hat for nomination. Brian Jenks, W9BGJ then took the floor to state his support for Joseph's decision to run for the office. More than the required number of ARRL members signed the petition.

Brian also noted that he was intending to organize classes for those desiring to upgrade to General, and also to Extra class licenses. He expected to initiate the classes starting 1 April. Details to follow, or contact Brian at: 260-484-5060, w9bgj@arrl.net.

Dave Van Doorn, W9WEL announced that he had been appointed a Tech Specialist by the ARRL and that his specialties lie in the areas of trouble-shooting, solid state receivers, antennas, serving as an "Elmer", and cw operating. He is available for anyone that might need help. Contact info is: 260-432-9397, dlvandoorn1@gmail.com.

Steve Nardin announced that Bill White, KB9YTR is soliciting for ham support for the Save Maumee canoe trip to Toledo, 18-26 April. Details regarding the initiative can be found on: savemaumee.org, or you can contact Bill at: 260-267-9179.

Dan Ward, N9WLW announced that he is soliciting ham support for the upcoming Indiana Trail IT-100 (100 mile) foot race to occur 26 & 27 April at Chain-O-Lakes State Park in Albion. About

60 hams are needed to support this event. If you can help out, contact Dan at: 260-402-7561, n9wlv@yahoo.com.

Last but not least, Jim Moehring, KB9WWM sent word that he was looking for support for the upcoming Hoosiers Out On Tandems (HOOTS) event to occur over the Labor Day weekend. HOOTS (<http://tandemhoots.ning.com/>), is expected to involve around 800 people riding 400 tandem bicycles in the Ft. Wayne area 30-31 August. Contact Jim at: 260-493-8326, servo300@aol.com if you can help out.

Following the business meeting Chris Highlen of the Ft. Wayne Astronomical Society (www.fortwayneastronomicalsociety.com) gave an outstanding presentation of the history, current activities and future plans of the Astronomical Society including a very impressive slide presentation. If you missed this program, you missed a good one.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary, FWRC