

FORT WAYNE RADIO CLUB MEETING MINUTES
February 2019

The February meeting of the Ft. Wayne Radio Club was held at the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church (GSUMC) on 15 February, 2019. The meeting was hosted by President Charles Ward, KC9MUT, and there were about 40 folks in attendance.

This meeting was in essence a continuation of the equipment auction that was initiated during the January meeting and about fifty items of vintage ham radio gear dating from the 1930's through 70's was offered for auction. These items were from the estate of a ham whose family decided to donate it all to the club.

All but one of the items were of vacuum tube technology and represented many examples of the receiver and transmitter art from Hallicrafter, Lafayette, RME, National Radio Company, Heathkit, Ameco, Eico, Globe Chief, Knight, and a few others, including a beautiful fully functional Collins 32S-1 transmitter.

Steve Nardin, W9SAN organized the auction. The actual auctioneering itself was provided by Paul Prestia, KA3OPZ with support from helpers Charles Ward, KC9MUT, Fred Gengnagel, KC9EZP, and Steve Nardin. Bob and Donna Streeter, W8ST and W9DJS provided all of the bookkeeping and proceeds collection / checkout for the evening's activities.

As it turned out, every single piece of equipment, save for the Collins 32-1 was auctioned off to the many interested attendees. The 32S-1 had been checked out and was known to be fully functional so a reserve was placed upon it quite competitive to what one would find on eBay. But no one in attendance bid as high as the reserve. So the 32S-1 will most likely be offered on eBay, or perhaps will be offered for sale at the Fort Wayne Hamfest in November.

Pictures from the February meeting / auction may be found on the FWRC.info web page in the Photos tab, entitled "FWRC Auction, February 2019".

Respectfully submitted,

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