

FORT WAYNE RADIO CLUB MEETING MINUTES
18 July, 2014

The July meeting of the Ft. Wayne Radio Club was held at the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church on 18 July, 2014, and was hosted by club president Steve Nardin, W9SAN. There were about 30 people in attendance for this meeting, and, after reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, everyone present introduced themselves via their call-sign.

Joseph Lawrence, KB9RFZ, our ARRL Indiana Section Manager noted that the ARRL's 100th anniversary celebration would be recognized by Indiana ARRL members operating under the Centennial QSO Party call sign W1AW/9 from 23 through 29 July. He encouraged all to listen up for the W1AW/9 call and make contact with it this coming week.

Joseph also announced that In June, 2014 with Congressman Adam Kinzinger (IL-16) as the sponsor and Congressman Joe Courtney (CT-2) as co-sponsor, HR 4969 - the "Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2014" - was introduced into the 113th Congress. This bipartisan effort would direct the FCC to extend the "reasonable accommodation" provisions for Amateur Radio antennas to include all types of land-use regulation, including deed restrictions and restrictive covenants. Details of what the proposed legislation is all about, and what YOU can do and how YOU can support it can be found on the ARRL's web page at:

<http://www.arrl.org/hr-4969>

Joseph, and the Board of Directors and Officers of the FWRC encourage you to do so.

Treasurer Bob Streeter, W8ST stated the club's financial position as follows:

"Let the good times roll",

No, just kidding, what he really said was:

"As of 18 July, 2014 the FWRC had realized income of \$4,965.15, expenses of \$2,131.21, and had cash on hand of \$101.60, a checking balance of \$3,097.47 and a savings balance of \$8,047.91".

While on the subject of club financials it was noted that the club realized an income of \$283.00 from the Field Day Hog Roast and Sunday morning breakfast against corresponding expenses totaling \$360.30, plus additional expenses of \$41.67 for fuel and miscellaneous Field Day items.

And finally, Bob reported that the club had realized a net income totaling \$549.25 from the sale of items from the Dan Spencer, K9LFZ estate.

Steve Nardin noted that the club had agreed to handle the sale of ham radio items from another silent key, Bob Zollinger, KA9QMI's estate. Steve, Tom Baker, K9TB and Al Burke, WB9SSE have inventoried the Zollinger items and have taken pictures of each piece. Plans are to put the items up for auction on the FWRC web site, as was done for the Dan Spencer material. Conclusion of the Zollinger auction is expected to occur prior to the September club meeting. Steve showed pictures of each item along with a brief description as a part of his post-business meeting presentation.

Al Burke reported that the Indiana Repeater Council is recommending that we implement 97.4 Hz tones on the output, as well as the input of our 146.76, 146.91, 146.94 and 444.875 MHz machines rather than just on the inputs. (We currently have a 131.8 Hz tone on the outputs). As a practical matter, it will be necessary to implement the same tones on both the input and output, so the IRC's recommendation will automatically be accommodated.

Al also noted that a maintenance action is planned for both the 146.910 machine, and the 146.760 machine. The RF side of the .91 system is working but the (Echo-Link) computer is not

and thus it has no Echo-Link functionality. The .76 system is working but sometimes in a degraded mode. So a maintenance trip to both sites is planned as soon as practical to fix the boo-boos.

Following the business meeting Steve Nardin presented a wrap-up of the FWRC's VHF QSO Party activity and of the club's Field Day competition. Stats for the VHF QSO Party were as follows:

Utilized three Bands, 50, 144 & 432 MHz

Operated with one rig, an FT-847

Operated for 24 hours

Had 103 contacts

Total Multipliers: 55

Claimed score: 6380

Likewise stats for the Field Day effort were:

Used Dolnick Center on IPFW's campus

Operated as "6A"

Started during a thunderstorm

Lousy conditions on 6, 2 and 10 meters, but good on 15

Wi-Fi for contesting logging system performed without a hitch

GOTA stations and crew worked fine, could have stood for 'Girls On The Air'

Hog Roast Saturday and breakfast Sunday were "outstanding"

Set-up and tear-downs were quick, efficient, and most importantly accomplished with no injuries

908 CW contacts, 42 Digital contacts, 420 Phone contacts for a total of 1,370 contacts

Claimed score: 4640

Bonus points (excluding GOTA, yet TBD): 880

Current total score (excluding GOTA): 5520

Respectfully submitted,

Al Burke, WB9SSE

Secretary, FWRC