

FORT WAYNE RADIO CLUB MEETING MINUTES
19 June, 2015

The June meeting of the Ft. Wayne Radio Club was held at the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church on 19 June, 2015 and was hosted by club president Steve Nardin, W9SAN. There were about 25 people in attendance for this meeting, and, after reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, everyone present introduced themselves via their call-sign. Since I could not attend this meeting, Linda Nardin was kind enough to serve as scribe and collected the notes these minutes are built from.

Steve noted that Jack Shutt, W9GT was the winner of the Indiana QSO Party, and the club came in 6th. How' bout that?

Paul Prestia, KA3OPOZ reported that all of our repeaters are functioning. He installed a new duplexer on the 146.76 machine at Robison Park and it is operating at full power. A software upgrade was installed in both the 146.76 and 444.875 machines that allows them to ID as "W9TE/R" instead of just "W9TE", and the transmit audio treble has been boosted to make the audio more readable. However it appears that the 146.76 antenna (the upper antenna) is going bad and may need to be replaced. He also noted that the 146.94 antenna at Parkview, (or perhaps its feedline), may be acting up. That will be looked into soon.

Tom Rupp, KU8T reported that the 220 machine is now installed at the Masonic Temple with the antenna mounted on a 14' mast atop the roof. It's operating at 30 watts on 224.78 MHz with a negative 1.6 MHz offset and hosts a net on Tuesday evening at 7:00 pm.

Bob Streeter, W8ST gave the Treasurer's report as follows:
As of 19 June, 2015 the club had year-to-date income of \$3,209.55, and expenses of \$1,735.38. It had \$56.76 in cash, \$2,116.35 in checking, and \$8,051.59 in savings.

Steve noted that the replacement duplexer for the 146.76 machine acquired at Dayton cost \$400.00. It replaces the 40 year old home-brew unit that is no longer maintainable. In addition, expenses for replacement tires for the club trailer exceeded the \$150.00 vote trigger limit by \$15.00. Thus in accordance with the club by-laws, a vote is required to approve both expenses. A motion to approve was proposed and seconded, and a vote taken which approved the expenses.

Steve reported that the club will indeed participate in the Three Rivers Festival parade, which will occur on Saturday 11 July. The club will have a truck with a trailer plus two vans with foxhunt antennas mounted. Walkers will have handheld yagi's and will have (FWRC) information handouts, and we will have banners advertising the FWRC hand carried, and on the trailer. Kim Machamer, KB9DOT, club chairperson for this event, has been deeply involved with the TRF parade head-shed negotiating the details of our participation, and has been coordinating all of the items necessary for the FWRC to be in the parade. About 50,000 people are expected to attend the event and so this is an excellent opportunity to expose the community to the existence of the FWRC and to the hobby.

Steve noted that only nineteen people attended the Spring Banquet this year. Apparently a lot of things were going on that weekend (graduations, weddings, etc.). That being the case it has been decided that the Spring Banquet will be moved to April for 2016.

Steve announced that plans are coming together for Field Day. It will be held at the Dolnick center again this year and will include a VE testing session Saturday morning, a hog roast (\$10.00) Saturday night, and a pancake breakfast (\$4.00) Sunday morning, plus an awful lot of yelling and screaming into microphones, swiping of keyer paddles, and thumping of keyboards. Folks will be out there Friday evening for QRP activity, and setup will commence Saturday

morning. We will probably operate 5A with cw, phone and digital stations, plus a GOTA station. Looks like weather may be an issue.

Steve reminded everyone that the CQ Worldwide VHF contest will occur 21 July.

Respectfully submitted,

Al Burke, WB9SSE
Secretary, FWRC