

FORT WAYNE RADIO CLUB MEETING MINUTES
June 2018

The June meeting of the Ft. Wayne Radio Club was held at the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church (GSUMC) on 15 June, 2018. The meeting was presided over by President Charles Ward, KC9MUT, there were about 40 folks attending. Following the Pledge of Allegiance each person introduced themselves via their call sign.

Steve Nardin, W9SAN reported on the recent auction managed by the club. In essence he said "Whew, it's over". Practically all of the items up for auction have been purchased and picked up. A few of the remaining items were brought to the meeting with the intent of selling them during or after the meeting. So far about \$4K has been realized from the sale of items and the club will receive about \$1K of the proceeds.

Treasurer Bob Streeter, W8ST briefed the club's financials. As of 15 June, 2018 the club numbers were:

Income Y-T-D, \$4,836.04

Expenses Y-T-D, \$610.28

Cash On Hand, \$55.00

Checking, \$4,384.11

Savings, \$4,828.24

Vanguard Account, \$5,005.27

Membership total, 128 deliriously happy members

Joseph Lawrence, K9RFZ announced that a meeting of the Fort Wayne Hamfest Steering Committee would occur following the ACARTS regular meeting at the Red Cross building on California Rd. Tuesday, 19 June. The ACARTS regular meeting starts at 7:00 pm and will include a presentation by Jim Boyer, KB9IH, on a 2 meter mobile mount slot antenna. The Steering Committee should convene about 8:00 pm.

Al Burke, WB9SSE gave a repeater status report. Plans are afoot to install a 2 meter Ringo Ranger on the roof of Kettler Hall at IPFW to temporarily take the place of the 146.910 co-linear antenna installed on the tower at Kettler Hall. Depending upon how high we can place the antenna above the roof, the performance of the 146.910 machine should substantially improve relative to what we are realizing now with the malfunctioning co-linear antenna.

Charles discussed preparations for Field Day. It will occur on Saturday and Sunday, 23-24 June starting Saturday at 18:00 Zulu (2:00 pm local), and run until 18:00 Zulu Sunday. The FWRC will operate out of the Old Fort in downtown Ft. Wayne, our venue of choice the past couple of years. The plan is to erect a single tower with a yard arm used to support wire antennas. Charles and Terry, K9FMX, plan to bring their rigs and we will have several of the club's rigs in operation too. There will be a GOTA station in operation, as well as a station operating 6 meters. We also plan to have at least one station running in the FT8 mode. The club's laptops and the mesh wireless node will be in operation to support automated logging. Setup will start at 09:00 Saturday morning, but a number of folks are planning to attend Friday evening for some QRP fun, and maybe, just maybe, there will be a 630 KHz station in operation Friday evening complete with a bucket variometer and copious rf sparks.

We will use the 145.33 machine for intercom.

Charles will serve as the master chef again this year preparing his delicious (really, you should try them) burgers and hot dogs, compliments of the FWRC, for dinner Saturday evening. Attendees are requested to bring a dish or two (preferably meat balls and/or deviled eggs in accordance with the wishes expressed in Hiram Percy Maxim's last will and testament) to complement the burgers and dogs. Bring your own drinks, cutlery and chairs (and perhaps a table).

Breakfast, including biscuits & gravy, scrambled eggs, links & patties sausage plus some sweet treats will be available Sunday morning starting between 9:00 and 9:30 am for a small fee, (about \$3.00).

Respectfully submitted,

Al Burke, WB9SSE

Secretary, Fort Wayne Radio Club