

FORT WAYNE RADIO CLUB MEETING MINUTES
21 March, 2014

The March meeting of the Ft. Wayne Radio Club was held at the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church on 21 March, 2014, and was hosted by club president Steve Nardin, W9SAN. There were about 60 people in attendance for this meeting, another good turnout.

Bob Streeter provided the Treasure's report. As of 21 March the club had experienced year-to-date income of \$2,331.90 and expenses of \$1,064.60. Cash-on-hand totaled \$101.60, the checking account totaled \$1,540.17, and the savings account totaled \$8,046.57. Club membership includes 110 souls.

Steve Nardin announced that the 146.910 Echo-Link machine is back on line with connectivity to Echo-Link. The problem turned out to be a malfunctioning router that the repeater's computer was connected to for internet access. IPFW replaced the router and Echo-Link is again functioning normally.

Steve said that the club is soliciting volunteers to represent the club at the Indiana Radio Club Council (IRCC) Spring meeting in Avon, Indiana on 5 April. The club is willing to provide up to \$40.00 for gas money to anyone willing to attend for the club. Details of what the IRCC is, does and discusses at their meetings can be found at:

<http://www.inarrrl.org/ircc.html>

Contact Steve if interested in supporting the club for this initiative.

Dan Ward, N9WLW announced that he is still 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, n9wlw@yahoo.com.

Steve Nardin provided some details regarding the results of the March Foxhunt. Bob Dean, KC9UHU and Dave Spence, K9NDU were the fox, while Jim & Kim Machamer wound up being the winners in the hunt. The gory details can be found in the March Foxhunt Chronicles posted either in the Allen County Hamnews or on the club web page. Steve noted that the April hunt will start from the old Marsh parking lot, (Maplecrest and Rothman Roads), and that the fox will be emitting on 146.160 MHz.

Steve discussed again the topic of requiring sub audible tones to activate all of our repeaters as is being mandated by the Indiana Repeater Council. (See the article "To tone or not to tone: That is the question" currently posted on the club web page). Several meeting attendees vigorously addressed their opposition to the requirement. At present it appears that compliance with the requirement will eventually be reality. With that thought in mind the Board intends to determine what compliance means in regards how to implement it, i.e., what would be the specific hardware, software and operational requirements for our systems?

Steve noted that the April meeting will occur on the 11th, not the 18th (Good Friday), and will feature Joseph Lawrence giving a presentation on organizing neighborhood over watch utilizing FSR radios. He will discuss what he organized in this regard in Glenwood Park Addition.

Following a break, Jack Shutt, W9GT, aided by Tom Rupp, KU8T provided the attendees a very entertaining Power Point and video presentation on Vintage Radios. Included as a part of the presentation were some physical examples of equipment dating back to when the author was just learning to walk, and well before he could send and receive Morse code.

Respectfully submitted,

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