

FORT WAYNE RADIO CLUB MEETING MINUTES  
8 November 2013

The November meeting of the Ft. Wayne Radio Club was held at the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church on 8 November, 2013. It was hosted by club president Steve Nardin, W9SAN. Since Carole and I were basking in the warmth out in Phoenix, Arizona, we were not in attendance. So here's a tip of the hat to Linda Nardin, W9LAN who graciously took notes that allowed me to cobble these minutes together.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, everyone introduced themselves by name and call sign. Then Steve announced several actions taken by the Board of Directors at the last Board meeting: The Board voted to purchase 40, 20, 15 and 10 meter LNR end-fed antennas for use at various club operating events.

The Board also voted to purchase a microprocessor controlled two meter microfox that can be used during club sponsored foxhunts and for foxhunting demonstrations.

The Board voted to purchase a spare NHRC Micro Repeater Controller as we have had two of them fail lately (Jim Pliett, K9OMA was able to repair them). They are used in the club's repeaters.

The Board voted to purchase two tires for the club trailer as the existing tires have reached end-of-life. This purchase will be put off until the spring of next year.

The Board approved (by vote) a plan to purchase a Baofeng UV-5R dual-band HT and offer it in a drawing at the Ft. Wayne Hamfest with the intent of bolstering paid-up club memberships for 2014. Anyone who has already paid their regular or family membership CY2014 dues, or who pays their dues as a new or existing club member before 11:00 am on Sunday, 10 November will be given one chance at the drawing for the HT, and these folks can purchase additional opportunities to win the HT for the sum of one dollar per chance.

Finally, Steve noted that the club is pursuing quotes from several tower climbing companies to replace the failed Station Master antenna atop the tower at IPFW-Kettler Hall that is used to implement the 146.91/.31 MHz Echo-Link repeater.

Steve also mentioned that the club has two adjacent tables, as usual, for the hamfest. Members may use the table for things they wish to offer for sale provided that they sign up to man (or woman) the table sometime during the course of the event. Steve had a sign-up sheet for that purpose.

Steve then noted that VE exams would be proctored from 9:00 am thru 11:30 am Saturday morning at the Coliseum.

Ft. Wayne Hamfest Chairman Jim Boyer, KB9IH likewise passed around a sign-up sheet for anyone willing to help out manning various tasks during the hamfest that would be occurring from Friday evening through Sunday of the event.

Bob Streeter, W8ST, provided the Treasure's report. As of 8 November, 2013 the treasury's balances were as follows:

Income, year-to-date	\$3,585.42
Expenses, year-to-date	\$1,741.34
Cash on hand	\$181.34
Checking balance	\$902.54
Savings balance	\$8,045.25

Steve reported that the FWRC has been asked to participate as operators for the annual Skywarn Recognition Day event that is coming up on Friday, December 6th to Saturday, December 7th from 0000 UTC to 2359 UTC at the National Weather Service site in North Webster, Indiana. This is a special event station for the WX9IWX station at the NWS, and will join other Skywarn SE stations around the country. Those interested in participating were asked to contact Steve.

Steve then announced that the last (November) foxhunt of the 2013 season would occur on Sunday, November 10<sup>th</sup> starting from the usual location. Jim Pliett, K9OMA and Al Burke, WB9SSE will serve as the fox, and the fox output will be on 146.160 MHz. Following the foxhunt, everyone is invited to attend the annual end-of-the-foxhunt season cookout, blow-out and bonfire and Jim & Annie Pliett's QTH out on Wappes Rd. Annie and Carole are preparing both red and white chili, hot dogs and other goodies, and with the carry-in that attendees typically bring, it should result in a yummy get-together as usual.

Following the business meeting Charles Ward, KC9MUT provided foxhunt videos he had captured during the September hunt. This included images from a camera mounted on the boom of his hand-held foxhunting antenna as he slogged through the location where the fox was ensconced. Then Joseph Lawrence, KB9RFZ and Charles provided videos they captured of the Ft. Wayne Historical Society's Nickel Plate Road "765" steam locomotive that hauled fifteen cars packed with passengers through Ft. Wayne to Lafayette, Indiana and back over the weekend of 26-27 October.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary, FWRC