

FORT WAYNE RADIO CLUB MEETING MINUTES
November 2017

The November meeting of the Ft. Wayne Radio Club was held at the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church (GSUMC) on 10 November, 2017. The meeting was hosted by Steve Nardin, W9SAN at the behest of club president Charles Ward, KC9MUT who was held up at work. In addition the minutes of the meeting were recorded by Linda Nardin, W9LAN since club secretary Al Burke, WB9SSE and club Trustee Carole Burke, WB9RUS were out of town. About 25 people were in attendance and following the Pledge of Allegiance and a round of applause for three of our club members who are veterans, each person present introduced themselves via their callsign.

Steve announced that the November Foxhunt Chronicles covering the final foxhunt of 2017, and the year ending cumulative scores has been posted on the club webpage (fwrc.info).

Treasurer Bob Streeter noted that the club at present has 133 members, the largest number in over a decade. And we have prepaid 2018 dues from 11 members. Remember, folks who pay their 2018 dues before the end of the Fort Wayne Hamfest on Sunday will receive one chance at winning the TYT Tytera MD-380 DMR handheld radio that the club is offering to induce early club membership dues payments.

Joseph Lawrence, K9RFZ announced the occurrence of an ARES meeting at the Public Library (downtown) in room W on 4 January, 2018 starting at 6:30 pm to wrap up public servents events that occurred this fall, and discuss upcoming events.

Joseph also announced that a Simulated Emergency Event exercise would occur from 09:00 am to noon on 2 December. Joseph is working on the coordination of the event with local hospitals.

Regarding the upcoming Ft. Wayne Hamfest, Jim Boyer, KB9IH stated that they are still looking for a few volunteers to fill several hamfest staffing slots such as:

Tom Baker, N9TB has a need of a person to work the prize table on Saturday from 10am to 1:00 pm.

Howard Pletcher, N9ADS could use several more persons to work hamfest security.

Bob Erb, N9PWM could use some help at the ACARTS club table.

Steve Nardin announced that the FWRC will have two tables set up at the Ft. Wayne Hamfest both Saturday and Sunday. Club members may place items for sale on the table provided that they

- 1.) Clearly indicate the seller (name, callsign, how-to-contact them), minimum price desired, and,
- 2.) Agree to man the table for at least one hour sometime during the hamfest (a sign-up sheet will be provided).

Steve noted that a large amount of equipment from the estates of two silent keys plus some equipment donations from Jim Mast, W8HOM will be auctioned during the hamfest at the Coliseum on Sunday starting promptly at 10:00 am and ending no later than 1:00 pm (participant registration starts at 9:30 am). Steve has catalogued the items to be auctioned, has itemized them on the club webpage and has posted pictures of most of the items on the club web page in the "Photos" section. Steve also presented pictures of the items to be offered during the club meeting.

The physical items (about ten tables worth) will be on display at the Coliseum Saturday. Steve asked for volunteers to help keep an eye on the equipment while on display on Saturday.

Jim Pliett, K9OMA and Scott Batters, KA9SLN along with Steve have examined all of the major items and have made note of their general condition.

Paul Prestia, KA3OPZ and several people from his auction company will run the auction itself. They will handle the collection of money, the marking of items offered and sold, and have already implemented the marketing of this auction on their web site. The decision was made that this will be a cash only affair, no checks or credit cards.

The meeting concluded at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted, (with much thanks to Linda Nardin for taking the notes at the meeting).

Al Burke, WB9SSE

Secretary, Fort Wayne Radio Club