

FORT WAYNE RADIO CLUB MEETING MINUTES
20 September 2013

The September meeting of the Ft. Wayne Radio Club was held at the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church on 20 September, 2013. It was hosted by club president Steve Nardin, W9SAN, and there were about 35 people in attendance.

Following the pledge of allegiance, everyone identified themselves and their calls.

There were no minutes from the August meeting as that event hosted the annual Tailgate Hamfest and hence there was no business meeting.

Bob Streeter, W8ST, provided the Treasure's report. As of 20 September, 2013 the treasury's balances were as follows:

Income, year-to-date	\$3,554.41
Expenses, year-to-date	\$1,295.35
Cash on hand	\$131.30
Checking balance	\$1,328.53
Savings balance	\$8,044.24

Al Burke, WB9SSE, reported that we have received a written response for the cost to replace the 146.910 (Echo-Link) system antenna, which is at the top of IPFW's Kettler Hall tower, from only one of the three tower climber firms from which we solicited pricing. The one quote received was for \$1,500.00.

It was noted that the 146.910 machine has been up and down lately. So Al Burke and Jim Pliett, K9OMA, plan a trip to the site next Tuesday to determine what's what.

Jack Shutt, W9GT, passed around a petition for signature that proposes to the ARRL that it establish extra points during Field Day operations for stations that operate vintage equipment as a part of the Field Day competition.

Steve Nardin announced that the ARES group is looking for volunteers to help provide communications support for a Fitness Marathon that is to occur next weekend. Contact Jim Moering, KB9WWM, if you can help out.

Steve opened nominations for Officer and Board of Director positions for the 2014 club year.

People willing to run for various offices include:

President	Steve Nardin, W9SAN
Vice President	Carole Burke, WB9RUS
Treasurer	Bob Streeter, W8ST
Secretary	Al Burke, WB9SSE
Communications Manager	Charles Ward, KC9MUT
Board of Directors	Rich Gilson, KC9PUX, Kim Machamer, KB9DOT, Jon Preble, AD9DX, Tom Rupp, KU8T, Tom Baker, N9TB and Linda Nardin, W9LAN

Steve noted that elections would occur next month at the October meeting and that nominations would be reopened during that meeting just prior to the elections. So if you're interested in running for a position as an Officer or on the Board, put your name in the hat during the October meeting, or contact Steve or any other Officer or Board of Directors member prior to the meeting and we'll get you on the ballot.

Steve noted that the Boy Scout's JOTA event will occur the third weekend in October at Camp Little Turtle in Steuben County, and the club is planning to provide a Ham Radio exhibit on 19 October from 09:00 to 16:00 local. We will operate three HF stations, one VHF station, and perhaps a satellite station. In addition, Foxhunting demonstrations that the Scouts can participate in are planned. Mike Boschet, AC9BE, is organizing the club participation and should be contacted by persons wishing to participate.

Following the business meeting ARRL Indiana Section Manager Lou Everett, WA5LOU, and his wife Doreen, AE5QM gave us briefings on the details of the Indiana Section Manager organization and what it does, plus a discussion on "Tips and Tonics for Healthy Radio Clubs". Both presentations were very well done and very well received.

Respectfully submitted,

Al Burke, WB9SSE
Secretary, FWRC