

FORT WAYNE RADIO CLUB MEETING MINUTES
16 June, 2021

The June meeting of the Ft. Wayne Radio Club was held at the Allen County Public Library (downtown) on 16 June, 2021. We made use of meeting rooms A & B which provide room for up to 126 people in a Corona virus compliant environment. (We have also reserved the venue for the July and August meetings Note that all meetings will start promptly at 6:00 pm because the library closing time has been established as 8:00 pm.

Club President Carole Burke, WB9RUS welcomed the attendees (about 13) and all present introduced themselves by their name and call-sign. Following introductions we executed the pledge of allegiance ceremony according to our usual practices.

Treasurer Bob Streeter, W8ST provided the current club banking account balances as of 16 June, 2021, to wit:

Savings-	\$1,831.72
Checking-	\$5,469.77
Vanguard Money Market-	\$11,625.74

Al Burke commented on the June Foxhunt. Five teams, for a total of thirteen hunters, participated in the June hunt. The object of their hunt was Charles Ward, KC9MUT, the fox, whose lair was the bus parking lot at New Haven Senior and Junior High School. The first to find the fox were Steve and Linda Nardin, W9's SAN & LAN and their grandson Alex. Details of the entire adventure can be found in the soon to be published Foxhunt Chronicles.

Carole addressed the summer banquet initiative that the Board of Directors has been working on. The Board decided to restore the club's banquet tradition, disrupted by the Corona virus situation, by holding a Summer Banquet at the Old Fort during Field Day weekend. It will occur on Saturday, June 26th at the Old Fort starting at 5:30 pm. Instead of fried and baked chicken, the club will provide hot dogs, hamburgers and cheese burgers prepared by our culinary master Charles Ward, employing his newly acquired grill/smoker. The club will also provide Carole Burke's Sauer-Kraut which has become a club favorite (for some reason that is simply incomprehensible to this Secretary). In addition the club will provide dinner-ware and punch or iced-tea and coffee. Attendees should provide bring-in dishes or desserts as is usual practice for club banquets. (Meat-balls and/or deviled eggs are strongly encouraged). Attendees should also bring chairs, and tables if desired, plus drinks of their choice (except nothing alcoholic).

Carole noted that she and Al were to meet with Tin Caps event coordinator Morgan Olson to work the details of the club Special Events station initiative that will occur at Parkview Field during a Tin-Caps game. It appears it will be at a home game on Sunday, July 11th while the Tin-Caps are hosting Lake County. Game time is 1:05 pm and it should last about three hours, depending upon the pitching. We will attempt to operate on 80 and 40 meters depending on the nature on antennas the Tin Caps will tolerate (most likely end-feds). Carole has arranged to do an on-the-air interview with Tin-Caps play-by-play announcer Mike Maahs (ESPN Radio, 1380) during one or two innings which will engender some amount of publicity for Ham Radio and the FWRC. We hope to have a good turn-out of club members for this event. Enjoy baseball and do a little Special Events Station operating!

Charles Ward was not able to attend tonight's meeting to discuss Field Day planning. But as he is the club's lead person regarding Field Day, he needs to develop a feel for the degree of club support during Field Day. Thus we will conduct an on-the-air Field Day planning session, via the 146.76 machine, on Tuesday, June 22nd starting at 7:00 pm. The expectation is that Charles will lead that session. We must get an estimate of how many people will show up to support set up and operating so that we can decide what class to run. Hopefully we can also get an estimate of how many people will attend the Summer Banquet so we can purchase enough food for the hot dog/hamburger/cheeseburger/ Sauer-Kraut portion of the feast. Steve Nardin will distribute a club-wide email with an announcement regarding the banquet and Al will ask Jay Farlow, W9LW, to post the announcement on the club web page.

Steve Nardin described the final version of the club QSL card that we will soon purchase. It features an aerial view of the Old Fort and will be used for QSL'ing whenever we participate in special event activities. The card design can also be personalized for the individual club member. Anyone interested should contact Steve (w9san@yahoo.com, (260)-482-4039) for more details.

Following the business meeting Steve presented a discussion on what we plan to do to reduce co-site interference during Field Day. This will involve the use of low-pass filters, grounds, and rf chokes on feedlines, power lines and control lines. It should be an interesting experiment.

The meeting adjourned at 7:01 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Al Burke, WB9SSE
Secretary, Fort Wayne Radio Club