



The Indianapolis Radio Club Newsletter

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May 2017 Newsletter

Upcoming Meeting:

June 9: Annual Auction

Highlights from the May Meeting:

Club President David Spoelstra, N9KT, called the meeting to order at 7:30. There were 42 members and guests in attendance. David reported that working the 500 Festival Mini Marathon was big fun. Jim Rinehart, K9RU, reported that the club station is operational HF through 1200 MHz. Chief Operator, Jace Thompson, KD9BIG, reported that Field day will be at Camp Belzer, June 24 and 25. Field Day will be using the call sign N9NS in memory of Mike Goode.

The official report regarding the Indiana QSO Party was that it was wet! Jim reminded those present to use W9JP for your club call when submitting INQP logs. The Hill Top contest is set for Sept 16, more information will be forthcoming. W9IMS is working this week for the Indy Car Grand Prix. The Indianapolis Ham Fest is coming up July 7 and 8.

This year, the Club's Auction is going to have a silent auction for good stuff. Contact Jim Rinehart at k9ru@arrl.net if you have items with a \$100 or more reserve. They will be listed on the club's web site for the silent auction. Normal stuff will be live auctioned at the June meeting as in the past.

Mike Sercer, WA9FDO, encouraged those present to attend the Indianapolis Ham Fest coming up on July 7 & 8. He has tickets at \$8 each.

Frank Lavallo, WA2GVI, was recognized as a new club member.

Next, David introduced this evening's speaker, Fred Prohl, KC9BIS, from the Indiana Historical Radio Society. The Society's web site is <http://indianahistoricalradio.org/>. Fred said the club mainly tries to stick with Indiana made radios. In the 1920's, radio was the big new thing. Fred showed several magazine covers from the teens and 20's with illustrations by Norman Rockwell, John Held, Jr., and others. Fred gave a very interesting and informational talk, and had some of his personal collection for display.

Rhonda Curtis, WS9H, announced that Tony Stokes', KU9V, Mother passed away in the past couple of days. Tom Price, WB9UNG, announced that he still has one oscilloscope left. Next month is the auction. Reminder that anything wanting reserve of \$100 or more, contact Jim, K9RU, to put in silent auction.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30.

Ham Radio News:

INDIANAPOLIS HAMFEST COMING JULY 7 & 8!

The Indianapolis Hamfest will again be a two day event this year on Friday, July 7 and Saturday, July 8, at the Marion County Fairgrounds. Testing will be available on Saturday, from 9:00 to 11:00. Those wanting to take a test are asked to pre-register at <http://www.n9ag.org/>. There will be two Yaesu FTM-100DR Analog and Fusion mode Dual Band mobile radios given away, one on Friday, and one on Saturday. Talk in is on the 146.76 Fusion/Analog repeater. On Site camping is available, also! Several forums will be presented on Saturday. QSL card and Homebrew contests will be held with prizes for the best of each. Admission is \$8 at the gate, and tickets are good both days. Visit <http://indyhamfest.com/> for more details.

2017 EVENTS NEEDING HAM RADIO SUPPORT

This year, we have:

Sat May 27 500 Festival Parade (Full)
Sat Aug 5 Indy Air Race [NOT the Red Bull]
Sat Sep 9 Multiple Sclerosis 100 Mile Bike Ride
Sat Oct 7 American Diabetes Tour-de-Cure Bike Ride
Sat Oct 7 Indpls Half Marathon in Lawrence
Sat Nov 4 Monumental Marathon

SPECIAL NOTE: Sat Oct 7 there are TWO Events taking place; ADA Bike Ride and the Half Marathon in Lawrence. I am working at planning on doing BOTH simultaneously. If you are signed up for both, I will be assigning you to only ONE of them. Stay tuned.

Please let me know if you are volunteering this year.

I am needing volunteers more than ever and with an aging ham radio volunteer pool, I need to plan on replacements. Get those new hams in on this!

Thanks

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SOMETHING NEW FOR THIS YEAR'S IRC AUCTION

The annual Indianapolis Radio Club auction will be held during our next meeting, on Friday, June 9. This year, we are trying something new. For things that you would like to get more than “pennies on the dollar” for, such as a working HF rig or amplifier, etc., we will conduct a “silent auction”, with items being listed on the radio club’s web site. Contact Jim Rinehart, K9RU, at k9ru@arrl.net with a description of your item(s), and the minimum you would like to sell for. This will be for items with a minimum reserve of \$100. Anything with no reserve will be auctioned in the normal manner on the night of the meeting.

IPL HELPS USS INDIANAPOLIS RADIO ROOM EXHIBIT

In February, the group of hams that have built, man, and maintain the USS Indianapolis Radio Room Exhibit at the Indiana War Memorial, led by IRC life member Chuck Crist, W9IH, obtained a final piece for the display from a man in Pennsylvania: A US Navy TDE-2 Transmitter from 1940. The unit was said to be functional, except for one key missing component, a power supply. After some research, the USS Indianapolis team discovered that there was a vintage, retired GE power supply that, with some modification would power the TDE-2. IPL donated the power supply, and moved it to the IWM! To read the complete story, along with several pictures, point your browser to <http://www.iplpower.com/Blog/post.aspx?pid=2147487453>.

MIDWAY AND KURE ISLANDS ARE BACK ON THE DXCC LIST!

On March 31, 2017, the DXCC desk announced the deletion of Midway Island and Kure Island from the DXCC entities list. The stated reason for this action was because of changes in the administration resulting from changes in Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument, formerly known as the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Marine National Monument, of which the Midway Atoll National Wildlife Refuge and the Battle of Midway National Memorial, the Hawaii State Seabird Sanctuary at Kure Atoll, and the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands State Marine Refuge, of which they are all included.

After further review it has been found that the deletion of these two entities is not supported by the changes that were made to the relevant administrations. Therefore, the deletions from the DXCC list should not have occurred and the two entities, Midway Island KH4 and Kure Island KH7K, will return to the DXCC list as separate entities.

For the full story, point your browser to <http://www.arrl.org/news/midway-and-kure-islands-reinstated-as-dxcc-entities>

BLOOMINGTON'S K9IU REPEATER CHANGES FREQUENCIES

If you travel in the Bloomington area, be advised that the K9IU repeater (originally at 146.94), which serves as a backup to the WB9TLH repeater (146.64) for Skywarn, has changed from 146.94 MHz to 147.18 MHz (+600 KHz), still with a 136.5 Hz tone. This frequency (147.18) was formerly the frequency of the 2M Dstar repeater. That 2M Dstar repeater is not on the air at this time. The 444.900+ Dstar remains in service.

UPCOMING CENTRAL INDIANA TESTING SESSIONS

Franklin IN 46131-9025
Sponsor: Mid State ARC
Date: May 20 2017
Time: 9:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: Kevin J. Nuetzman
(317) 523-9909
Email: kevinnuetzman@gmail.com
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: REMC Building
750 International Drive
Franklin IN 46131-9025

Indianapolis IN 46254-2407
Sponsor: Indianapolis Radio Club-W9JP
Date: Jun 10 2017
Time: 12:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: James K. Rinehart
(317) 721-1458
Email: k9ru@arrl.net
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: Salvation Army EDS Training Facility
4020 Georgetown Rd
Indianapolis IN 46254-2407

Franklin IN 46131-9025
Sponsor: Mid State ARC
Date: Jun 17 2017
Time: 9:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
Contact: Kevin J. Nuetzman
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Email: kevinnuetzman@gmail.com
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: REMC Building
750 International Drive
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FEEL FREE TO SHARE OUR NEWSLETTER

If you belong to any other radio groups, please feel free to share our newsletter with them. They can also sign up to be on our mailing list by filling out the form available at <http://www.indyradioclub.org/rqstnewsletter.htm>.

SEND ME YOUR HAM RADIO NEWS

If anyone has any items for the newsletter, please send them to Ken Bandy at kj9b@arrl.net

Signals from the Past:

From the May, 1956 *Amachewer*:

The amateur in 1990 may be working on his WAP (Worked All Planets) Certificate. He will be in communication with the Moon and the Planets in the not too distant future if the present space travel program activity is kept up. Scientists are confident that during the International Geophysical Year (18 months) they will crash the space barrier and launch an observable satellite.

Upcoming Area Radio Events:

- July 7 & 8, 2017: Indianapolis Hamfest. Go to <http://indyhamfest.com/> for more information.
- August 26, 2017: Owen County Amateur Radio Association Hamfest. Go to <http://www.owencountyara.org/hamfest2017.php> for more info.
- September 23, 2017: Bloomington Amateur Radio Club Hamfest. Go to <http://www.bloomingtonradio.org/> for more info.

2017 Officers:

- President: David Spoelstra, N9KT – davids@mediamachine.com
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