



# The Indianapolis Radio Club Newsletter

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## *October 2019 Newsletter*

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### **Upcoming Meetings:**

November 8: Clint, K6LCS, presentation on working satellites. There will be prizes given out at this meeting, also.

December 13: Holiday Celebration Meeting, Pitch-In desserts, "Ham Jeopardy", Radio give-away, general fun and frolic!

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### **Highlights from the October Meeting:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 by club president David Spoelstra, N9KT. There were 34 attending the meeting. David recognized several new hams and upgrades.

This was a business meeting to discuss changes to the club's Constitution that were approved by a two-thirds majority vote of the membership, as well as to vote on changes to the By-Laws of the club. The primary purpose of the changes was to set the path for the club to become a not-for-profit Corporation. David talked about the logistics that were involved with the voting process. It is very important that all members make sure the club secretary and treasurer have current email addresses on file. David went through the new Constitution point by point.

Next, the By-Law changes were read through and discussed. A motion was made by K9DC to change the qualification for trustee to be licensed as an extra class operator. Motion seconded by K9RU. After checking FCC rules, it was found that a club call makes no difference as to what license its trustee has. Motion failed to pass. A motion

was made by K9RU, seconded by KD9MNB, that the trustee needs to be a club member. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Greg, N9NWO, seconded by Radar, WB9DKL, to approve the by-laws as amended. By-laws approved.

Next was a discussion about budget. The club has approximately \$12K on hand. With the current budgeting, we would be over budget by approx. \$500 for the year.

A motion was made by KC9IDK, seconded by AC9FO to increase the annual dues to \$25. After discussion, the motion was withdrawn after discovering dues are set by the board of directors. There was additional discussion on this for input to the board.

Upcoming meetings:

November: Working Satellites, presented by Clint, K6LCS

December: pitch in dessert meeting. Ham Radio nostalgia videos, etc. Raffle off Yaesu FTM-100D

January: Possibly Bob Burns, W9BU, TBA

Feb: Consumer Electronics Show wrap up by Dave Arland

March: Public Service panel

April: Kermit Carlson, W9XA, ARRL Central Division Director

May: Meeting will be on Saturday, May 2 for running of INQP from W9IVY station

June: Auction and Field Day prep

Upcoming operating events:

Winter Field Day at Salvation Army Training Facility: January 26-27

Indiana QSO Party: May 2

Field Day: June 27, 28

Next, Jeff Hammer, N9NIC, went over some of the ideas for the December get together. The plan is for this to be a “pitch-in” dessert event. “Ham Radio Jeopardy” will be played in teams. Right now, the plan is to raffle off a Yaesu FTM-100D C4FM (System Fusion)/FM mobile radio, along with some plans for other prizes. Ron Cooper, WB9DKL, suggested that a “club picture” could be taken at the December meeting.

The Business Meeting adjourned to the W9IVY station tour at 8:36 pm.

# **CONSTITUTION OF THE INDIANAPOLIS RADIO CLUB - A NON-PROFIT ASSOCIATION**

## **PREAMBLE**

We the undersigned, wishing to secure for ourselves the pleasures and benefits of an association of persons commonly interested in Amateur Radio, constitute ourselves the Indianapolis Radio Club and enact this constitution as our governing law. It shall be our purpose to further the exchange of information and cooperation between members, to promote radio knowledge, fellowship, and individual operating skills, and to so conduct club programs and activities as to advance the general interest and welfare of Amateur Radio in the Community.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

1. All persons interested in Amateur Radio communications shall be eligible for membership.
2. Membership shall be by application and approved by the Board of Directors.

## **OFFICERS**

1. The officers of this club shall be: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and at least two (2) Directors-at-Large. The number of Directors-at-Large is at the discretion of the Board of Directors and set by a majority vote of the Board of Directors. One Director should be the immediate past-President to allow for a smooth transition of the operation and administration of the club.
2. The officers shall constitute the Board of Directors.
3. The officers of the club shall be elected for a term of one-year by the members present at the November meeting and take office January 1.
4. Vacancies occurring between elections must be filled by appointment by a majority vote of the Board of Directors and confirmed by a majority vote of the qualified membership present at the next club general meeting.
5. Officers may be removed by a three-fourths ( $\frac{3}{4}$ ) vote of the qualified membership.

## **DUTIES OF OFFICERS**

1. The President shall preside at all meetings of this club, and conduct them according to the rules adopted. The President shall enforce due observance of this constitution and by-laws, decide all questions of order, sign all official documents adopted by the club, and perform all other duties pertaining to the office of President.
2. The Vice-President shall assume all the duties of the President in their absence. In addition, the Vice-President shall organize club programs and activities, and other duties as delegated by the President.
3. The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of all meetings, carry on all correspondence, read communications at each designated business meeting, maintain the club mail list, and email a monthly newsletter to the club. At the expiration of their term the Secretary shall turn over all items belonging to the club to their successor.
4. The Treasurer shall receive and receipt all monies paid to the club, keep an accurate account of all monies received and expended, receive membership applications and keep a roll of members, pay no bills without proper authorization by the Board of Directors, and each month submit an itemized statement of disbursements and receipts to the Board of Directors. At the expiration of their term the Treasurer shall turn over all items belonging to the club to their successor and assist with the transfer of any club financial documents.
5. Directors-at-Large help with the administration of the club and assist the President.

## **MEETINGS**

1. The by-laws shall provide for regular and special meetings.
2. The rules contained in "Robert's Rules of Order" shall govern the club in all cases to which they are applicable and not inconsistent with the club constitution or by-laws.

## **DUES**

1. The Board of Directors, at the November meeting each year, shall fix the dues for the following calendar year.
2. Dues shall be paid in advance on an annual basis.

3. Non-payment of such dues shall constitute a termination of membership.

## **DISSOLUTION**

Upon the dissolution of the club the governance of the by-laws shall be followed.

## **AMENDMENTS TO THIS CONSTITUTION OR BY-LAWS**

1. The constitution or by-laws may be amended by a two-thirds ( $\frac{2}{3}$ ) vote of the qualified voting members attending a regular club meeting specified for this purpose.
2. The proposed amendments/changes, along with voting time and place shall be emailed to each qualified voting member at least fifteen (15) days prior to the specified meeting.
3. If a qualified voting member cannot attend the specified meeting, an absentee vote including the member's name and callsign may be sent by email three days in advance of the meeting to the Secretary.

ORIGINAL : 1914

AMENDED : September 1984, December 2004, October 2011, and October 11, 2019.

October 2019 review committee: W9MGB, N9NIC, K9RTT, N9KT, and K9RU.

## **BY-LAWS OF THE INDIANAPOLIS RADIO CLUB - A NON-PROFIT ASSOCIATION**

### **MEMBERSHIP**

1. There shall be four (4) classes of membership; - Individual, Family, Student, and Life.
  - a. Individual - Individual membership includes all club privileges, which include the rights to hold a club office and full voting privileges. Newly licensed amateurs, defined as licensed one year or less, receive the first year membership at no cost.

- b. Family - Family membership is open to related persons living in the same household. Family membership shall be offered at a special membership rate of 1-½ times individual membership rate. Family membership have all Individual member privileges.
- c. Student - Student membership is open to all persons attending school full-time. Student membership shall be offered at ½ the Individual membership rate. IVY Tech Amateur Radio Club student members are automatically granted Student memberships at no cost, but must sign up for IRC membership each year. Student membership have all Individual member privileges.
- d. Life - Life members have all Individual member privileges for life by paying one-time Life membership dues.
  - i. Life Members must either attend at least one meeting or club activity during a club year, or email the Secretary that they want to maintain active member status to be qualified to vote or hold office. Inactive Life Members will remain on the membership list and receive the club newsletters.
  - ii. No new Life memberships will be offered after September 13, 2019.

## **DUES**

1. Membership dues are due on January 1 and are not prorated.
2. Dues must be current to hold a club office and be a qualified member with voting privileges.
3. Annual dues for the different membership classes are as follows:
  - a. Individual - \$20. Newly licensed amateurs (defined as license one year or less) are free for the first year.
  - b. Family - \$30
  - c. Student - \$10. IVY Tech Amateur Radio Club students are free.
  - d. Life - No new Life memberships after September 13, 2019. All Life member's dues are considered current.

## **MEETINGS**

1. The club year starts from January 1 and runs through December 31. The club meets every second Friday of the month except for July and August.

2. The time, date, and location of meetings may be changed or canceled by the Board of Directors. This can be done via email by the Board of Directors.

3. Special Meetings

a. Special meetings may be called by the President as needed.

Email shall

be sent to members not less than seven (7) days before a special meeting concerning the business to be transacted. Only such business as designated shall be transacted.

b. A special meeting may be requested by an email to the Secretary, with a copy to the President, signed by five (5) club members containing details about the need or the business to be conducted at the meeting. The board has seven (7) days to respond. The Secretary is responsible for the board's response to the request. If the Secretary is unavailable then the President will be responsible for the board's response.

c. The scheduling of a special meeting depends on agreeing to a date and time, and the availability of a meeting place.

**COMMITTEES**

1. Committees may be established and dissolved by the President as needed.

**AUDITS**

1. An Audit Committee will be appointed by the President to audit all financial history recorded by the treasurer. The audit will be done at the end of the club year and presented to the officers with a summary presented to the membership at the January meeting.

2. If the Treasurer resigns or cannot complete their term, the President will appoint an audit committee to perform an audit before the new Treasurer takes office.

**TRUSTEE**

1. The Trustee must be a qualified member of the club and is appointed by the President and shall hold at least a General Class license. The Trustee holds the Indianapolis Radio Club station license W9JP. They have the final say on the use or operations using the W9JP license. They are

responsible for any communication with the FCC related to the club license including renewals.

#### **DISSOLUTION**

1. Dissolution of the club requires a unanimous vote of the Board of Directors.
2. The Indianapolis Radio Club's dissolution will meet the requirements for INDIANA NONPROFIT CORPORATIONS, ARTICLE 17 IC 23-17-22 Chapter 22 General Dissolution as well as IRS 501 (c) (3) Not for Profit Organizations. The club monies shall go to a qualified amateur radio organization.

#### **INDEMNIFICATION**

1. The club shall hold a general liability policy.
2. The club shall hold an insurance policy to indemnify each of the Board of Directors from any liability as a result of any action brought against the club arising out of any event that is sponsored by the club. This shall not apply to any acts by a Board of Director member that would involve misappropriation of club funds for their own use or other malicious acts.

#### **AMENDED:**

1. These By-Laws update and supersede any previous by-laws, or amendments to those documents of the Indianapolis Radio club prior to October 11, 2019.
2. October 2019 review committee: W9MGB, N9NIC, K9RTT, N9KT, and K9RU.

**No Ham Radio News this month due to publication of Constitution and By-Laws**

#### **UPCOMING INDIANAPOLIS AREA TESTING SESSIONS**

Anderson IN 46016-2238

Sponsor: Anderson Repeater Club



Date: Oct 15 2019  
Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)  
Contact: Stephen M. Riley  
(765) 425-4627  
Email: smriley@hughes.net  
VEC: ARRL/VEC  
Location: Madison County EOC  
200 Delaware St  
Anderson IN 46016-2238

Columbus IN 47201-7477  
Sponsor: SCICSG  
Date: Oct 15 2019  
Time: 6:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)  
Contact: Michael D. Tanksley  
(812) 350-5175  
Email: kd9eau@gmail.com  
VEC: LAUREL MD  
Location: Columbus Twp. Fire & Rescue  
935 Repp Dr  
Columbus IN 47201-7477

Franklin IN 46131-9733  
Sponsor: Mid-State ARc  
Date: Oct 19 2019  
Time: 9:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)  
Contact: Scott W. Nelson  
(812) 320-2790  
Email: scott@w9dba.com  
VEC: LAUREL MD  
Location: REMC Bldg  
750 International Dr  
Franklin IN 46131-9733

Frankfort IN 46041-1811  
Sponsor: Clinton County ARC

Date: Oct 26 2019  
Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)  
Contact: Michael V. Meiers  
(765) 242-9015  
Email: republic48@yahoo.com  
VEC: ARRL/VEC  
Location: Frankfort Community Public Library  
208 W Clinton St  
Room 216  
Frankfort IN 46041-1811

Rushville IN 46173-1846  
Sponsor: Michael Elder  
Date: Oct 26 2019  
Time: 9:00 AM (No Walk-ins / Call ahead)  
Contact: Michael Dwight. Elder  
(765) 389-0166  
Email: wj9e1977@yahoo.com  
VEC: ARRL/VEC  
Location: Rushville Public Library  
130 W 3rd St  
Call 4-5days in advance  
to schedule appointment  
Rushville IN 46173-1846

Bloomington IN 47401-5337  
Sponsor: Bloomington ARC Inc  
Date: Nov 02 2019  
Time: 11:30 AM (Walk-ins allowed)  
Contact: William F. Wootton  
(812) 876-8689  
Email: wfwootton@gmail.com  
VEC: ARRL/VEC  
Location: First United Church  
2420 E 3rd St  
Register at 11:30am  
Testing at 12 NOON

Bloomington IN 47401-5337

Greenfield IN 46140-1100  
Sponsor: Hancock Cty ARC  
Date: Nov 09 2019  
Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)  
Contact: Jill Schaumloeffel  
(317) 363-4674  
Email: n2jlc@yahoo.com  
VEC: ARRL/VEC  
Location: Park Chapel Christian Church  
1176 E McKenzie Rd  
Greenfield IN 46140-1100

Indianapolis IN 46254-2407  
Sponsor: Indianapolis Radio Club-W9JP  
Date: Nov 09 2019  
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

## **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](mailto:kj9b@arrl.net)

## Signals from the Past:

### From the October, 1959 *Amachewer*:

W9JX is operating on 6M from a 1000 ft. tower. The station can be worked from time to time after WTTV/TV signs off for the night. (How do you adjust the gamma? ed.)

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## Upcoming Area Radio Events:

- October 19, 2019, 8:00 am to noon: Shelbyville Tailgate at Shelby County Fairgrounds. Go to <http://brvars.com/2019/07/shelbyville-tailgate-2019/> for more info.
- November 16 & 17, 2019: 2019 ARRL Indiana Section Convention/Fort Wayne Hamfest. Go to <http://www.acarts.com/hfmain.htm> for more information.
- November 30, 2019: 2019 TurkeyFest & Computer Expo at Clay County 4-H Fairgrounds. Go to [https://www.w9uuu.org/hamfest/turkeyfest\\_2019.pdf](https://www.w9uuu.org/hamfest/turkeyfest_2019.pdf) for more info.

## 2019 Officers:

- President: David Spoelstra, N9KT – [davids@mediamachine.com](mailto:davids@mediamachine.com)
- Vice Pres.: Dave Miller, K9RTT - [dmiller@ivytech.edu](mailto:dmiller@ivytech.edu)
- Secretary: Ken Bandy, KJ9B - [kj9b@arrl.net](mailto:kj9b@arrl.net)
- Treasurer: Mark Burke, W9MGB - [w9mgb@arrl.net](mailto:w9mgb@arrl.net)
- Chief Operator: Jace Thompson, KD9BIG - [kd9big@arrl.net](mailto:kd9big@arrl.net)
- Dir. at large: Jim Rinehart, K9RU – [k9ru@arrl.net](mailto:k9ru@arrl.net)
- Dir. at large: Dave Michaels, N1RF - [dw\\_michaels@comcast.net](mailto:dw_michaels@comcast.net)
- Dir. at large: Jeff Hammer, N9NIC - [n9nic@arrl.net](mailto:n9nic@arrl.net)
- W9JP Trustee: Jay Kraus, W9TC - [W9TC@arrl.net](mailto:W9TC@arrl.net)