



The Indianapolis Radio Club Newsletter

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Reporting news from the Indianapolis Radio Club meeting held on Friday, December 9, 2005 and other items of possible interest to amateurs.

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Meeting Highlights:

The Annual December Club Dinner and December's Meeting were held at the MCL Cafeteria, 2730 E. 86th Street on Friday, December 9th, 2005 at 6:00PM. Meal tickets were handed out by Tom Chance (K9XV) at 6:30PM. Everyone had dinner and socialized for 30 minutes, and then the meeting started promptly at 7:00PM. Self-Introductions were skipped and Chuck Crist (W9IH) went right to the announcements.

- Recognition of new board and committee members.
- Normal Traveling awards handed out.
- Special awards for going above and beyond the call of duty handed out.
- Program - 2005 Australian Medical Trip by Dr. Gary Stouder (K9SG).

Attendance at the meeting was 65. Current membership is 125. Life membership is 27.

Unfinished Business:

- The board members need to select a club President for 2006.

Club Station Report:

Our club station Chief Operator is Trevor Fulk (N9YM), who maintains the club station. He reminds you to check the club website at <http://www.indyradioclub.org> for information on upcoming events and contests.

The club station equipment is located on the first floor of the Indianapolis Training Center. The antennas are located on the roof of the building. The station transceiver is a Yeasu HF unit, and the antenna is a directional beam for 10-15-20m that is mounted on a small tower and rotor on the building roof. That makes its height about 150 feet above ground. Tours of the club station are available following most Indianapolis Radio Club meetings. The club station call is W9JP.

Next Meeting:

The next club meeting will be held on January 13th at 7:00PM at the ITC. The program will be by David Spoelstra (N9KT). The subject will be "Echo Link". This meeting will also include the 1st Annual Chili Cook-off. This is a reminder for those that would like to enter their chili into the contest to bring it in a slow cooker or crock pot. Power and condiments are provided. See <http://www.indyradioclub.org/chilli2005.htm> for exact information and instructions.

Announcements:

January 8th at 1800 to 2400Z is the Kid's Day on the air event. There is no limit on operating time and you can find the full rules on the ARRL website at <http://www.arrl.org/FandES/ead/kd-rules.html>.

The club theme for 2006 is "Give back to Ham radio; our 92nd year". To kick off that theme I am giving away a Gordon West technician class exam study book to any potential ham that is brought to a meeting. The condition that I am setting is that the book is passed on to another potential ham after the test is taken and passed. The book is theory only (technician no-code). Email me at mnewman6221@comcast.net for further information or see me at the next meeting.

There are many ways to get a free email address if you want one. There are also very inexpensive ways to get internet service for your home computer. For further information see me at a meeting. I will do what I can to help anyone wanting to learn more, because having an email address makes it easier for me to send you the newsletter.

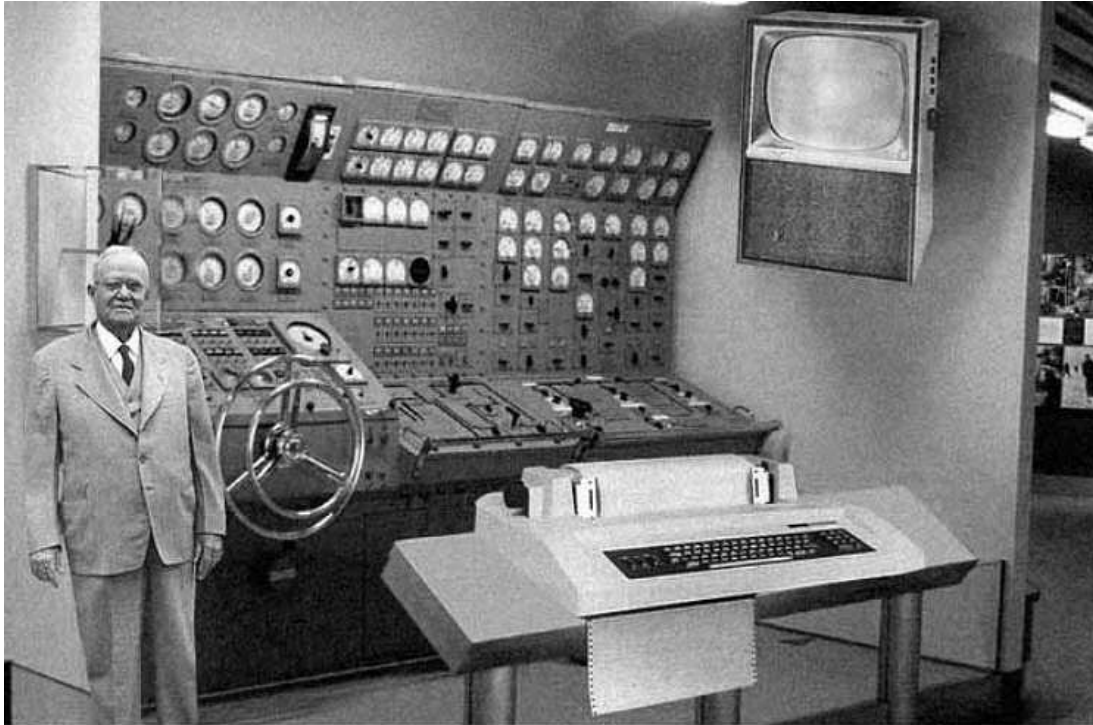
News & Links:

General amateur radio news can be found at <http://www.arnewsline.org/>. You can even download the audio files used on repeater net transmissions. I find it to be one of the most informative news sites for ham operators with general ham news and happenings.

The repeater search database is at <http://www.artscipub.com/repeaters/>.

Items of Interest:

This was part of an article taken from a 1954 Popular Mechanics issue. Read the caption at the bottom, and you'll be amazed how far we've come since then. I thought this would make everyone chuckle.



Scientists from the RAND Corporation have created this model to illustrate how a "home computer" could look like in the year 2004. However the needed technology will not be economically feasible for the average home. Also the scientists readily admit that the computer will require not yet invented technology to actually work, but 50 years from now scientific progress is expected to solve these problems. With teletype interface and the Fortran language, the computer will be easy to use.

Here are some pictures of the taping for the PT Cruisers club toy drive at the Channel 6 news studio. The toy drive appeared to be a total success due to the number of toys shown.



Monthly Awards:

The monthly award winners can now be found on the IRC website at <http://www.indyradioclub.org/awards.htm> in order to save space in the newsletter.

Health and Welfare:

There are no new health & welfare items to report. Please send any known health and welfare updates to IRC Vice President Mike Henney (KE9YA) at his email address of mickyh@peoplepc.com.

Additional News Items:

Letter from the editor:

Dear IRC Members:

I wanted to take a moment to introduce myself to the club since most of you have not met me yet as a new club member, and your new newsletter editor. My name is Mike Newman (KA9ZKV). I just recently passed the Technician exam upgrading from a Novice license. I plan on taking the General exam at the next testing session. I also recently obtained my degree from Ivy Tech in Computer Information Systems, and hold the CompTIA Network+ and Linux+ certifications. Yes, I am a huge computer geek, and I really don't mind that label at all (Hi, Hi!). I get very excited over amateur radio and what it has to offer, and if you have the chance to talk to me in person you will notice my enthusiasm about it. Some of the changes I want to make for the club newsletter will not only be pleasing to the eye, but will also make the newsletter easier to read due to larger text. Being as today's society is more visual I will try to include some full color pictures where I can to illustrate certain points.

I will do everything in my power to make sure all of our members get a copy of the newsletter each month. I feel that it is an important job, because you all want to know what is going on in the club. The newsletter is the most universal method of getting that information to you. I am asking for help from all members to make sure our member list stays up to date. Filling in your correct email address on the check-in list at each meeting is the easiest way to do that. If you don't have an email address please indicate that with the word "none" so we know that you did not forget it. Please help me out with the correct information, and I will do my job of keeping everyone informed with a complete and informative newsletter.

Thank you and 73's,
Mike Newman (KA9ZKV)
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Contacts & Contributions:

Club Webmaster:

Brian Stone (KC9GSA) is the manager of our Indianapolis Radio Club web site (www.indyradioclub.org). If you have content ideas or suggestions for the site, please contact Brian using his email address of labradog@speakeasy.net.

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