



# The Indianapolis Radio Club Newsletter

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*"The oldest continuously meeting Amateur Radio Club in the United States"*

Reporting news from the Indianapolis Radio Club meeting held on Friday, February 10, 2005 and other items of possible interest to amateurs.

## **Meeting Highlights:**

February's Meeting was held at the ITC Training Center, 2820 N. Meridian Street, February 10, 2005 at 7:00PM. Dave Miller (K9RTT), the acting club president, opened the meeting at 7:30pm. Introductions by the club body were held, and the question for club members was which band(s) each member operated on.

- Program topic: "Planning and setup of a DXpedition" – by Mike Goode -N9NS.
- Awards for DX: Mike W9KY for FO/HA9G in the Polynesian islands.
- Door prizes:

Bill Goodall K9DBY  
Jim Rhinehart K9RU  
Dave N9QVO  
Mike Henney KE9YA  
Tom N9JQH  
Andrew Rodgers KC9HSW

Attendance at the meeting was 50. 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 March 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM at the ITC. The program will be by Mike Goode-N9NS and the subject will be "HDTV display technologies" by Gene OdOnnell.

### **Announcements:**

The club theme for 2006 is "Give back to Ham radio; our 92<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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.

There will be a National Weather Service weather spotter meeting at the ITC, 2820 N. Meridian Street, on February 25<sup>th</sup> and 9:00 AM. For more information email Mike Palmer (N9FEB) at [N9FEB@comcast.net](mailto:N9FEB@comcast.net) or go to <http://www.indyhams.net>.

### **News & Links:**

[Amateur Radio News line](#)

[Repeater Search Database](#)

[Indianapolis-Marion County Ham Radio](#)

[Digital Radio Experimenters Group](#)

[Internet Radio Linking Project Homepage](#)

[Electronic QSL Card Center](#)

### **Items of Interest:**

TO **ALL** HAM RADIO OPERATORS

The Federal Government is making it MANDATORY for emergency responders, at all levels, complete many of the IC- courses in order to stay involved with emergencies.

I have included the governing document in this email.

I am strongly advising all amateur radio operators to complete the IC-100 and IC-700 courses at a minimum.

These two courses are the minimum required to stay a responder.

RACES, other EMA supporting radio groups, SEMA, all EMA offices, and hospitals are required to complete them. I suspect very shortly that the Red Cross, Salvation Army and MARS people will follow suit. They do not want to lose the federal funds that are on the line here.

Those people at higher levels of authority, are required to complete the -200, -300, and other courses. If you want to complete them all, fine, but at least complete the minimum.

Please send me or your emergency communications group leader, a copy of the email that says you successfully completed the courses.

These courses are FREE and can be done online or at your leisure.

Everyone must register with the Emergency Management Institute to get credit for these courses. No cost.

This will ensure you are receiving quality training and legitimate certificates.

<http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/crslist.asp>

The above address will take you to the Course Listing page. You will be using the FEMA Independent Study tab.

There are a vast number of great online FREE courses to take in addition to the above needed ones.

I want to thank you in advance for taking the time to take these courses.

Michael R. Palmer, N9FEB

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### **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](mailto:mickyh@peoplepc.com).

## Contacts & Contributions:

### **Club Webmaster:**

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

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