



The Indianapolis Radio Club Newsletter

Founded 1914

"The oldest continuously operating Amateur Radio Club in the United States"

December 2010 Newsletter

Upcoming Meetings:

January 14: Making your own QSL cards

February 11: Legacy Radio "Repeater History"

Highlights from the December Meeting:

This was the annual Christmas dinner, held at the MCL on West 86th Street. After all 63 or so present had made it through the serving line, and were enjoying each other's company, club president Ron Cooper, WB9DKL, started self introductions and introduced the evening's speaker, Bob Vandeventer, N9OLO. Bob and his partner talked about their adventure to Nepal, which is about the size of Kansas. Nepal is pretty much completely on the opposite side of the globe from the US, and has several of the highest mountain peaks in the world. Their goal was to find a mountain that hadn't been climbed before and to take a member of the Wounded Warrior group with them. Bob gave a very entertaining and informative presentation on their adventures, with many beautiful photos of the rough landscape.

After Bob's presentation, Ron presented the awards for the evening. Ham of the Year was awarded to Bob Blake, N9FIM, citing his many hours donated to running the severe weather nets in Marion County. The Marconi Award was presented to Richard Meiss, WB9LPU. Richard is an avid "home brewer" who is active in CW, QRP, and collecting keys and bugs. Bob Oserhous, W9PSE, last year's recipient of the Oldest Ham Award, presented the award to Jack Reynolds, AA9BO, an 85 year young ham.

After the awards were presented, Ron went over a recap of the club's activities over the past year, and door prizes were drawn. Pat Daily, N2DKB, won the blind draw prize of an SWR/Power meter. Finally, as his last official act as club president, Ron passed the gavel to the club's incoming president, Jerry Skoll, KC9DTB.

Proposed Revised By-Laws for the Indianapolis Radio Club:

(This will be voted on at the January Meeting)

By-Laws
(adopted 08OCT2004)
Of the Indianapolis Radio Club
A NON-PROFIT ASSOCIATION

1. MEMBERSHIP

Membership is open to all persons interested in Amateur Radio. There shall be four (4) classes of membership; - INDIVIDUAL, FAMILY, STUDENT and LIFE.

a. Individual - Regular membership is open to all persons interested in Amateur Radio. Regular membership includes all club privileges, as well as the rights to hold a club office and full voting privileges.

(\$20.00/ yr amended 1 January 2011)

b. Family - Family membership is open to related persons, living in the same household. Family membership shall be offered at a special membership. Family membership includes all club privileges except; the Family will only receive one monthly mailing from the club.(\$30/yr with a (Max of 2 meals / Family at Dec Dinner, if Meals Paid by IRC.)

(amended 1 January 2011)

c. Student - Student membership is open to all persons under the age of 21 attending school full - time. Student membership shall be offered at 1/2 the individual membership annual dues.

d. Life - membership is open to all persons after the payment of the LIFE membership fee as set by the Board of Directors each year. Life members enjoy all rights and privileges the same as the regular individual members.. (Always 10 times the Regular Membership dues. starting 2005 they will be \$200.00/yr)

(amended 1 January 2011)

2. MEETINGS

Regular meetings shall be held on the second (2nd) Friday of each Calendar month. Special meetings may be called by the President upon the written request of any TEN (10) club members. Notices shall be sent to members concerning special meetings and the business to be transacted. Only such business as designated shall be transacted. Such notices shall be sent so that they arrive not less than 24 hours before the meeting.

3. COMMITTEES

The standing committees of the club shall be Public Relations, Education and Operating.

a: Public Relations - The committee shall be responsible for providing Media coverage of all

events hosted by the club, and to provide periodic membership drives. The committee should also provide periodic public Amateur Awareness events.

This committee shall have Three (3) Sub Committees.

1. News editor: Shall assemble and distribute the club news to the membership.
2. Refreshment committee: Shall provide refreshments for the club membership at club meetings and functions as required.
3. Webpage Author: Shall maintain a current status of the IRC website

b: Education - The committee shall be responsible for providing for the education of new amateurs, license classes for potential new amateurs and opportunities for continuing education of members. (youth activities)

c: Operating - The operating committee shall be responsible for providing operating events for club members, and for the improvement of operating techniques. (on air activities)

4. INDEMNIFICATION CLAUSE FOR DIRECTORS

The Club shall indemnify each Director Board Member etc. from any liability as a result of any action brought against the club arising out of any event that is sponsored by the club. The club may also take out an insurance policy to insure against the peril of director liability for any and all directors. This shall not apply to any acts by a director that would involve misappropriation of club funds to his/her own use. Should the club become an employer of labor as that is defined by the Indiana Department of Workforce Development said directors shall be indemnified from liability for any employment taxes incurred by the club as a result of the employment of such person(s) for both the State of Indiana and the US Treasury, including also unemployment taxes.

UPDATED and AMENDED:

These By-Laws update and supersede any previous constitution, by-laws or amendments to those documents of the Indianapolis Radio club Prior to January 1, 2011.

Original: date 1914;
Last amendment November 2010

Date of this amendment: January 1, 2011
Review committee: K9RU, K9RTT, K9LJW, W9KVK, KJ9B, W9PSE, and K9XV

Ham Radio News:

CHANGES TO WEDNESDAY NET FORMAT

Per Ken Sullivan, N1HQH, and Rhonda Curtis, WS9H:

Beginning Wednesday, December 1, 2010, the format of the Net was changed.

Newsline, which is brought to us by WA9FDO, Mike Sercer, will begin at approximately 6:50pm. This is being done to allow time for training during the net. The net will immediately follow Newsline with check-ins, announcements, and then a training session specifically for ARES and EmComm lasting approximately 15 minutes. We are going to

begin with ARES 101. This is basic information appropriate for all ARES members as well as potential members and will be taken from The ARRL Operating Manual. Once we are thru that, we will begin NIMS courses. While these courses are not required by the ARRL, they are very important so that all members understand how to properly communicate with other agencies.

These changes are being made in an effort to promote best practices and skills enhancement so that we can be better prepared in case of an emergency.

NEW SLOW CODE NET STARTED

A new Slow Code Net has been developed by the QIN Net Manager Ivin Flint, W9ILF.

The slow code net will begin December 1st. It is called ICN. The frequency is 3.535 just like our existing QIN.

There is a little time change for QIN and ICN.

The times for Indiana CW nets is as follows and began December 1st.

ICN 7:00PM

QIN 8:00PM

QIN 9:30AM

All are listed as Eastern Time.

For more information contact Ivin, W9ILF at ivinflint@yahoo.com

This will be a great way to help you improve your code speed. They will send to you only as fast as you can copy, so send at the speed you can copy.

This will be a good way for you to learn how traffic messages are handled via CW.

Who knows maybe before too long you will be up to 20 words per minute and chasing all those DX contacts down in the CW section of the bands and joining them on the QIN.

NCVEC RELEASES NEW GENERAL CLASS QUESTION POOL

The Question Pool Committee (QPC) of the National Conference of Volunteer Examiner Coordinators (NCVEC) released the new General class (Element 3) question pool on Tuesday, December 7. This new question pool -- including graphics and diagrams -- will

become effective for all General class examinations administered on or after July 1, 2011; it will remain valid until June 30, 2015. The current General question pool that became effective July 1, 2007 will expire June 30, 2011. The new General pool contains 457 questions, from which 35 are selected for an Element 3 examination. The current Technician class question pool that was effective July 1, 2010 is valid through June 30, 2014. The current Amateur Extra class pool that was effective July 1, 2008 is valid until June 30, 2012.

HENDRICKS COUNTY CLASSES COMING UP

Beginning on Wednesday, January 26, Amateur Radio Classes will be presented in Hendricks County, at the Senior Services Building, located just north of the Hendricks Regional Health Hospital in Danville. The classes will meet from approximately 7:00 to 9:00, and will meet every Wednesday for 8 weeks. Classes will be available for Technician Class, General Class, and Amateur Extra Class license study. Testing is planned for March 26th.

AMATEUR RADIO NIGHT COMING UP IN HENDRICKS COUNTY

On Tuesday, December 28 at 7:00, there will be an "Amateur Radio Night" at the Danville Public Library. Contact Dr. Jay Wright, KK9L, for more information.

NEW VANITY, CLUB STATION CALL SIGNS TO TAKE EFFECT FEBRUARY 14

On Wednesday, December 15, new rules affecting vanity and club station call signs within the Amateur Radio Service were published in the Federal Register. They can be found in PDF format at, <http://edocket.access.gpo.gov/2010/pdf/2010-31349.pdf>. These new rules will go into effect on February 14, 2011.

Thirteen months ago, the FCC announced its intention of modifying Part 97 as it applies to the vanity call sign system and club station call signs, aligning the rules to prior Commission decisions. Last month, the Commission released a Report and Order (R&O), outlining its decision. Along with the changes to the call sign rules, the FCC made "certain minor, non-substantive amendments" to portions of Part 97.

SEC POSITION OPENING

A note from John Poindexter, W3ML, Indiana ARRL Section Mgr.:

Hello Members,

Just recently, I was informed by Tony, W9AL that he would be leaving the position of Section Emergency Coordinator due to personal reasons.

With this happening, I am collecting a list of names of any volunteers that feel they have the qualifications in the Emergency Communication area to fulfill this position.

The job description on the ARRL site is located here: <http://www.arrl.org/section-emergency-coordinator>. Besides what is written on the website, there are some Indiana requirements as well.

If you are interested in applying, send me an e-mail detailing your experience and training. I will add your name to the list for further consideration.

My e-mail is w3ml@arrl.org

You must be an ARRL member in good standing and have been for a continuous term of at least two years immediately preceding any appointment.

73

John, W3ML

REPEATER COUNCIL HAS NEW REPEATER FORUM ON LINE

The IRC has just activated it's new repeater forum: <http://www.ircinc.org/ircinc/>

Or go to the IRC website and click on the IRC discussion forum button
<http://www.ircinc.org/>

WELCOME NEW CLUB MEMBERS

Ben Hobson, KC9TJI
Sean Murphy, W1YNX
Di Johnson-Dobbs, W9BRC

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 December, 1952 *Amachewer*:

NEW AMATEUR RADIO PLAN 147.3 Mc FM

Ye editor has been handed a bulletin from Zellon Audritsh, Communication Division, Indiana Department of Civil Defense and has talked to and seen the operation of an installation in Bill Leuth's (W9DSC) car....

As stated in this late bulletin this operation is being used on 147.3 Mc FM in order that regardless of the locality you may have contact with someone in that area. The frequency is further being proposed because it is thought that in case of disaster or invasion this high frequency, since it will not carry so far, will not be deleted from frequencies that hams may use in case of presidential order.

Upcoming Area Radio Events:

- February 26: Cabin Fever Hamfest, LaPorte Civic Auditorium
Go to <http://k9jsi.org/> for more information
- March 13: Wabash Valley ARA Hamfest, Go to <http://www.w9uuu.org> for more information

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