



The Indianapolis Radio Club Newsletter

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October 2016 Newsletter

Upcoming Meeting:

November 11: TBA

December 2: Christmas Dinner meeting at Primo Banquet Hall. (Note different date.)

Highlights from the October Meeting:

The meeting was called to order at 7:40 pm by club vice president, Dave Miller, K9RTT.

There were 44 present for the meeting. Dave welcomed 4 IVY Tech radio club students in attendance.

Dave announced that due to Primo's schedule being full on our normal meeting night, this year's Christmas Dinner meeting will be on **December 2**, 6:30 pm at Primo Banquet Hall, 2615 National Ave, Indianapolis, IN 46227. Note that this is the first Friday of the month. The featured speaker at this year's dinner will be Ann Luther, who will give a presentation on her travels to Tanzania, the 13th largest country in Africa. She will be discussing the infrastructure of the country, as it relates to transportation systems, electric and water supply and resources. Tickets are on sale now. Ticket prices are \$20 each for members, and \$30 each for non-members. Tickets can be purchased from the club's treasurer, Rhonda Curtis, WS9H.

The Hilltop competition held in September was discussed by Tony Stokes, KU9V. Tony said there were 8 registered hilltops on the air. There will be a presentation of awards at next month's meeting.

Next, Dave solicited nominations from the floor for officers. All of the current officers and board members have agreed to run again. Elections will be held at the November meeting.

Dave said the Ivy Tech/Indianapolis Radio Club station has been worked on by Jim Rinehart, K9RU, and is operational, with some more work to be done. Dave invited club members of both clubs (Ivy Tech and Indy Radio Club) to make use of the station. W9IVY, is the club call for the school for logging. W9JP is the club call for the IRC. 8873 is the combination to the door.

November 12 and 13 is the Ft. Wayne hamfest. Because of the Ft. Wayne Hamfest, there will be no IRC testing in November.

Mike Rollins, WA9NCF, reminded those in attendance of the weekly Indiana State ARES net, held every Sunday at 5:00 pm, Indianapolis time, at 3.900 MHz, LSB.

As a final note before the introduction of the evening's speakers, Dave announced that the club will once again be chartering a bus for the Hamvention, formerly held in Dayton.

Dave next introduced Cyndy and Dan Meier, K9CMM and KB9AX for their presentation on the ARISS contact this summer at the Children's Museum. Cyndy is a retired teacher, and was Lead Flight Director at the Indianapolis Challenger Learning Center. There was an eight person team that put the contact together. In addition to Cyndy and Dan, the team consisted of Doug, N9DR, Brian, W9IND, Chris, KQ9Y, Jay, W9TC, David, N9KT, and Becky Wolfe, from the Children's Museum. Dan said that ARISS has become very regimented, with a formal process to go through to get a contact scheduled. The actual date and time of the contact is not confirmed until a week out or so. Dan contacted David, N9KT, who got Doug, N9DR, involved who had the equipment. Jay, W9TC, fabricated the antenna mount, utilizing an old satellite dish mount. After a summer with lots of rain, the day of the contact was perfect weather.

Kate Rubins, KG5FYJ, was the astronaut they spoke with on the ISS. The call for ISS is NA1SS. Cyndy worked with the kids weeks prior to the contact, to train them as to what to expect and how to conduct the contact. There were 4 classes of students from Central Indiana involved with the contact. Cyndy looked for the “wow factor” to attract the kids, and keep their attention. Dan said the ARRL contacted him about getting a photographer on site at the last minute. There were problems getting local media interested. After all was said and done, there was an eight minute contact with the ISS for an audience in the theatre of around 150.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50.

Ham Radio News:

AL OLSON, W8IPD, SK

Al Olson, W8IPD, passed away on Wednesday, October 12. He was 68 years old. Bill Kennedy, WY9T, wrote: “Al was a long time member of W9IMS and one of the clubs founding members. He was involved in the W87PAX special event effort (which for many years held the all time record for the most Qs ever made by a special event). He and Mike Koss (W9SU - SK) bought the old Van Sickles ham radio store on Keystone Avenue in the 70s and operated the store together (you've really got to love your ham radio to buy a ham radio store!).

Over the years many of us were involved with Al in quite a few ham radio ventures. There were a lot of contests, Field Days (local and radio trip, especially those to New Mexico and Colorado), QSL card parties and just hanging out at Mike's place and talking. The thing about Al is, he wasn't just a ham radio acquaintance, he was a ham radio friend. And ham radio friendships are something special.

Al was an Indianapolis Police Department police officer and was station on the north side. His nickname was officer friendly (no joke) and he worked the streets in the Broad ripple area.”

HELP NEEDED FOR UPCOMING EVENT

Ham Radio Volunteers are needed in all the public served events that we support.
These are:

Nov 7 - Indianapolis Monumental Marathon

Contact is Mike Palmer, N9FEB ---- N9FEB@comcast.net

HELP NEEDED FOR NEW EVENT

The American Lung Association is asking for radio assistance for their "Fight For Air" Climb to the top of the Salesforce Tower [Chase Tower was sold in May 2016]. This is a 47-story race UP one of the stairwells. They elevator back down.

The event is on Saturday, March 4, 2017.

I'm working with the ham coordinator who has been doing this for 6-years in Springfield, IL.

There will be a need for "shadows" of Event Staff, hams at water-stops, and elsewhere.

I am guessing at this point, it will take nearly 24 hams to do this.

If I cannot get the support needed, I would not want to take this on.

So . who is interested in helping out?

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FORMER ARRL DXCC MGR, BILL MOORE, NC1L, SK

Former ARRL DXCC and Awards Manager Bill Moore, NC1L (ex-KA1MRR, KB1UN), of Newington, Connecticut, died on October 6. He was 64.

Moore was seriously injured in a motor vehicle accident in July 2014 that left him paralyzed from the chest down. He was never able to return to work at ARRL Headquarters and retired in 2015. An ARRL member, Moore had worked at League Headquarters for 23 years, starting in 1992.

His friend Pete Chamalian, W1RM, said that a memorial service would be held "in the coming weeks."

NATIONAL PARKS ON THE AIR UPDATE

Of the 489 ARRL National Parks on the Air ([NPOTA](#)) units, the real stars of the event have been the National Scenic and National Historic Trails. Added to the National Park Service official units list in the last week of 2015, the trail units have accounted for the majority of NPOTA activations this year. Nine of the top 10 most-activated NPOTA units are trails, with nearly 11 percent of all NPOTA contacts (80,580 QSOs) made from an eligible National Scenic or Historic Trail. The Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail ([TR-09](#)) leads the pack, with nearly 13,000 contacts made from numerous points along the trail.

All told, 121,650 contacts have been made from the 23 trail units in NPOTA, amounting to slightly less than 17 percent of the 720,000 total contacts.

The rarest trail unit is the Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail ([TR18](#)) in Hawaii. Only 592 contacts have been made from there.

Thirty-three activations are on the NPOTA calendar for the week of October 13-20, including the Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore in Michigan, and Adams National Historic Park in Massachusetts.

[Details](#) about these and other upcoming activations can be found on the NPOTA Activations calendar.

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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 October, 1960 *Amachewer*:

WE THINK YOU SHOULD TOO

Despite the fact that TV, newspapers, radio, etc. are all running spot announcements to awaken everyone to their duty to vote, we think that we too should join in and second the idea. It will only take a few minutes of your time, and then you will have the right to hash and rehash the results as they come in on election night. If you don't vote, keep in mind that in fact you won't be able to open your mouth, without knowing that you didn't do your job, and are shouting about something that you didn't do, and not something that the rest of the country didn't do.

Upcoming Area Radio Events:

- October 22: Shelbyville Tailgate Hamfest. More info at <http://brvars.com/shelbyville-tailgate-2015/>
- February 18, 2017: 6th Annual Brownsburg Hamfest. More info at <http://www.hcars.org/hamfest>
- February 25, 2017: Dugger Hamfest. More info at <http://duggerarc.org/>

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