

FORT WAYNE RADIO CLUB MEETING MINUTES
15 MARCH 2013

The March meeting of the Fort Wayne Radio Club was held at the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church on 15 March 2013 with club president Steve Nardin, W9SAN, serving as host. There were about 35 guests present.

The assembled group addressed the flag with the Pledge of Allegiance, and then everyone identified themselves and their calls.

Treasurer Bob Streeter, W8ST provided the following report regarding club finances as of 15 March, 2013:

Income \$2,8872.73,
Expenses \$109.64,
Cash on hand \$94.49,
Checking balance \$1,841.05,
Savings balance \$8042.50.

Steve Nardin noted that all of the FWRC's repeaters, including the ATV repeater are working normally.

Steve also noted that a slew of Walk-a-Thons/Events needing communications support from the local Ham community will be occurring starting in April. These include:

The Flight to Fight Blood Cancers 5K/10K race, Saturday, 13 April at Baer Field.

The Indiana Trail 100 mile footrace at Chain-O-Lakes State Park will occur beginning 20 April and is a two day (Saturday-Sunday) event. Fred Gengnagle, KC9EZF announced that about 38 hams are needed to support this activity. Contact Fred (260) 637-6046 for details.

The March of Dimes Walk for Babies, 27 April, Headwaters Park

The Juvenile Diabetes Walk, 4 May, Franke Park

Steve commented that the FWRC plans to participate in a number of contests again this year including Field Day, the Indiana QSO Party and the VHF QSO Party. Steve suggests we consider a change of venue to the Dolnick Center on IPFW's campus for the VHF QSO Party.

Speaking about parties, Steve said there might be some interest in the FWRC participating (i.e. walking) in the Three Rivers Festival parade. We could include the club trailer and one or two Foxhunter vehicles sporting their roof mounted DF Yagis. The concept is under investigation.

Steve announced that the April club meeting will focus on antennas given spring is when they typically start sprouting. Steve will discuss details of his Magnetic Loop Antenna and invited others to discuss theirs during the April confab. Contact Steve if interested.

Jim Boyer, KB9IH announced that a presentation and demonstration of a Software Defined Radio implementation described in QST will be the featured attraction at the upcoming ACARTS club meeting on 19 April.

Al Burke, WB9SSE commented on the March Foxhunt. Eleven hunters participated. The winners, based upon mileage and distance traveled turned out to be Kim & Jim Machamer, KB9's DOS and DOT, so they will serve as the quarry for the April hunt. The gory details, in the form of the Foxhunt Chronicles, can be found on the club web page and in the April Ham News.

After the business meeting concluded, Jack Shutt, W9GT and Tom Rupp, KU8T provided a thoroughly enjoyable presentation on vintage radios with both view graphs and a video as well as physical examples of equipment from back in the day. A few photos of the gear can be found on the club web page.

Respectfully submitted,

Al Burke, WB9SSE
Secretary, FWRC