



CIARA Meeting Notes 06/03/2017

- The meeting was called to order by Steve Stuckey, AC9GK, at 10:11 AM. At Fire Station 6 in Noblesville.
- The new CIARA business cards were handed out.
- Tony Ashpaugh, W0ALA, discussed the Curiosity Fair that starts Saturday at Conner Prairie. We will be setting up the Yaesu 7000 radio and Buddy Pole antenna. We expect there will be many kids attending the fair. Steve Haskin will bring out the trailer on Friday evening to Conner Prairie. Power will be supplied by Conner Prairie at the same location as last year. We need to arrive around 4:00 PM on Friday for setup and by 9:00 AM on Saturday and Sunday for the event. Conner Prairie has printed QSL cards and will be operating as N9EOC. We will be using the ARRL log sheets. Tony has all the handouts for the fair and will bring them to the event.
- Mike Alley, W9MSK, presented the Field Day discussion. He stated that IU Health North in Carmel on Meridian (117th street) has a place on the North parking lot of the campus that we can use for Field Day. IU Health has a generator that we can use for the event. There is a large field next to the parking lot that we can use for the antennas. IU has a cafeteria that we can use. Arrival after hours maybe controlled by security. To attend after hours, just inform security that you are a member of the ham radio group, and they will let you in to the parking lot. Mike is considering getting a handicap Porta Potty. It was suggested that we get the golf cart due to the very long walk to the rest rooms. Mike will consider this for us. The dates are the 25th and 26th of June. Since Joe Marsh will not be available for Field Day, Mike will try to get an article placed in the newspaper concerning the location of Field Day. We would like to put some type of banner on top of the antenna mast to draw attention to our site. The Club approved the IU Health North as the Field Day site for this year. We will need all three of the EMA trailers. There was a discussion on setting up the county AM station. It was felt that we should set it up even though we do not have any signs for the AM Station activity. This was to make sure that the system is still in operational status. Ron Sans will bring the Yaesu FT DX 5000 and a set of head phones to Field Day. We will setup up a digital PSK station. The Yaesu 7000 will be used for this station. Startup will be at 9:00 AM Saturday. Bring your own key for CW if you want to operate on CW. The Hospital would like to use this event to testing communications to various areas in the county. They would like us to verify simplex distances. This might be accomplished by those that come from the various corners of the county checking in on simplex on their way in or out of the site.
- The meeting was adjourned at 10:53 AM by Steve Stuckey, AC9GK.

Submitted by:

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Secretary