

CIARA Meeting Notes for Saturday, September 12, 2015

The Central Indiana Amateur Radio Association (CIARA) met at Fire Station No. 6 in Noblesville and members were treated to a great presentation by Mike Goode, N9NS, Secretary/Treasurer of the Hoosier DX and Contest Club, about the W1AW/KH8 Centennial DXpedition to American Samoa in 2014.

The meeting was chaired by Vice President Steve Stuckey, AC9GK. The treasurer's report or minutes of last meeting was waived this month as both officers are out of state.

An update on the status of the Amateur Radio Parity Act of 2015 was provided by KJ9M and 26 new letters were signed for the Indiana CODEL to be forwarded to the ARRL HQS grass roots campaign. As of this date, there are 96 co-sponsors in the House of Representatives – only two of 9 district representatives in Indiana have signed on so far. Congresswoman Susan Brooks of the 5th district is not one of them.

A presentation was made by Joe, KJ9M, regarding CIARA running a Special Event Station as part of the ARRL Indiana Section commemoration of the Indiana Bicentennial in 2016. An offer by Conner Prairie to host the event as part of its Curiosity Fair in June was discussed and the club voted to participate by unanimous vote. Follow-up with Conner Prairie will be required by club officials to lock in the arrangement.

Finally, with the dropping out of the Net Control Station rotation schedule by W9EKD due to family requirements, two members have stepped in to join the NCS team: Tony, W0ALA and Wayne, KD9BUX. Net Control Manager K9ZX will place them into the master schedule within a few weeks to give them time to assimilate the procedure while following the Net Control Operations manuals prepared by KJ9M that each was given.

The meeting adjourned at 1130 hours.