

# Central Indiana Amateur Radio Association (CIARA)



## CIARA Meeting Notes – 03/01/2025– Fire Station 76

Those attending the meeting:

K9SRW	Seth R Wanlass
KA9SDQ	Paul Beihold
KD9BKU	Mike Hume
KD9KUP	Joseph R Kinsinger
KD9LJC	Gary W Scher
KD9QEF	Jonathan W Wanlass
KD9VTB	Amanda Wanlass
KD9WQM	Tyson J Davis
KD9YJL	Jon M Wiley
KE9BPY	Jacob W Smith
N1AWK	Kenneth J Williams
N9DAM	Dallas Milem
N9QMK	Steven L Schlegel
N9TED	Christopher C Bean
W9AHW	Andrew H Wickham
W9KD	John Gooldy
W9WLW	Robert Sluder
WA4EZF	Ron Sans
WB9SIS	Michael H Phillips
WD8DSB	Don Kirk

- 9:11 AM – Mike Hume, KD9BKU, called the meeting to order.
- The club approved the minutes from the last CIARA meeting.
- Paul Deibold, KA9SDQ, gave the Treasurer Report
  - Checking account: \$2228.73.
- John Gooldy, W9KD, gave an update on the Hortonville Repeaters. WIRES-X occasionally disappears. When the county does a Windows 11 Update, this causes the computer that runs the WIRES-X software to remove it. An effort is being made to fix this issue. There is a 26 dB noise level on the 2-meter repeater across our 2-meter frequency. The county has brought in experts to analyze the situation. They found that the Heliac connector located inside the transmitter room is defective. There is also a 7.1 SWR on the antenna. This must be fixed prior to further analysis.

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- Storm Spotter Training that is scheduled for next week was cancelled and a webinar replaced it. Registration is required. This was due to National Weather Service's budget cuts that were just applied.
- Club business cards have been printed and were distributed to those attending.
- The Life Church in Noblesville (2200 Sheridan Road) has requested help with GRMS and Amateur Radios. This meeting is on April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 PM. If interested shoot Mike Hume an email at [KD9BKU@gmail.com](mailto:KD9BKU@gmail.com).
- Mike Hall, N9TEO, presented a talk on how to design and build J-Pole antennas.
- Don Kirk, WD8DSB, gave a presentation on the Midwest Tandem Rally 2025 (Aug 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>) in Westfield. He is requesting Amateur radio assistance from the Club. There are various positions open which include the uses of a pickup truck as a SAG vehicle and other to maintain communication throughout the courses.
- The Carmel Marathon does not need our help this year. The event for the club has been canceled.
- The Sam Costa is still on, and volunteers need to contact Dallas Milem at [kd9tjh@gmail.com](mailto:kd9tjh@gmail.com)
- At the last meeting there was a request to have name tags printed for our paid members. There were two options; the first was a vertical aligned lanyard and the other a name tag. The club decided to go with the name tag. The cost of a lanyard was about \$20 each while the name tags would be about \$40 for 25. Ron Sans, WA4EZF, has the ability to engrave these. If you would like to have a lanyard made at your own expense, please contact Dallas Milem at [kd9tjh@gmail.com](mailto:kd9tjh@gmail.com).
- John Gooldy is updating our QRZ page. He needs photos of recent CIARA activities. If you have some, they can be sent to John at [w9kd@aol.com](mailto:w9kd@aol.com).
- Next month Bryant Evarian, KD9JXX, will give a presentation on a Christian Radio Station.
- The meeting was adjourned at 11:04 AM.

Submitted by:

Ron Sans, WA4EZF – Secretary

Approved by:

Mike Hume, KD9BKU – President