

Central Indiana Amateur Radio Association (CIARA)



CIARA Meeting Notes – 06/07/2025– Fire Station 76

Those attending the meeting:

AC9AM	Steve Skinner
K9SRW	Seth R Wanlass
KA9SDQ	Paul Beihold
KD9BKU	Mike Hume
KD9HOC	Steve F Mcqueen
KD9KUP	Joseph R Kinsinger
KD9QEF	Jonathan W Wanlass
KD9UZX	Rodney R Mckinlay
KD9VTB	Amanda Wanlass
KD9WFK	Matthew R Weber
KD9WQM	Tyson J Davis
N1AWK	Kenneth J Williams
N9DAM	Dallas Milem
N9NVE	Sue Youkey
N9QML	Andrew G Wilson
W0ALA	Anthony L Ashpaugh
W9AHW	Andrew H Wickham
W9GWS	Gary W Scher
W9KD	John Gooldy
W9LBX	Brandon J Parks
W9WLW	Robert Sluder
WA4EZF	Ron Sans
WB9SIS	Michael H Phillip

Two call signs were from Wisconsin and not shown here.

- At 9:03 AM – Mike Hume, KD9BKU, called the meeting to order.
- The club approved the minutes from the last CIARA meeting.
- Paul Deihold, KA9SDQ, presented the Treasurer's report. We currently have \$2139.85 in the checking account.
- Chad Knecht, previous EMA Director has been promoted and is over both EMA and the 911 Service. The county is looking for a new EMA director.
- The July meeting will be canceled due to Field Day which is the weekend before and loss of a program for the meeting.

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- The September Meeting program will be given by Joe March, KJ9M, on EMA volunteers and how to get involved.
- We enjoyed a show and tell on items purchased at the Hamvention.
- Field Day (June 28th and 29th, 2025)
 - Joe Kinsinger, KD9KUP, made several banners for Field Day.
 - There is a signup genius for operation times. The link is on the website (K9EOC.org) <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0C45A5AA2DA6FE3-57198357-field#/>
 - We need antennas, radios, pop-up tents, power strips, and coax. Set up will be between 11:00 AM and 2:00 PM on Saturday.
 - You can bring your own radios if you like.
 - Need to know how long we want to run. Tear down on Saturday night is not fun. We will have to shut down prior to leaving on Saturday night.
 - We need 3 pop-up tents. The GOTA station will be in one of the pop-up tents.
 - We need several 100ft lengths of coax to spread the antennas out.
 - We expect to have 4 stations and 1 GOTA.
 - Bring your own chair.
 - We will be using the World Radio League (WRL) software for the event. This uses the internet and can be run on laptops and other devices. Someone will bring a hot spot.
 - The radios should be removed at night; however, it is possible to store them in a locked closet.
 - If someone wants to stay later, they will need to arrange for help to tear down for the evening.
 - Sunday operations are still undecided.
 - The club will order pizzas.
 - You can work in both the Piglets and CIARA field day sights; however, you cannot work at either station while you are on the air.
 - Band Plans need to be brought to the site.
 - Be sure to use the signup genius for times to operate.

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- Mike Hume, KD9BKU, gave a presentation on Meshtastic, an open source, off-grid, decentralized, mesh network built to run on affordable, low-power devices.
- The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 AM.

Submitted by:

Ron Sans, WA4EZF – Secretary

Approved by:

Mike Hume, KD9BKU – President