

INDIAN PEAKS RADIO CLUB NEWS

A General Interest Club with an Emphasis on Emergency Communication -
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Newsletter and Minutes

February Edition

Next Meeting: February 28 at 7pm at the Indian Peaks Radio Club Room 108 in the West Wing of the Community Center.

(The Board will meet prior to the general club meeting at 6:15PM).

Speaker: George Weber, KAØBSA

Topic: Digital Mobile Radio (DMR) versus D-Star radio

Going, Going ... We previously advertised in the newsletter the Club's Generac XG8000E 8 kW Power Generator with electric starter, like new (0.3 hours run time) \$1100. We've received an offer for the generator of \$1000 from a club member. We could use the funds for other projects, it's the best (and only) offer we received. Unless I hear objections by February 16 or someone wishes to purchase it at the higher price, the generator will be sold to this club member.

Dues for 2017 are due. Dues are \$25 a year. All but a couple members have paid and we appreciate it. If you can bring a check or the right change, it would be most appreciated. Please make your checks payable to Indian Peaks Radio Club.

January 31, 2017 Meeting Synopsis-

The Board met prior to the general meeting. Present: Mike Mussler AI8Z President, Dennis Whalen KØDWW Vice President, Matt Reynolds KDØPRK Treasurer, and Jan Mussler N8SEW Secretary.

To do: Jan distributed updated member list - ask if you didn't get one.

Jan drafted a Memorandum of Understanding for a club Incident Response Team - rewrite is in progress after review.

Jan drafted a Personal Training Record to be used with members - Board members are to submit any additions/corrections/suggestions and changes to Jan before the next Board Meeting.

Treasurer's Report - \$587.25 in checking prior to the meeting and \$100 in savings.

The Board approved an expenditure of \$150 toward the labor costs of the heating project payable to the Nederland Food Pantry, who footed the entire labor costs. The hardware has been paid for. Thanks to Dave Current, at Ace Hardware who allowed us to use his employee discount.

Discussion - whether to pursue an MOU with Airlink/other MERN organizations for an associate member with reduced dues. Member Pan Sherman raised this to the board, who happens to be a member of both organizations. The general consensus was that both organizations need the funds for their various projects and IPRC would never charge for or turn down a MERN member (or member of the public) who wants to attend one of our meetings. Tabled.

Mike to follow-up with Town Marshal Paul Carrill for Frozen Dead Guy Day participation by IPRC. Note: As of February 12, Mike still has not heard back from Paul on FDGD.

Jack Ciaccia (WMØG), our ARRL Colorado Section Manager, proposed IPRC have a special event station for FDGD. Consensus is that it is too late to plan a FDGD special event station for this year, but by June/July 2017, IPRC should pursue this.

Jan to email George Weber (KAØBSA) to see if he will teach a Technician or General Upgrade class. Done - George replied if we can get 5 participants, he can hold a class. 2-day weekend class is the preferred format. If you are interested in upgrading to General, let Jan know so we can schedule this.

General Meeting -

Zeke Yewdall KJ7FP made an appeal for at least 3 more radio hams to support the Old Man Winter Bike Race for the mountain segment. By the end of the meeting, he had 3 potential volunteers. Thanks for your support of these excellent events.

John Ott's (KEØKJI) talk on Amateur Astronomy was fascinating and well-attended. This was our best attended meeting yet with 28 participants - 13 non-hams who were lightly exposed to ham radio and 15 MERN/IPRC hams. One of the local high school FIRST Robotics Club members attended along with his parents. John spoke about Variable Star Astronomy and plugged the International Dark Sky Association. He showed slides of his hand crafted equipment and home observatory on Hurricane Hill Drive. He described some of the important science contributions that are being made by amateur astronomers. A BIG thanks to John for presenting his work to us!

Club items for sale -

We still have these items for sale: HyGain Ham IV heavy duty antenna rotator and control box, \$225.

BCARES update- The annual meeting was held and there were a number of MERN members attending. Chief Brett from 4 Mile Fire Protection District spoke about the importance of ham radio in an emergency event and said MERN becomes the 911 system in a power outage. BCARES has \$2462.47 in their Treasury and 103 members - 42 associates, 4 facility, 7 field support and 11 Field qualified. They have 3 working portable packet units. Upcoming events, April 3 - siren test, May 29 - Bolder Boulder, June 17 Exercise July 26 - a video at DIA, August - National Night Out.

Upcoming meetings

March Meeting -

Jan (N8SEW) and Mike (AI8Z) Mussler will describe their recent visit to the historic RCA Radio Marine Coast Station KPH at Point Reyes California and the outstanding restoration efforts of the Maritime Radio Historical Society for our March meeting program.

April Meeting -

Open for speaker and topic

Please contact Jan with any potential speakers for the club meetings. Some ideas may include SATERN from Salvation Army, Joe Hall from a local fire watch group, a speaker on IRLP - Internet Radio Linking Project and/or EchoLink, Rocky Mountain Ham Radio, and Weather Watching. Lacking an outside speaker, we will hold “workshop” type meetings on some topic.

Upcoming events and dates:

March 10-12, 2017 - Frozen Dead Guy Days -

Town of Nederland Marshall Paul Carrill has requested IPRC participation and support for the 2017 Frozen Dead Guy Days festival. We've got a brand new antenna tower, better antennas, and radios than we had last year. Our experiences with the recent Cold Springs Wildfire should come in handy for supporting this event. For those who are new to this aspect of Amateur Radio, supporting special event communications provides excellent training for future emergencies. Let any Board member know if you will be available to help during these dates.

HAMFEST/CONVENTION

02/19/2017 | The Swapfest

Location: Brighton, CO

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Aurora Repeater Assn., Cherry Creek Young ARC, & Rocky Mountain Ham Radio

Website: <http://www.n0ara.org>

HAMFEST/CONVENTION

04/01/2017 | LARCFest

Location: Longmont, CO

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Longmont Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://w0eno.org>

HAMFEST/CONVENTION

06/03/2017 | Montrose ARC Tailgate Party

Location: Delta , CO

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Montrose ARC

HAMFEST/CONVENTION

10/08/2017 | BARCfest

Location: Longmont, CO

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Sponsor: Boulder Amateur Radio Club (BARC)

Website: <http://www.qsl.net/w0dk>