

ACARTS November 2019 President's Message and October 2019 Minutes

ACARTS October 2019 Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Dave, W9LKH.

Dave announced that the October meeting would be a presentation by Chris, KD9LRW, on DMR and Pi-Star Hotspots.

Dave added that the November meeting would be the Hamfest Wrap-up and the club elections, and that December would be the Christmas Dinner at 6:00 p.m. on the 17th at Hall's Guesthouse.

Dave stated that there was a possibility that the intermittent 146.88 MHz repeater antenna could be replaced on the WANE-TV tower while tower crews are installing a temporary channel 32 antenna. He added that a new antenna and jumper are on site.

Joseph, K9RFZ, gave an update on the status of the Hamfest preparations, and said that there would be a Hamfest Committee Meeting following the ACARTS general meeting.

No other business was discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Submitted by Dave Lindquist, W9LKH

ACARTS October 2019 General Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Dave, W9LKH.

After introductions, Dave asked if there were any new hams with a membership letter present. No one responded.

He announced that there would be a Hamfest Committee Meeting following the ACARTS meeting. He added that the November meeting would be the usual Hamfest Wrap-up and Club elections, and that the Christmas Dinner would be held at 6:00 p.m. on December 17th, at Hall's Guesthouse.

Chris, KD9LRW, gave excellent presentation o DMR and Pi-Star Hotspots.

After a short break, A Hamfest Committee Meeting followed the ACARTS meeting.

Submitted by Dave Lindquist, W9LKH

ACARTS November 2019 President's Message

Thanks to Chris, KD9LRW, for his excellent presentation on DMR and Pi-Star Hotspots at the October meeting.

The Fort Wayne Hamfest is just a couple of weeks away. Joseph, K9RFZ, the Hamfest Chairman, has indicated that things are shaping up for another successful event. Now is the time to make sure that your table reservation is made if you desire a table. Slots for workers are currently being filled. If you previously worked at the Hamfest and would like to work again this year and have not been contacted, get in touch with the Task Leader for the job that you had or contact Joseph and let him know your availability. If you have not worked at the Hamfest in the past and would like to spare a couple of hours helping on Friday evening, Saturday, or Sunday, contact Joseph and let him know your desire. Most importantly, if you don't have a table or desire to work for a couple of hours. mark the dates of November 16th and 17th and plan to attend and join the fun.

November is also the month for club elections for 2020. Consider running for an office or a board position and help shape the future of ACARTS and the club activities. We have had two unfilled positions for the last year, the club Secretary and the Station Manager, and, obviously, you are welcome to place your name in nomination for any office or board position that you would like to hold. Contact me if you are interested in joining the ACARTS board, and I can explain the duties of the various positions. Many of us have held office for a decade or two and would love to see some new faces and ideas.

Thanks to the coordinating efforts of club member and WANE-TV employee Mike, WB9NOO, the intermittent 146.88 MHz repeater antenna and jumper have been replaced. There was a measurable increase in signal strength, however, we still have to tune the duplexer and power amplifier to bring the station up to optimal operation. The WANE-TV tower took a direct lightning strike two years ago, and the club repeater has been on reduced power since then. Replacing the antenna was the first thing that was necessary. This was accomplished while tower crews were installing a temporary channel 32 antenna and removing the channel 31 antenna, necessitated by the TV channel repacking.

73,

Dave Lindquist, W9LKH

President