



**Indiana Section
American Radio
Relay League**

Newsletter

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Friends we'll miss

For a Silent Key notice to be placed in the newsletter, and sent to the ARRL, please forward a copy of or a link to the obituary to the Bob Burns AK9R, ARRL Indiana Section Manager, at ak9r@arrl.org.

Ray Andrews K9DUR of West Terre Haute

Bob Blake N9FIM of Indianapolis

Andy Finick N9FXT of Highland

Victor A. Abell W9RGB of West Lafayette

Marjorie Beihold KA9SDP of Tipton

Section Traffic Manager's Report

From Brian Jenks W9BGJ, Section Traffic Manager

To all Net Managers, please remember to turn in your reports to Brian Jenks W9BBJ, Section Traffic Manager, by the 6th of the month (stm@inarrl.org).

Attached is the Section Traffic Manager's report for October 2025. Note of interest 2 of the larger VHF nets in the state failed to submit their report on time this month. I will reach out to the respective net managers and remind them of the deadline for reporting...Thank you and 73

INDIANA STM REPORT DECEMBER 2025					
HF NETS					
NET NAME	SOURCE	QNI	QTC	QTR	SESSIONS
ITN	N9TU	1322	160	1400	60
QIN	NJ9S	134	37	373	31
TOTALS					
NETS REPORTING					

INDIANA STM REPORT DECEMBER 2025							
PUBLIC SERVICE HONOR ROLL							
STATION	SESSION	MESSAGE	APPT	PUB	EMG	DIGITA	TOTAL
W9BGJ	40	40	30	0	0	20	130
AB9ZA	40	40	10	0	0	0	90
W9EEU	40	158	20	0	0	20	238
TOTALS							
STATIONS REPORTING 3							

INDIANA STM REPORT DECEMBER 2025						
ORS AND SAR STATION REPORT						
STATION	TYPE	ORGINATED	RECEIVED	SENT	DELIVERED	TOTALS
W9BGJ	ORS	4	44	44	0	92
AB9ZA	ORS	0	60	58	6	124
W9EEU	ORS	0	76	77	5	158
W9PC	ORS	0	0	4	0	4

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VHF/UHF NETS

NET NAME	SOURCE	QNI	QTC	QTR	SESSIONS
CASS CO ARC	KA9BYN	72	0	123	5
CROSSROADS DMR	K9NQW	110	0	92	4
CLAY COUNTY ARES	W9EEU	52	0	100	5
D STAR NET	K9NQW	92	0	117	5
IMO NET	K9SKS	326	1	275	24
JEFFERSON CO	N9XVB	12	0	22	2
INDIANA SECTION ARES	KD9EDR	2528	52	2417	258
MID STATE ARC	KI6QOG	223	0	296	5
SCOTT CO ARES/RACES	WR9G	47	2	72	4
SOUTH CENTRAL AREA	KA9OPL	39	1	123	4
TARS EVANSVILLE	KE9YK	70	2	82	4
TRI STATE 2 METER	AG8O	263	2	491	21
WABASH VALLEY	KC9LDJ	102	0	191	5

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NETS REPORTING

QIN QNU

Issue Number 021 December 2025

The Bulletin for the INDIANA CW SECTION NET of the ARRL National Traffic System
 Evenings Daily on 3535 khz; alternate freq. is 1810 khz at (7:00 P.M CST/8:00 P.M. EST);
 Mornings Mon-Fri : to be announced after 01/01/2026

Net Control Assignments:

Day	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
0100Z NCS	W9PC MARK	NJ9S BRUNO	WB9FIU RUSTY	NJ9S BRUNO	WB9FIU RUSTY	K9LA CARL	K9LA CARL
Time t.b.a. NCS		W9BGJ BRIAN	W9BGJ BRIAN	W9BGJ BRIAN	W9BGJ BRIAN	W9BGJ BRIAN	



*Wishing the very best of everything to our QIN family in this
 Christmas season and throughout the coming year!*

Can you believe it; another year has whizzed by! QIN continues to function as Indiana's exemplary cw section traffic net in the face of a changing communications environment thanks to our loyal net control operators and net membership! I wish each of you a

*Merry Christmas and
 A healthy and prosperous 2026 ahead!*

To our snow birds: have a safe trip and winter stay in your warm wx get-away! We will look forward to your return in the spring! To those of us who for whatever reason are faced with another Indiana winter: keep warm; stay healthy and keep in touch via QIN as often as you can. In all cases, to all of you, let us know how you are doing via QNI, radiogram, text, etc.

As you may know, Brian W9BGJ has been working to re-establish the morning or Early (QIN/E) net sessions. Both 80 meter and 40 meter bands along with early and late morning times have been tried with mixed results. Brian will be taking a month's hiatus until after the first of the new year due to work, family and holiday demands, but hopes to resume the morning QIN sessions early in 2026. Brian would like to hear from you as to your preferences for frequency/band and morning net times via radiogram or email. With your input and help, maybe the morning QIN (QIN/E) can again become the viable morning Indiana cw traffic option it once was!

December can be a hectic time for most of us due to the Christmas and the New Year holidays; life's demands, Indiana's unpredictable weather, and the year end/year beginning chores! Don't let life overwhelm you! Take a little time for yourself. Call a friend you've not chatted with in a while. Re-read a favorite book or article. Work on a ham project you've been ignoring. Take a couple of deep breaths- relax! Every day is a gift!

Amateur radio exists for the service we can provide.

73,
Bruno NJ9S

CURRENT QIN (EVE) NET ROSTER & PARTICIPATION STATS

CALL	NAME	QTH	QNI NOV 2025	NCS NOV 2025
W9BGJ	BRIAN	HUNTINGTON, IN	12	9
WB9FIU	RUSTY	COLUMBUS, IN	28	9
W9PC	MARK	ROSSVILLE, IN	6	4
K9LA	CARL	FORT WAYNE, IN	24	8
AD8WR	DAVE	GRANGER, IN	3	
K9UT	JERRY	RICHMOND, IN		
NJ9S	BRUNO	MISHAWAKA, IN	28	9
N9OL	JOHN	EVANSVILLE, IN		
KA8BJA	FRANK	COSHOCOTON, OH	13	
WD4MSM	BARRY	SOUTH BEND, IN		
NI9Y	DAN	MISHAWAKA, IN		
WB8SIW	JIM	BUCHANAN, MI	1	
K0TQ	MIKE	N. VERNON, IN		
WA2USA	DENNIS	NEWBURGH, IN		
N9IVI	IVIN	PLAINFIELD, IN		
WD9DWE	DENNIS	PEKIN, IN		
NA9F	RON	COLUMBUS, IN	1	
N8AFT	LANE	COLUMBUS, OH		

EVENING QIN + QIN/E CW SECTION NET QUICK STATS

Month/Yr	Sessions	QNI	QTC Incl net reports	QTC Minus net rpts	QTR min.	
JAN 2025	31	120	29	4	323	
FEB 2025	28	109	37	16	303	
MAR 2025	31	106	44	16	296	
APR 2025	30	103	46	25	300	
MAY 2025	30	94	43	26	297	
JUN 2025	30	112	43	22	343	
JUL 2025	31	103	39	18	319	
AUG 2025	31	132	32	7	359	
SEP 2025	29	117	36	26	314	
OCT 2025	35	134	37	25	373	
NOV 2025	39	117	66	55	412	

Technical Specialist Coordinator's Report

From Tom Busch WB8WOR, Technical Specialist Coordinator

Technical Specialists are urged to send their reports to Technical Coordinator Tom Busch WB8WOR (tc@inarrl.org).

Mark Skowronski K9MQ

I assisted the family of a silent key concerning various options for getting rid of the equipment. To help them make an informed decision, I educated them about using the sold listing feature on Ebay to help determine equipment value. They ended up deciding to donate everything to the local radio club, which I helped arrange the donation.

Roger McEntarfer N9RM

For the month of November, I continued keeping busy with the Whitley County Amateur Radio Club and Tamiami Amateur Radio Club meetings, and VE Testing in Indiana, Venice, Florida and nationwide with multiple teams and VEC's.

I continued working with the Whitley County W5YI VE Team with virtual remote testing and In Person Testing.

The Whitley County W5YI/ARRL Test Team will be conducting In Person and Virtual Amateur Radio Test sessions through the year.

ATTENTION: Free Student Testing!! W5YI Licensing Services now offers free testing for students 25 years of age or younger! Yes, you read that correct! Testing fees are covered for all 3 licenses classes, and for Technician applicants, they will also cover the \$35 application fee! Subject to valid student ID verification. If you are a student registering to test, after completing registration, please send an email to rlmcen56@gmail.com, with your name and Student Applicant, so your registration is confirmed. If you register at the Fort Wayne Hamfest, show your Student ID to the Volunteer Examiners.

Virtual test sessions are held every Monday evening a W5YI at 8:00 PM and an ARRL session at 8:30 PM. To register for any of these test sessions visit: <https://hamstudy.org/sessions/n9rm> Upcoming In-Person test sessions: The Auburn Hamfest , July 18, 2026, from 10:00 AM – Noon. To register visit: <https://hamstudy.org/sessions/n9rm> If you need a different day or time, please let me know as we can set up testing any day of the week or time of day to fit your needs. The cost to take the test is \$14.00 for W5YI and \$15 for ARRL.

The next WCARC General Meeting will be held at the Lower-Level Meeting Rooms A&B of the Parkview Whitley Hospital, SR 205 Columbia City, IN 46725. The Program for the evening will be announced soon.

Jeff Delucenay KB9QG

Dec 8th - I helped a local ham getting his license renewal.

Dec 12th - The new tower at our repeater site is completed. The analog and DMR repeater, the WinLink Gateway and the APRS Digipeater are now back on-the-air. However, I did find a cable issue on the transmit side on the duplexer. One of the Tee connections is cracking. The harness is an old UHF configuration with crimped connectors. I am investigating options for the duplexer.

Dec 21st -- Phil KA9LAA asked for some guidance on renewing his license.

I hope everyone had a good Christmas and I wish everyone a Good New Year!

Public Information Coordinator's Report

From Barry Palencer KC9WMS, Public Information Coordinator

Public Information Officers are urged to send their reports to Public Information Coordinator Barry Palencer KC9WMS (pio@inarrl.org).

DeKalb County PIO John D Maag – KD9QDL

The tower project is coming along. The guy wire mounts and tower base is poured. The tower should be here the week of November 17 th . Hopefully erection will start in 2 weeks after the concrete has hardened. As of Dec 15 th the new tower is up and W9OU, DMR, WINLINK and APRS is up and running. The club is happy to have our repeaters back on the air. The Northeastern Indiana Amateur Radio Association received our grants from the DeKalb Visitors Bureau. One for signs for our events, Field Day, K9A special event for the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automobile Museum Festival. We also received a sponsorship for the NIARA Hamfest on July 18 th .

Whitley County PIO Roger McEntarfer, N9RM

I announced in the local news media: WANE TV News, WPTA 21 Alive News, WOWO, WFFT Fox 55 Media, WJHS 91.5 FM (Whitley County Joint High School) radio station, Ink Free News, Times Union News, The Post & Mail, The Hoot News of Whitley County, Adams Radio Group, Journal Gazette. HF Nets: Indiana Traffic Net and several of the local 2M and 70 CM nets around the northern Indiana area about the Whitley County Amateur Radio Club (WCARC) Annual Dinner Meeting on December 11, 2025, the Whitley County W5YI & ARRL Virtual Remote Test Sessions every Monday at 8:00 & 8:15 PM, and the Whitley County Amateur Radio Club (WCARC) General Meeting on January 8, 2026.

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Affiliated Club Coordinator's Report

From Jimmy Merry KC9RPX, Affiliated Club Coordinator

Affiliated clubs across Indiana are encouraged to send a note to Jimmy Merry, ARRL Indiana Section Affiliated Club Coordinator, each month. Please include the following:

- Please be sure to send me any club news. Example: Historical events, Upcoming events, Outstanding member, etc. Include captioned photos.
- Regular updates about your club, its events, special occasions, club news, outstanding members, and other newsworthy items.

This information could let hams across Indiana know what is going on in your club. Assist hams in your area know about your club. Help membership. And assist other clubs across Indiana with ideas. Please send to kc9rpx@arrl.net.

Section Emergency Coordinator's Report

From Brian Sexton KD9EDR, Section Emergency Coordinator

Report: Form4

Division: Central

Section: Indiana

Month/Year: December 2025

History: Reported by Brian Sexton, KD9EDR, SEC on 2026-01-29 12:53:48 UTC

Number of DECs/ECs reporting this month:	24	
Total number of DECs/ECs appointed in section:	48	
4. Total number of ARES members:	664	
Difference in ARES members from previous month:	N/D	
5. Number of ARES net sessions held:	179	
6. Number of ARES net sessions held with NTS liaison:	36	
7. Number of participants in nets:	2,224	
	Number	Person-Hrs
8. Exercises this month:	41	255.70
9. Training events this month:	18	244.60
10. Public service events this month:	7	358.10
11. Community service events this month:	2	40.00
12. Emergency events this month:	1	5.40
13. SKYWARN events this month:	19	291.20
14. Meetings this month:	18	207.70
15. Unclassified events this month:	4	9.20

Call signs of DECs/ECs reporting:

K9WG, KA9AMP, KB9WWM, KC9JAV, KC9RPX, KC9RVL, KC9VRA, KD9BKU, KD9DHJ, KD9DPA, KD9LEY, KD9MRM, KD9PMT, KP4CI, KV9N, N9CJT, N9CWW, N9GTL, N9JPX, N9LAA, NM9R, W9DRB, W9SOX, WR9G

Activity Details:

DISTRICT 3-----

Several AARES members from NE Indiana Supported the Ignite Trail Series Marathon/Half Marathon

DISTRICT 6-----

Randolph Co: General Nets and meeting

Tipton Co: Regular Nets

Grant Co: Still fine-tuning repeaters, waiting on new controller to link machines, hopefully back to normal soon

Delaware Co: 3 weekly Nets held on 441.900 & 146.730 repeaters and 146.490 Simplex

ALLEN -----

The Allen County ARES DMR Net has moved to 8:30 pm EST to allow the Allen County Members to attend the FM Net Training at 9:00pm EST. The Allen County ARES Team assisted in support of the Ignite Trail Series Half Marathon/Marathon at Chain O'Lakes State Park. This is a District event and was coordinated by KD9QHI, Jerry Etnier.

BARTHOLOMEW-----

Four regularly scheduled nets on the simplex frequency for the county.

BLACKFORD -----

Currently there is no EC for Blackford Co

CASS-----

No activity in this area

CLARK-----

We have weekly nets on 146.850 at 0900

DEKALB -----

Net Topics covered in December: Snow, Ice Storms & Blizzards, Net Pro Words 1 & 2, and Notes for Emergency Communications

DELAWARE -----

3 weekly Nets held on 441.900 & 146.730 repeaters and 146.490 simplex

FAYETTE -----

Currently there is no EC for Fayette Co

FULTON -----

Fulton County ARES activated their Sky warn Net on December 28th for a band of storms with high winds that swept through the area starting around 16:00 through 20:00 hrs. During this event we utilized the K9RCR repeater, the KB9WSL repeater in our county. We established comms with White, Cass, Marshal and Kosciusko County through there repeaters and also used the N9GPY DMR repeater in Marshall County to contact Net control for Indiana Weather Ops.

Are ARES team along with Fulton County EMA was able to get the necessary material for building a tilt over 30ft antenna mast to replace the tower that was blown down in a storm this summer.

GRANT-----

Still fine-tuning repeaters, waiting on new controller to link machines. Hopefully back to "county" coverage within another month. Still operating at great restrictions.

HAMILTON-----

3 ARES nets on Sunday evenings. Participation was low because of the holidays. On the 6th some of us went to a Holiday dinner that included both local ham clubs. Saturday the 13th we helped the Good Samaritan Network along with Hamilton County Emergency Management delivering a Holiday meal to families in need.

HANCOCK -----

Weekly local net

HARRISON-----

75 mins of air time

HENDRICKS-----

Weekly/Monthly Nets:

We conducted five (5) weekly Tuesday Night ARES Nets on 145.130 MHz during the month and had good participation. We accumulated just over 19.5 man-hours of airtime.

JAY -----

Currently there is no EC for Jay Co

JENNINGS-----

KA9AMP joined NTS.

Addition of one ARES member.

KNOX -----

N/A

KOSCIUSKO -----

Our ARES group supported The IT Arctic run at Chain of Lakes St Park

MADISON -----

Currently there is no EC for Madison Co

MARION -----

We took Christmas week off for our regular nets and did not hold any specific training or activity due to the holidays.

MONROE -----

Monroe County had the following activity in December 2025

5 Weekly ARES Nets that averaged 16 check-ins each week

5 Monday night simplex nets that averaged 8 check-ins each week

2 Skywarn nets

This month due to the extreme cold weather, the monthly warning siren test was cancelled

We also participated in non-ARES Nets with the Welcome net (5) and Thursday Night net (5)

MORGAN-----

None

PUTNAM -----

Had 4 Nets with average 7 checking into the Nets Net lengths 10 minutes long.

RANDOLPH-----

General nets and meeting.

RUSH -----

Currently there is no EC for Rush Co

SCOTT -----

In December, there were 5 scheduled ARES nets conducted on the Scott County EMA repeater (146.610) with 46 check-ins and a total of 88 minutes providing operators an opportunity to check and test their equipment.

SPENCER-----

NETS 5 ANALOG AND 5 DIGITAL

STARKE -----

Nothing to report this month

TIPPECANOE-----

Five training nets took place during the month December. TEMA cancelled the County Siren Test. We had the last meeting of the year at the Franciscan Hospital Cancer Center Community Room. We discussed plans for 2026. Skywarn Net was activated on December 28th due to weather conditions.

TIPTON -----

We did not have any activities other than regular nets

UNION -----

Currently there is no EC for Union Co

WAYNE -----

Currently there is no EC for Wayne Co

Administrative and Other Comments:

DISTRICT 3-----

Ed Scott, K9EJS has resigned as EC from Whitley County and as the Asst. DEC for District 3. Ed has participated in ARES for several years and I have appreciated the efforts he has put forth in those positions.

DISTRICT 6-----

Grant Co: New Club officers take over Jan 1st; EC is considering giving this position after 30+ years

Seeking ECs for: Blackford, Fayette, Grant, Jay, Madison, Rush, Union and Wayne Counties.

Randolph Co EC resigning effective 01-01-2026. There is a person interested in applying for this position.

BARTHOLOMEW-----

Happy New Year!

BLACKFORD -----

Seeking EC for Blackford County. If interested, please contact Marv Gilliland KC9RVL at KC9RVL@arrl.net

CASS-----

Activity this reporting period comes from 2 sections. First, our 4 regular weekly nets which lasted 93 minutes total and had 55 check-ins. Second, we did have an emergency net on Dec.28th reference a NWS storm warning. That net lasted 81 minutes and we had 4 check-ins for that time.

CLARK-----

Tornado watch for Clark County with several Tornado Warnings in the surrounding counties

DEKALB -----

none

DELAWARE -----

1 Skywarn severe weather event, no damage

FAYETTE -----

Seeking EC for Fayette County. If interested, please contact Marv Gilliland KC9RVL at KC9RVL@arrl.net

FULTON -----

Club members were able to take time before Christmas to help the Salvation Army and be bell ringers in the community.

GRANT-----

New club offices taking over Jan 1st. I'm considering giving up my EC position after 30+ years. Will decide this month. P. Edwin Brown, DDS N9GTL

HAMILTON-----

On December 7th we had a set using digital simplex. Those that were available checked in or attempted to check in using a Yaesu digital radio. 9 were involved in the test. On Dec 28th we did not have a net because of severe weather. 8 ARES members were on the Hamilton County Storm Watch net checking in to report any severe weather.

HANCOCK -----

none

HENDRICKS-----

Miscellaneous:

The ARES LEADERSHIP meeting was held on December 15, 2025, at the MCL in Avon Indiana. This was a combined meeting/holiday dinner and 10 man-hours of time. A good time was had by all.

JAY CO-----

Seeking EC for Jay County. If interested, please contact Marv Gilliland KC9RVL at KC9RVL@arrl.net

JENNINGS-----

HF radio at ema needs replacement antenna to be resolved. Plan is to purchase a portable antenna to resolve issue and will also make the radio portable when needed. To be purchased in January.

Training ideas were presented at meeting but were not approved for 2026 due to absence of EC(medical). 2026 training is to be set at upcoming meeting.

KNOX -----

N/A

MADISON -----

Seeking EC for Madison County. If interested, please contact Marv Gilliland KC9RVL at KC9RVL@arrl.net

MARION -----

The 1 Skywarn net was reasonably quiet for Marion County. I spent some time planning and coordinating 2 public service events coming up in January. We plan to resume other ARES activities in January and February.

MONROE -----

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During the Welcome Net for new hams and Elmers, it was requested that a simplex net be done.

We invited the participants of this net to join the Monday night net on Simplex.

MORGAN-----

None

RUSH -----

Seeking EC for Rush County. If interested, please contact Marv Gilliland KC9RVL at KC9RVL@arrl.net

SCOTT -----

The Scott County EMA Group held a VE Testing Session Saturday, December 13th at the EOC. The next testing session is scheduled for February 14th at 11:00 AM. Walk-Ins are always welcome. The testing location is at the Bacala Center, 69 E Wardell St, SE Corner of Courthouse Square, Scottsburg IN 47170 and is ADA accessible. For more info email: steve@wr9g.net or visit www.wr9g.net/links. 73, Steve WR9G

TIPPECANOE-----

January 22nd is TCARES Meeting. Forms, ID cards and other material will be dealt with for those that are committed to the participation. Calendar of events will be distributed.

TIPTON COUNTY-----

We did not have any activities other than regular nets

December 2025

UNION -----

Seeking EC for Union County. If interested, please contact Marv Gilliland KC9RVL at KC9RVL@arrl.net

WAYNE -----

Seeking EC for Wayne County. If interested, please contact Marv Gilliland KC9RVL at KC9RVL@arrl.net

Section Manager's desk

Note: Each week, I send out an Indiana Section News email for that week. If you are an ARRL member, log into your profile on the ARRL website to make sure you have "Division and Section News" selected in the "Opt In/Out" section in order to get those weekly emails. The items you see here in the "From the Section Manager's desk" section of the monthly section news are taken from the weekly emails.

Indiana ham recognized by Hurricane Watch Net

The Hurricane Watch Net (<https://hwn.org>) has recognized Jeanmarie Kane KD9UGB for her consistent dedication, support, and professionalism in net operations, particularly during Hurricane Melissa. Jeanmarie received a certificate from the HWN leadership as a thank-you for her contributions to the net. Jeanmarie operates a simple 100-watt station from her home using a vertical antenna.

W1AW/9 Indiana activation

During 2026, ARRL will celebrate the USA semiquincentennial by holding a year-long America250 Worked All States operating event. W1AW/portable will operate from each state on two different weeks. Indiana's weeks are Wednesday through Tuesday starting February 4 and July 15. I'm looking for volunteers to operate W1AW/9 IN during those weeks. If you are interested, please contact me. More details to follow.

Technician question pool changing

A new Technician class question pool has been released and will become effective July 1, 2026. Tests taken before midnight on June 30, 2026, will use the current pool. Test taken starting July 1 will use the new pool. Amateur radio license exam question pools are developed by the Question Pool Committee of the National Conference of Volunteer Examiner Coordinators. You can find the new pool here:

<https://ncvec.org/index.php/2026-2030-technician-question-pool>

International Reply Coupons discontinued

Long-term DXers will remember sending International Reply Coupons (IRCs) to DX stations with their QSL cards in the hopes that the DX station would use the IRC to send a return QSL card acknowledging the contact. An IRC is good for international airmail postage in any of the 192 member countries of the Universal Postal Union. IRCs were used for more than just ham radio QSL cards. The Universal Postal Union has recently decided to phase out IRCs. IRCs will become invalid and unusable for postage effective December 31, 2026.

Club Newsletter Contest

As part of the ARRL's 2026 Year of the Club celebration, the ARRL is conducting a club newsletter competition. The contest is open to all ARRL Affiliated Clubs that have published a newsletter for at least one (1) year. The submission deadline is Friday, January 30, 2026, 4 p.m. Eastern time. Full details can be found here: <https://www.arrl.org/club-newsletter-contest>

Club Website Contest

As part of the ARRL's 2026 Year of the Club celebration, the ARRL is conducting a club website competition. The contest is open to all ARRL Affiliated Clubs that have a club website. The submission deadline is Friday, January 30, 2026, 4 p.m. Eastern time. Full details can be found here: <https://www.arrl.org/club-website-contest>

You can help

There are two bills before Congress, S.459 in the Senate and H.R.1094 in the House, that would go a long way to help hams who live with private land use restrictions. These restrictions are often imposed by home-owners' associations. These are bi-partisan bills with co-sponsors from both sides of the political aisle.

ARRL lobbyists have been talking to Members of Congress about these bills and we need action from the amateur radio community to help the lobbyists deliver a stronger message. You can ask your Congressional representatives to support these bills by pointing your browser to <https://send-a-letter.org/hoa/>, enter your amateur radio callsign, and click the "Send My Letters" button. The form will fill in your address information from the FCC license database and use your ZIP Code to determine the correct Senate and House members. That's all there is to it.

What will happen with your letters? They will be printed out by the ARRL lobbyists and hand delivered to the appropriate Member of Congress. Could you write your own letter and send it yourself? Yes, you could. However, individual letters are sometimes delayed or mislaid on their way to Congressional offices. If you use the link shown here, your letter will be hand-delivered to your representatives' offices. Could you send an email yourself? Yes, you could. But, individual letters from constituents that are printed and hand-delivered will have much more impact and that's the service our lobbyists can provide. Do you have to be an ARRL member? No. Every licensed amateur radio operator can use this website to send letters to Congress.

So, do it now! Go to <https://send-a-letter.org/hoa/>, enter your callsign, and click "Send My Letters".

To club officers, you can use the strength of your club's membership to send a message to Congress. Get in touch with Affiliated Club Coordinator Jimmy Merry KC9RPX ([kc9rpx@gmail.com](mailto:k9rpx@gmail.com)) or myself (ak9r@arrl.org) for information about using the club letter boilerplate that the ARRL has prepared.

Upcoming Hamfests in Indiana

The up-to-date hamfest listing for Indiana, and the entire U.S., can be found on the ARRL's website at: <http://www.arrl.org/hamfests/search> Note: Hamfests must be submitted to the ARRL in order to appear on the ARRL website. For more information, see: <http://www.arrl.org/hamfest-convention-application>

If your hamfest is not listed here, please contact Bob Burns AK9R, ARRL Indiana Section Manager, at ak9r@arrl.org

Hendricks County Hamfest

ARRL Indiana Section Convention

Start Date: 02/07/2026

End Date: 02/07/2026

Location: Hendricks Co. 4H Fairgrounds and Conference Center

1900 E. Main St.

Danville, IN 46122

Website: <http://n9hc.org>

Sponsor: Hendricks County Amateur Radio Society

Type: ARRL Convention

Talk-In: 147.015 MHz 88.5 PL

Public Contact: John Farmer , N9CQ

4157 Mimosa Dr. Plainfield, IN 46168

Phone: 317-308-0890

Email: Hamfest@n9hc.org

LaPorte Cabin Fever Hamfest

Start Date: 02/28/2026

End Date: 02/28/2026

Location: LaPorte County Fairgrounds

2581 State Road 2

LaPorte, IN

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

Sponsor: LaPorte County Amateur Radio Club

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-In: 146.610 131.8

Public Contact: Richard Oberle , KC9DJP

1978 E 500 S LaPorte, IN 46350

Phone: 219-448-0090

Email: cabinfeverhamfest@gmail.com

Columbus Amateur Radio Club Hamfest

Start Date: 03/28/2026

End Date: 03/28/2026

Location: Columbus North High School

1400 25th St.

Columbus, IN 47201

Website: <http://carnet.net>

Sponsor: Columbus Amateur Radio Club

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-In: 146.79

Public Contact: Mike Idlewine , WE9MI

4373 E Windsor Lane Columbus, IN 47201

Phone: 812-521-6206

Email: Idlewine@comcast.net

Wabash Valley Amateur Radio Association, Inc.

Start Date: 03/28/2026

End Date: 03/28/2026

Location: Clay County 4-H Fairgrounds

6550 North State Road 59

Brazil, IN 47834

Website: <http://W9UUU.org>

Sponsor: Wabash Valley Amateur Radio Association, Inc.

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-In: 146.685 MHz – PL 151.4 Hz

Public Contact: Chuck Procarione , W9COD

444 South 4th St. Clinton, IN 47842

Phone: 812-239-8061

Email: Hamfest@w9uuu.org

RV Radio Network Rally

Start Date: 05/09/2026

End Date: 05/13/2026

Location: Follow the River RV Resort

12273 Markland Town Rd.

Florence, IN 47020

Website: <http://rvradionetwork.com/>

Sponsor: RV Radio Network

Type: ARRL Convention

Talk-In: 147.520

Public Contact: Michelle Sack , N3YRZ

PO Box 1182 Waldorf, MD 20604

Phone: 301-932-8133

Email: msack@verizon.net

Auburn Hamfest

Start Date: 07/18/2026

End Date: 07/18/2026

Location: Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum
1600 Wayne Street
Auburn, IN 46706

Website: <http://w9ou.org>

Sponsor: Northeastern Indiana Amateur Radio Association

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-In: 147.015 with 141.3 tone

Public Contact: John Maag , KD9QDL

5501 Bear Creek Pass Auburn, IN 46706

Phone: 260-438-6588

Email: jdmaag6101@gmail.com

Elkhart East Hamfest

Start Date: 08/01/2026

End Date: 08/01/2026

Location: Northern Indiana Event Center
21565 Executive Pkwy
Elkhart, IN 46514

Website: <http://www.elkharthamfest.com>

Sponsor: Northern Indiana K9DEW Repeater Network

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-In: 147.330 PL 131.8

Public Contact: Dewey Thrash , K9DEW

53464 Baywater Place Bristol, IN 46507

Phone: 574-370-2436

Email: elkharthamfest@gmail.com

Hendricks County Tailgate Fest

Start Date: 08/08/2026

End Date: 08/08/2026

Location: Avon United Methodist Church
6850 East Hwy US 36
Avon, IN 46123

Website: <http://kc9sqd425@gmail.com>

Sponsor: Ham Emergency Radio Operations

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-In: 145.130 MHz, W9HCA Repeater 88.5 Hz

Public Contact: Kenneth Kayler , KC9SQD

3090 Clover Dr. Plainfield, IN 46168-6933

Phone: 317-874-7068

Email: kc9sqd425@gmail.com

The Hoosier Hills Hamfest

Start Date: 10/10/2026

End Date: 10/10/2026

Location: Lawrence County 4H Fairgrounds

11265 US-50

Bedford, IN 47421

Website: <https://hoosierhillshamfest.com>

Sponsor: Hoosier Hills Ham Club

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-In: 146.73 107.2

Public Contact: Justin Elliott , KD9IGT

4470 W. Walnut Ridge Rd. Salem, IN 47167

Phone: 812-896-8002

Email: kd9igt@w9qyq.org

14TH ANNUAL HENDRICKS COUNTY
HAMFEST

AND
A.R.R.L. INDIANA SECTION CONVENTION

FEB. 7, 2026
9 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

**HENDRICKS CO. 4-H FAIRGROUNDS
& CONFERENCE CENTER**

1900 East Main St., Danville, IN 46122

FEATURING • Central Indiana Location • Lots of **FREE PARKING**
ARRL Membership Forum, Educational Programs
Commercial Vendor Area • Flea Market Area
Gathering Area to hang out with your Friends.

Commercial and Flea Market Vendors Space Reservations
Contact via AE9R@arrl.net **OR** hamfest@n9hc.org

WWW.N9HC.ORG and follow us on FACEBOOK @ HCARS.
or FACEBOOK @ Hendricks County Hamfest

**TALK IN: 147.015 MHz PL88.5 +600 N9HC
Repeater**

Sponsored by: Hendricks Co. Amateur Radio Society
(HCARS)

All Indoors
\$7.00 General
Admission, Kids Under
age 10 FREE!

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DXCC, WAC, VUCC

DOOR PRIZES
ON SITE FOOD VENDORS

AGAIN THIS YEAR:
EXPRESS CHECK-IN
EXACT CHANGE ONLY
\$7 FOR REGULAR ADMIT
OR \$10 PACKAGE WITH
3 ADDITIONAL DOOR
PRIZE TICKETS.

BEAT THE WINTER TIME
BLUES, COME JOIN YOUR
FRIENDS AT THE HAM FEST.

N9HC



LAPORTE COUNTY CABIN FEVER HAMFEST

FEBRUARY 28, 2026
7 AM TO 1 PM

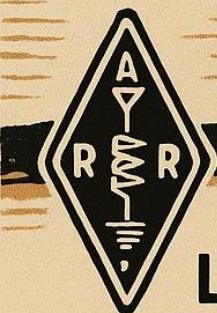
LaPorte County Fairgrounds
2581 IN-2 LaPorte, IN 46350

\$8.00 ENTRY FEE

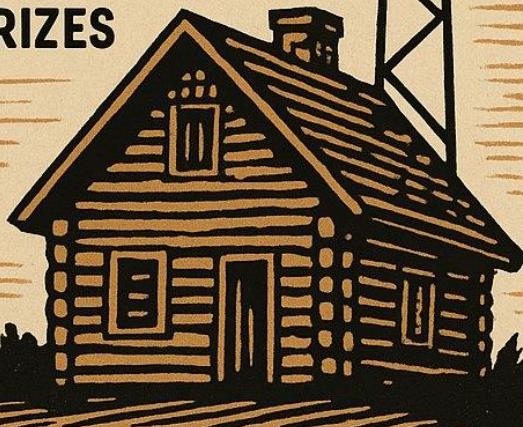
TALK-IN: 146.970 / 146.610 PL 131.8

- VE TESTING • DOOR PRIZES
- FOOD

**EMAIL: CABINFEVER
HAMFEST@GMAIL.COM**



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Wabash Valley Amateur
Radio Association, Inc.

2026 Hamfest

Saturday March 28, 2026

9:00 AM to 1:00 PM EST

Vendor setup begins at 7:00 AM

Clay County 4-H Fairgrounds

6550 North State Road 59 – Brazil, IN

Talk-In: K9IKQ/R – 146.685 MHz – PL 151.4 Hz

Admission \$10.00 (12 and under free)

Advance Table Reservations - \$5 (Non-Refundable)

Free Tables (First Come-First Serve)

Hourly drawings Breakfast Served

More information: <http://w9uuu.org>

Or contact hamfest@w9uuu.org



The Northeastern Indiana Amateur Radio Association

AUBURN HAMFEST

Saturday, July 18, 2026

Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum

1600 S. Wayne St. Auburn, IN 46706

OPEN 9 AM TO 2 PM • TALK-IN: 147.015 (141.3) 7:00 AM • LOAD-IN: 7 TO 9 AM

FREE Admission

6,000 SQ. FT. INDOOR DISPLAY



FREE AUBURN CORD DUESENBERG
Museum

View an amazing collection of classic
motor vehicles.

FREE Parking

More Parking and Handicap
Spaces available this year.



FOOD VENDOR

On the parking lot. Provided by
Dave K9TZ

NEED MORE INFO?

E-MAIL: auburnhamfest@w9ou.org

PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE AT W9OU.ORG

NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN

Raffle Prizes:

1st-YAESU FT 891
2nd-XIEGU G90 HF 20W SSB/CW/AM/FM
3rd- ICOM IC-T10 Handheld

And more drawing prizes

Ticket Prices \$5.00 - Buy 2, get 1 Free!

Indoor Vendor Tables: \$10 ea.
Order online now at www.w9ou.org

Outdoor Sales - One raffle ticket
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Contact: auburnhamfest@w9ou.org

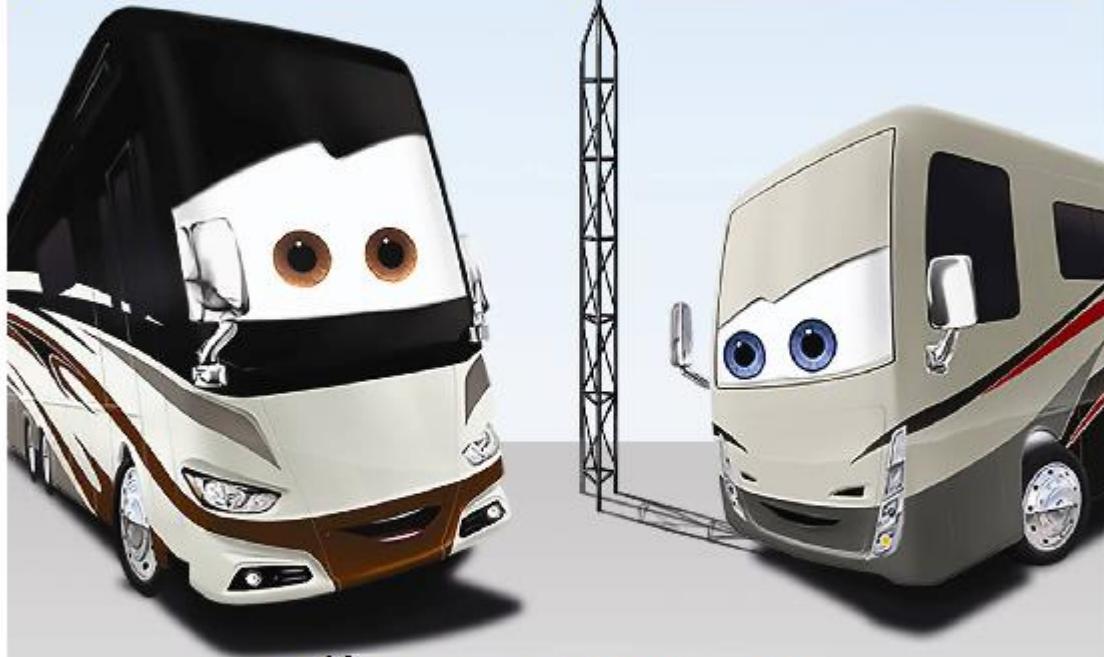
2026 ELKHART EAST HAMFEST
SATURDAY AUGUST 1, 2026
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Northern Indiana Event Center
21565 Executive Parkway - Elkhart, IN 46514

More details are available on our website
at: <https://www.elkharteasthamfest.com>.

The Northern Indiana Event Center is
a state-of-the-art convention facility
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Elkhart, Indiana. (Toll Road at Exit 96)

Questions? elkharthamfest@gmail.com



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150 table flea market of retail and consumer vendors, HAM radio license exams for all classes.
\$9.00 admission includes discounted admission to the RV Hall of Fame

\$15.00 per table (\$20 the day of event)
Includes 120v/220v electric service.

One free admission per vendor / children under 14 free.

Talk-In: K9DEW Mishawaka Repeater (147.330+ 131.8pl)

Additional Reservation Info: elkharthamfest@gmail.com
Northern Indiana Event Center - 21565 Executive Pkwy - Elkhart, IN 46514

