



**Indiana Section
American Radio
Relay League**

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Friends we'll miss

Jon Slough KB9ATR of Arnold MO by way of Goshen IN

Frederick H. Cordes KD9ZR of Mooresville

James Shepard Jr. W9JOS of Terre Haute

Leonard Shaffer WD9CVX of Auburn

Russell Whittaker WA3HUI of Noblesville

Gary Day ND500 of Plainfield

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.

Affiliated Club Coordinator's Report

From Jimmy Merry KC9RPX

Clubs need to update club records

A reminder that clubs need to their update club records.

The club update area is now active on the ARRL.org website. This allows clubs to edit their club information, record, and upload photos of club activities.

The club update is also known as the Annual Report. Clubs are required to update their club record at least once per year, even if nothing changes. The club update is how ARRL knows that the club is still in business, and keeps the contact information current. This helps ARRL HQ, the Indiana Section Staff, and prospective amateur radio operators know how to contact clubs in their area.

Should two years pass, and no update is made to the report, the club will be listed as inactive, until the report is updated. Please complete all required information.

Please feel free to contact me anytime, and I will assist clubs with making this update to the report. A tutorial is also available at the following link to assist clubs in making updates to club records.

http://www.arrl.org/files/file/Clubs/Club%20Update%20Online_20150806.pdf

These clubs must update their annual report:

Bloomington ARC

Bloomington HS South ARC

Southern Indiana ARA

Indiana University ARC

Patoka Valley ARC

Hoosier DX & Contest Club

Land of Lakes, Clinton Co ARC

Mid State ARC

Indiana Masonic Home ARC

Goshen ARC

Hancock Co ARC

Blackford ARC

RCA ARC

Northwest Indiana DX

Hoosier Repeater Builders

807 Club of Kokomo

Tri County HF

LaPorte Co ARC

White Co ARC

Ohio Valley ARC

Central Indiana ARA

Elkhart ARC

Madison County ARC

Hendricks Co ARS

Whitewater Valley ARS

Jennings County ARA

Clark Co ARC

Kentucky DX

Blue River Valley ARC

Michiana ARC

Owen County ARA

Terre Haute HS

Porter Co ARC

Repeater Assoc Ripley Co.

Hoosier Lakes Radio Club

Daviess Co ARC

Purdue University ARC

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PLEASE DO NOT CREATE A NEW CLUB, WHEN UPDATING THE ANNUAL REPORT

Clubs are encouraged to share information each month of its happenings. Captioned photographs are welcome. Please share with me for the newsletter.

Newly Affiliated School Clubs

Thanks to Bedford North Lawrence High School and Brown County Jr. - Sr. High School, and also the amateur radio operators in Lawrence and Brown Counties areas for their assistance in creating school clubs for the students in their community.

State Government Liason's Report

From David Spoelstra N9KT

I reviewed all the proposed Indiana State Legislation for the 2023 session and I found none that would impact amateur radio in Indiana.

Section Traffic Manager's Report

From Brian Jenks W9BGJ

Greetings everyone! We have had a warm spell as of late hoping this is a preview of an early spring. Traffic numbers are looking good as usual.

One note of interest: Lyle Long N1LL will be stepping down as the Indiana Traffic Net Manager effective March 1,2023 and Jerry Fray N9TU will be stepping into the role of Indiana Traffic Manager. Having worked with Jerry on multiple occasions I have utmost confidence in his abilities as our net manager! We thank Lyle for his years of service and welcome Jerry aboard as our net manager.

That's about it for this month as always very 73!

INDIANA STM REPORT JANUARY 2023						
HF NETS						
NET NAME	SOURCE	QNI	QTC	QTR	SESSIONS	
INDIANA SECT ARES IDTN ITN QIN	AC9EB	84	13	575	8	
	K9JAJ	99	13	224	22	
	N1LL	1965	114	1174	62	
	K0TQ	123	23	251	31	
TOTALS		2271	163	2224	123	
NETS REPORTING		3 OUT OF 4				

INDIANA STM REPORT JANUARY 2023							
PUBLIC SERVICE HONOR ROLL							
STATION	SESSIONS	MESSAGES	APPTS	PUB SVC	EMG RES	DIGITAL	TOTAL
W9BGJ	8	10	30	0	0	10	58
KA9QWC	40	40	30	0	0	10	120
AB9ZA	37	40	10	0	0	0	87
N1LL	40	40	30	0	0	20	130
W9EEU	40	164	40	0	0	20	264
TOTALS	165	294	140	0	0	60	659
STATIONS REPORTING	5						

INDIANA STM REPORT JANUARY 2023						
ORS AND SAR STATION REPORT						
STATION	TYPE	ORGINATED	RECEIVED	SENT	DELIVERED	TOTALS
W9BGJ	ORS	0	12	12	0	24
KA9QWC	ORS	0	26	45	15	86
AB9ZA	ORS	1	45	41	16	103
N1LL	ORS	0	6	0	0	6
NA9L	ORS	1	2	1	1	5
W9EEU	ORS	0	81	83	0	164
W9PC	ORS	1	4	9	1	15
W9MGB	ORS	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR

INDIANA STM REPORT JANUARY 2023

VHF/UHF NETS

NET NAME	SOURCE	QNI	QTC	QTR	SESSIONS
BLOOMINGTON ARC THUR NET	KC9RPX	51	20	68	4
CASS CO ARC	KA9BYN	54	0	98	4
CLAY COUNTY	W9EEU	93	0	115	8
CROSSROADS DMR	K9NQW	113	0	117	5
D STAR NET	K9NQW	58	0	100	4
DISTRICT ONE ARES	AC9EB	70	1	345	6
HUNTINGTON CO NET	K9BME	60	0	166	4
HENDRICKS CO	KD9DHJ	86	3	34	6
IMO NET	K9SKS	656	2	332	31
JEFFERSON CO	N9XVB	12	0	28	3
MID STATE ARC	K9DY	299	0	266	6
MONROE CO ARES	KC9RPX	89	25	26	5
MORGAN CO ARES	N9JPX	62	0	82	4
NORTHEAST IN PACKET NET	KA9QWC	39	5	117	5
SCOTT CO ARES/RACES	WR9G	62	5	92	5
SOUTH CENTRAL AREA	KA9OPL	NR	NR	NR	NR
SOUTH CENTRAL IN SIMPLEX NET	K9MRV	22	4	49	4
SIMPLEX FELLOWSHIP NET	N9CJT	25	0	190	4
TARS EVANSVILLE	KE9YK	83	1	86	5
TRI STATE 2 METER	W9OU	278	0	360	22
WCARC SUN NET	KA9QWC	41	4	91	4
WELCOME NET	KC9RPX	74	4	180	4
WHITLEY CO ARES	K9EJS	70	0	31	4
21 REPEATER GROUP	KA9QWC	44	4	85	4
NETS REPORTING		2441	78	3058	151
NETS REPORTING		25 OUT OF 26			

Public Information Coordinator's Report

From Barry Palancer KC9WMS

Allen County PIO Jay Farlow W9LW

Our Allen County PIO Jay Farlow W9LW had an article on Fort Wayne CBS affiliate WANE TV-15 about ham radio and Morse code.

Be sure to play the video, read through the written version and enjoy all the still images.

<https://www.wane.com/news/the-dits-and-dahs-of-morse-code-in-the-digital-age/>

Whitley County PIO Roger McEntarfer N9QCL

I announced in the local newspapers: Columbia City Post & Mail, Churubusco News, IN Whitley County, and South Whitley The Tribune News, Local WJHS 91.5 FM (Whitley County Joint High School) radio station, Local Web based News: Columbia City Talk of the Town. 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) General Meeting on January 12, 2023, the Whitley County W5YI Virtual Remote Test Sessions on January 2, 16, 23 and 30, 2023. The Whitley County Amateur Radio Club (WCARC) Board Meeting on January 26, 2023 and the Whitley County Amateur Radio Club (WCARC) General Meeting on February 9, 2023.

Welcome to the Whitley County Amateur Radio Club 2023 Officers:

President Edward Scott – K9EJS

Vice President – David Shakley – N9FGP

Secretary – Gene Languell – KD9KMF

Treasurer – Dennis Keyfauver– K3DCK

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The next WCARC General Meeting February 9, 2023 @ 6:00 PM. The program for the evening will be Antennas presented by Bob Heil, K9EID.

Note: The 2023 WCARC meetings are being held in the Parkview Whitley Hospital basement meeting Room B. Take the elevator to the basement turn left and at the end of the hall turn left again, Room B is the second room on the right. All WCARC General Meetings are open to the Public.

The Whitley County W5YI Amateur Radio Team are holding Weekly Virtual Test Sessions every Monday at 8:00 PM. The next Virtual sessions will be February 6, 13, 20 and 27, 2023. The cost to take the test is \$14.00. To sign up for our In-Person or Virtual Remote Test Sessions visit:

<https://hamstudy.org/sessions/N9QCL>

For additional information visit the Whitley County Amateur Radio Club Web Page at www.wcarc.org, or the Whitley County Amateur Radio Club Group Facebook Page

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/445281282513824/>

Technical Specialist Coordinator Report

Roger McEntarfer N9QCL

For the month of January I continued keeping busy with club meetings and VE Testing.

I worked mentoring several new 2023 WCARC Club Officers getting them onboard with the WCARC.

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I continued working with the Whitley County W5YI VE Team with virtual remote testing every Monday evening at 8:00 PM, helping two teams out of Texas on Tuesday and Thursday, helping a team out of Oregon Monday through Friday, helping two teams out of Washington State 20 plus sessions per week and helping several other teams out of California, Maine, Florida, Tennessee and Alabama with 10 plus sessions per week.

I participated in Winter Field Day helping with set up, operation and tear down with the Tamiami Amateur Radio Club. We operated using the Call Sign W4AC Class 4I Location WCF at the Coast Guard Auxiliary Station in Venice, FL. Our score was 22466 points. We received the maximum bonus points we possibly could get, 2000 points. We also made 604 HF SSB contacts, 237 HF CW contacts, 25 PSK-31 contacts. We accomplished one satellite contact, 6 VHF/UHF phone contacts and one VHF CW contact.

Great job by all who participated (31 people signed in) and that doesn't mean just the operators. Equally vital to the operation are the people that showed up Friday and Saturday morning to erect the antennas and assemble the stations and of course those present Sunday afternoon to put away our toys until the next time we get to play.

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Jeff Delucenay KB9QG

My report stated the W9OU repeater CWID was changed to 24 WPM. Part 97 stated should be a max of 20 WPM. On Feb 4th I have changed the CWID to 20 WPM. Fyi.

Mark Skowronsi K9MQ

This month, I gave a co-presentation at the Lake County Amateur Radio Club's about my December visit to a FM broadcast station located on the John Hancock Center in Chicago. Besides seeing the transmitter suite on the 93rd Floor, I also got to see some mechanical stuff on the 98th Floor, and then back down to the 97th Floor to see the combiner room (where they combine the signals from several radio stations and only use one antenna). The engineer also did a demonstration with the backup transmitter on how the change from the auxiliary antenna to the dummy load. It was a very impressive and memorable visit.

Section Emergency Coordinator's Report

From Jim Moehring KB9WWM

Greetings from Fort Wayne!

I hope everyone had a good holiday season. Thanks for all of the reports of activities received for January. With the Covid issues being resolved, I hope that more activities will occur in the months to come.

I would like to encourage everyone to review the list of open EC and DEC positions and consider stepping up and filling an open position.

Thanks for your efforts throughout the state.

STAY SAFE AND WELL!

*****ARES VOLUNTEERS NEEDED*****

Current Open District Emergency Coordinator Positions: District 4, District 9

If you are a current EC in one of these districts, or have past experience in the ARES field organization, please consider stepping up to serve your community with your hobby.

Current Open Emergency Coordinator Positions: Adams, Benton, Blackford, Carroll, Clinton, Crawford, DeKalb, Dubois, Fayette, Floyd, Fountain, Fulton, Gibson, Huntington, Jasper, Jefferson, Jennings, LaGrange, Martin, Noble, Ohio, Orange, Perry, Posey, Pulaski, Ripley, Rush, Shelby, St. Joseph, Sullivan, Union, Vanderburgh, Wabash, Warren, Washington and White.

EC's are the backbone of the ARES organization. I would like to fill as many of these county openings, as possible. If you are interested in filling a vacant County EC Position, please contact me at KB9WWM@arrl.net to express your interest.

District Emergency Coordinators Reporting (3/8)

AC9EB, KC9RVL, KB9WWM

Emergency Coordinators Reporting (20/54)

KB9WWM, N9CJT, KV9N, K9PBN, KC9RVL, N9GTL, W9MDT, N9CWW, KD9DHJ, N9SIU, NM9R, KD9FRT, W9SOX, KC9RPX, N9JPX, KB9RZK, WR9G, W9DRB, KC9GUY, KP4CI

District Emergency Coordinators Reports

Allen Bottoroff – AC9EB – District 1

District 1-NCS for the HF Section Net for the month of January 2023, 5 VHF and 1 GMRS Training and Information Nets. Additional stations gaining HF capabilities. No weather-related emergency nets necessary- despite freezing temperatures and icing. On-the- air training steadily becoming more productive. Increasing radio-active RADOS on nets.

Jim Moehring, - KB9WWM – District 3

January was a quiet month in District 3. I did receive a resignation from Gabe Creech, WD9GC, the EC from DeKalb County. Gabe has assumed the role of EMA director in DeKalb. I would like to thank Gabe for his work as the EC and wish him luck in his new position.

Marv Guilliand – KC9RVL – District 6

Muncie Area ARC held Winter Field Day at Summit Lake State Park for the full 24 hour duration.

Planning is underway for the East Central Indiana Hamfest, on July 29, 2023. It will be at the same location, Randolph County Fairgrounds. This will once again be a FREE event, including entry, table space, and 1 ticket for the prize drawings.

Emergency Coordinator Reports

Daniel McDonald – KV9N – Cass Co.

All activity from regular weekly net - 4 net operations for 98 minutes and 55 check-ins

Marv Gilliland – KC9RVL – Delaware Co.

Muncie Area ARC and EmComm ECI each held their regular monthly meetings. Winter Field Day was held at Summit Lake State Park for the full duration.

Mike Tanksley – W9MDT – Greene Co.

Fairly quiet month of January in Greene County. A few days of cold temps, freezing rain and a bit of snow recorded this month, but county crews were well prepared and took care of the roads.

Don Somerville – KD9DHI – Hendricks Co.

Weekly/Monthly Nets:

We conducted five (5) weekly Tuesday Night ARES Nets on the 145.130 MHz during the month and had good participation. We accumulated just over 32.82 man-hours of airtime.

The Hendricks County ARES Hospital Net (HRH/IU) Hospital Simplex Net was held on January 21st at 10:30am on the 147.570 MHz simplex. Verne Madden, N9VAM, was the Net Control Operator located at the Hospital. These nets are to check the capability on propagation of our radios with the net control operator as well as other amateurs in and around Hendricks County.

Upcoming Events:

The Hendricks County Hamfest returns on Saturday, February 11th, at the Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds in Danville. Setup at 7am, hamfest opens 9am to 2 p.m. Admission \$7, table fee \$10. First Hamfest in Indiana in 2023! Plan to attend and sell things and/or shop for bargains!

The National weather Service (NWS), will be holding a severe weather presentation on March 11, 2023, from 11:00am to 1:00pm in rooms 4 and 5 at the Hendricks County Government Building located at 355 S. Washington St. In Danville. The room will be open at 10:30am for seat selection. All amateurs and the general public are encouraged to attend.

Robert LaGrange – N9SIU – Johnson Co,

There will be Storm Spotter Training in Johnson County, Thursday, April 13, 6pm to 8pm

Where --- Johnson County Sheriffs Training Center - 1061 Hospital Rd., Franklin, IN 46131. This event is also open to the public.

David Anderson – NM9R – Knox Co.

Knox Co EMA KC9EM Field Day 28 JAN 2023. 7 operators for 6 hours with 31 contacts. Held mobile from KCEMA Mobile Emergency Operations Center (MEOC) situated on parking lot at local high school. Open to public.

Old Post Amateur Radio Society (OPARS) W9EOC technician class 7&8 JAN 2023 with 4 students for 16 hours.

OPARS ARRL VE Exam 8 JAN 2023- 4 new technicians (from the class), 3 upgrades to general, 1 upgrade to extra. 6 VEs for 2 hours.

Jimmy Merry – KC9RPX – Monroe Co.

I assisted with POCAR and monitored and severe weather issues, but glad to report there were none for a 6 hour shift on Jan 21. We had 1 monthly warning siren test and 5 weekly ARES Nets. In addition to 5 sessions of the weekly simplex net. I also monitored the NWS Chat during the recent snow storm in case we needed to activate skywarn net for the storm or provide assistance to the public.

Brian Elliot – N9JPX – Morgan Co.

We lost a good ARES volunteer & operator when Fred Cordes KD9ZR became a silent key. We will miss him.

Steve Jewell – W9RG – Scott Co.

In January, there was 5 scheduled ARES nets conducted on the Scott County EMA repeater (146.610) with 62 check-ins and a total of 92 minutes providing operators an opportunity to check and test their equipment.

The Scott County EMA Group will hold a VE session Saturday, February 11th at 11:00 AM. Sessions are normally held on the 2nd Saturday of every even numbered month. Walk-Ins are welcome, but all new candidates must be registered in the FCC CORES system and have received their FCC Registration Number (FRN) before exam day. 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

Peter Crasher – W9DRB – Spencer Co.

5 analog nets 5 digital

Mark Tritch – KC9GUY – Steuben Co.

Met with Lee Greenamy, new Steuben County EMAD. Very much a supporter. Working out how we will integrate into the team.

Robert Sambolin – KP4CI – Tippecanoe Co.

Happy New Year to all.

Last year some of Tippecanoe County reports never made it to print for different reasons. To recap 2022, TCARES participated in several community events. Franciscan 5K walk/run, Wabash River Ride, and the last one of the year being the Lafayette Christmas parade. We did participate in the Statewide Emcomm Exercise in November (for some reason did not show on the list of participants).

We only have 12 members on paper that are trained or willing to train in Emcomm and FEMA IS 100/200/700/800.

For regular Monday Night Nets, we had a total of 44 nets with a duration of approximately 16 minutes. (we are not doing Nets on Mondays if we have major holidays as in Christmas, New Year, Memorial Day, Labor Day. Yes we have nets all other holidays on a Monday and if there is a storm.) We average about 22 participants per net, including hams from White County and Illinois.

As for the Tippecanoe County Siren Test on the first Saturday of the month, out of 12, we participated in 7 of them. The others were canceled due to temperatures or weather. The last several months of the year we have had a GMRS liaison and GMRS licensees participate as well. TEMA has been glad that we have been doing some Siren Test nets from their base of operations downtown Lafayette, and observing how we run these nets.

For 2023, the idea of making goals for bragging rights came about and this was shared with Bob Burns AK9R. Our goals are: 1) even though you may not be NCS/ANCS, send in your net reports. 2) Report into the nets from Spotter locations. 3) How many HF IN ARES nets do you participate in. 4) Send reports of any sort to the EC in digital forms (packet/winlink/VARA etc..) and/or Radiogram or FEMA ICS form. 5) what is the lowest power you can communicate with? 6) Build antennas or increase the height to communicate in simplex mode. 7) Keep track of who do you hear during simplex nets. More to be added.

Activities expected for 2023, Franciscan 5K Walk/Run, Possibility of helping Scouting Bicycle ride in White county, Wabash River Ride, Christmas Parade and there may be a few other activities.

District 4 does not have a DEC, and out of the 9 counties, 3 have ECs. We have an eager group of GMRS operators that besides wanting to get their Amateur Radio license, are looking to help in the gaps we have in the 9 counties. They have been following what ARES groups are doing in several areas of the state, especially ARES and GMRS together. At this time, GMRS group in Lafayette is using TCARES scripts modified for GMRS but with the same purpose, be ready for any event.

For more information, you can visit W9TCA.Com

Official Emergency Station Reports

Don Evilsizor – KA9QWC – Whitley Co.

Remaining active on ITN, IDTN, VHF PACKET 24/7, VHF PACKET WINLINK plus various other HF, VHF & UHF nets. Enjoy traffic nets & doing relays.

Venon Austermiller – NA9L – Morgan Co.

I checked into the Morgan co ARES net and the ITN.

Indiana Ares By The Numbers

Only 20 ECs Reporting

Total ARES Members reported: 436

Number of reporting ARES EC's: 20

Number of reporting OES's: 2

Number of reporting DEC's: 3

Number of ARES Nets: 95

Number of Nets with NTS liaison: 29

Number of exercises, and training sessions: 31

Person Hours: 1821.45

Public Service Events: 3

Person Hours: 1158

Emergency Operations: 1

Person Hours: 1

SKYWARN Nets: 4

Person Hours: 89.8

From the 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.

Happy New Year!

The beginning of a new year is a good time to reflect on the previous year and plan for the upcoming year. Did you, your club, or your ARES team make a list of goals for 2022? How close did you come to meeting those goals? Are you making goals for 2023? If you have any interesting goals in mind, please pass them along.

My goals, among other things, are to keep informing the membership through these newsletters and oversee the development of a new Indiana ARRL website. And, I hope to see you at a club meeting or hamfest.

Volunteers on the Air

By now, you have heard of the ARRL Volunteers on the Air operating event for 2023. This is similar to the ARRL Centennial Celebration in 2014 in that if you make on-the-air contact with an ARRL volunteer, you get points that will accumulate on an online leaderboard. The details of the event along with the points table for each volunteer position can be found here: <http://www.arrl.org/volunteers-on-the-air>

Also, just like the ARRL Centennial, W1AW/portable stations will be on the air from each state twice during the year. Indiana is scheduled for the weeks of July 26 and December 13. Mark Williams K9GX will be coordinating the July 26 activation. And, Central Division Director Carl Luetzelschwab K9LA and myself are looking for hams in Indiana to coordinate Indiana's week of December 13 activation. The coordinator doesn't have to make all of the on-the-air contacts for Indiana, but we do need someone to coordinate the on-air representatives from Indiana. Please contact Carl or myself if you are interested.

There are several ways to participate:

1. Make contact with other ARRL volunteers on the air. You can use the Volunteer Point Value Table to see how much each contact is worth: https://www.arrl.org/files/file/VOTA%20-%20Volunteers%20On%20The%20Air/VOTA_2023_Points_v3_0.pdf
2. If you are an ARRL appointee or office holder, get on the air and let folks know that you are passing out points. For example, an on-air contact with me is worth 175 points.
3. Look for W1AW/portable stations on the air. These will start next week. You can find a list of activations here: <https://contests.arrl.org/docs/2023-VOTA-State-Activations-Schedule.pdf>
4. Activate W1AW/9 for Indiana. Please contact Mark Williams K9GX at k9gx@thepoint.net or Carl Luetzelschwab K9LA at k9la@arrl.org to volunteer and coordinate your on-the-air time.

Operating Challenge

Is your club looking for a way to challenge members to get on the air? How about a simple program that awards points for operating various modes and bands and for participating in ham radio activities like fox hunts or Parks on the Air activations. The club keeps track of members' points during the year and at the end of the year an award is made to the most active operators. The Wabash Valley Amateur Radio Association is looking at something like this.

Amateur Radio License Testing

Does your club offer amateur radio license testing? If not, you might ask your club to put together a VE team and start conducting test sessions on a regular basis. One of the best ways I know to ensure the future of amateur radio is to help new people get licensed.

ARRL Awards

The ARRL has a number of awards that are designed to recognize amateur radio operators who have made a significant contribution to amateur radio. These awards are in the areas of Education, Media/PR, Technical, and Distinguished Service. You can find a listing of the awards here:

<https://www.arrl.org/arrl-award-nominations> If you know someone who might qualify for one of these awards, please follow the nomination procedures (see the Details for each award). Note that many of these awards have a nomination deadline of March 31.

Podcasts

Do you listen to podcasts? I find them to be a good way to pass the time and learn about something in the process. The ARRL has two podcasts that you can subscribe to using just about any podcast listening app:

ARRL Audio News a weekly summary of the week's top news in amateur radio <http://www.arrl.org/arrl-audio-news>

On the Air a companion to the bimonthly On the Air magazine that takes a deeper dive into a topic from the magazine <http://www.arrl.org/on-the-air-podcast>

Winter Field Day

While not an ARRL event, Winter Field Day attracts a lot of interest and participation because it's another reason to get together with our amateur radio friends and play radio. Are you or your club participating in WFD? You can go to the Winter Field Day website at: <https://www.winterfieldday.com/> and check their locator map to find a WFD site near you.

And, mark your calendars now, ARRL Field Day will be June 24-25, 2023.

Tools every amateur radio operator should have

What tools do you think are necessary or helpful for your ham radio station? Basic hand tools, like screwdrivers, pliers, etc., are a good idea. What about test equipment? A digital multimeter can help with troubleshooting (are you getting 12 volts to the radio?) and even an inexpensive meter will give you a "go/no-go" indication about your power supply and integrity of power cables. How about an SWR/wattmeter? Yes, many new HF radios have SWR meters built-in, but they may not give you the whole picture especially if the radio has a built-in antenna tuner. An SWR/wattmeter inline with the coax cable going to your antenna can help you see what's really going on. Do you need a dummy load? With an SWR/wattmeter and a dummy load, you can pretty quickly tell if your radio is generating RF power.

Does your club have a cache of tools and equipment that you loan out to members? This might be something for your club to consider.

Ham Radio on TV

Hams in the Fort Wayne area worked with the news staff at WANE TV to produce a very good story about ham radio in general and Morse code in particular. Take a look:

<https://www.wane.com/news/the-dits-and-dahs-of-morse-code-in-the-digital-age/>

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

Dugger Hamfest

02/25/2023

Start Date: 02/25/2023

End Date: 02/25/2023

Location: Dugger Community Building

840 Hicum St.

Dugger, IN 47848

Sponsor: Dugger Amateur Radio Club

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-In: 146.775. PI 136.5

Public Contact: Jonathan Olvey , KD9AMN

7034 E Cass Park St Sullivan, IN 47882

Phone: 1-812-691-1653

Email: Jonolvey@gmail.com

La Porte County Amateur Radio Club Hamfest

02/25/2023

Start Date: 02/25/2023

End Date: 02/25/2023

Location: La Porte Civic Auditorium

1001 Ridge Street

La Porte, IN 46350

Website: <http://lpcarc.org>

Sponsor: La Porte County Amateur Radio Club

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-In: 146.970 PL131.8

Public Contact: Brian Salzer , KB9HMR

PO Box 115 La Porte, IN 46352

Phone: 219-851-2133

Email: Cabinfeverhamfest@gmail.com

Wabash Valley Spring Hamfest

03/11/2023

Start Date: 03/11/2023

End Date: 03/11/2023

Location: Clay County 4-H fair grounds

6550 North St RD 59

Brazil, IN 47834

Website: <http://W9UUU.org>

Sponsor: Wabash Valley Amateur Radio Association inc

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-In: 146.685 PL 151.4 Hz

Public Contact: Chuck Procarione , W9COD

444 st 4th st Clinton, IN 47842

Phone: 812-239-8061

Email: hamfest@w9uuu.org

Columbus Hamfest

04/01/2023

Start Date: 04/01/2023

End Date: 04/01/2023

Location: Columbus North High School Cafeteria

1400 25th St.

Columbus , IN 47201

Website: <http://carcnet.net>

Sponsor: Columbus Amateur Radio Club

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-In: 146.790 (-) 103.5 Hz

Public Contact: Mike Idlewine , WE9MI

4373 E. Windsor Lane Columbus , IN 47201

Phone: 812-521-6206

Email: ldlewine@comcast.net

Henry County Hamfest

04/29/2023

Start Date: 04/29/2023

End Date: 04/29/2023

Location: New Castle Armory

1537 Grand Ave

New Castle, IN 47362

Website: <http://www.w9ob.org>

Sponsor: Henry County ARC

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-In: 147.390 + 127.3

Public Contact: Steve Benson , KD9ILY

3707 S. Memorial Dr. New Castle, IN 47362

Phone: 765-529-6727

Email: kd9ily@gmail.com

Dugger Amateur Radio Club
Dugger, Indiana



2023 HAMFEST

Radio – Electronics – Computers – Flea Market

Saturday, February 25, 2023

Indoor Event – Rain or Shine

8:00 AM to 12:00 PM

(or, until all visitors are gone)

Vendor Setup Begins at 6:00 AM

Confirmed Vendor

*** Amateur Accessories, Inc ***

Location:

Community Building in
Dugger Park

On State Road 54, westside of Dugger

Talk-in: KC9AK Repeater, 146.775 MHz, PL 136.5

Admission \$5.00, includes 1 table free.

**Commercial Venders welcome,
with free admission and tables.**

Hourly Drawings for Door Prizes

FREE VE Testing Session at 9:00 AM

Bisquits and Gravey for Breakfast

Chili Soup at Lunch

Cabin Fever HamFest

Saturday, February 25th, 2023

7am-1pm CST

**La Porte Civic Auditorium, 1001 Ridge St, La
Porte, Indiana**

**General Admission \$8.00
Talk-In 146.610 (131.8)**

**For Table Reservations
Contact:
cabinfeverhamfest@gmail.com**

Free Parking

Food Concessions

VE TESTING 9am

Door Prizes

Are you BORED?



**Here is
The Cure!
Come and
spend some
time with
us!**

**Visit <http://lpcarc.org/hamfest>
for updates and information
Ph: 219-851-2133**

**Tables \$15.00/per
(1st table includes 1 free
admission)
Electric \$5.00 extra
(per Vendor / Limited Access)
ADVANCE RESERVATIONS
MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE BY
February 13th, 2023
No Refunds after this date.**

**Reservations can be mailed to:
LPCARC
P O Box 115
La Porte, Indiana 46352**

**CABIN FEVER HAMFEST
is sponsored by
the La Porte County
Amateur Radio Club**





**Wabash Valley Amateur
Radio Association, Inc.**

2023 Hamfest & Computer Expo

with

Commercial Vendors

Saturday March 11, 2023

Indoor Event – Rain or Shine!

8:00 AM to 12:00 PM EST

Vendor setup begins at 6:00 AM

Clay County 4-H Fairgrounds

6550 North State Road 59 – Brazil, IN

(39° 29' 03" N, 87° 07' 30" W)

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

Admission \$10.00 (12 and under free)

FREE TABLES

Hourly drawings for Door Prizes

Breakfast Served – DXCC/VUCC/WAS Card Checking

More information: <http://w9uuu.org> or contact hamfest@w9uuu.org



38th Annual Columbus



HAMFEST

Sponsored by Columbus Amateur Radio Club

Saturday, April 1, 2023
8:00 a.m. to Noon

Adult General Admission \$5.00

North High School Cafeteria
1400 25th Street | Columbus, IN 47201

Flea Market Space Available

\$10 per 8 foot table: fee includes table(s)
Set-up 6 a.m. Saturday, 4/1. Registration will be conducted at the door or in advance.

For registrations or more info, contact:
Mike Idlewines WE9MI
4373 E. Windsor Lane | Columbus, IN 47201

Please enclose SASE with advance exhibitor registration or advance general admission. Advance registrations must be prepaid and postmarked by March 17, 2023. Make checks payable to:
Columbus Amateur Radio Club



VE TESTING: 9- 11 a.m.

Provided by SCICSG representing Lancel VEC, providing free VE testing since 1984.

Pre-Register at least 24 hours in advance by email:
Mike Tanksley W9MDT
w9mdt@arcrl.net | 812-350-5175

Those with passing test scores will be entered into a drawing for \$100 DX Engineering gift certificate

New Location!

Vending Machines Available

Free Parking



Hourly Door Prizes!

Grand Prize is a ICOM 2730A Dual Band Mobile
(Cash awarded to non-amateur winner)