



**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.

Section Traffic Manager's Report

From Brian Jenks W9BGJ

To all net managers, please remember to turn in your reports to Brian Jenks W9BBJ, Section Traffic Manager, by the 6th of the month.

INDIANA STM REPORT JUNE 2023					
HF NETS					
NET NAME	SOURCE	QNI	QTC	QTR	SESSIONS
INDIANA SECT ARES	AC9EB	84	13	575	8
IDTN	K9JAJ	118	15	281	22
ITN	N9TU	1580	104	1336	60
QIN	K0TQ	112	33	249	30
TOTALS					
NETS REPORTING					

INDIANA STM REPORT JUNE 2023							
PUBLIC SERVICE HONOR ROLL							
STATION	SESSIONS	MESSAGES	APPTS	PUB SVC	EMG RES	DIGITAL	TOTAL
W9BGJ	18	20	30	0	0	10	78
KA9QWC	40	40	30	0	0	10	120
AB9ZA	40	40	10	0	0	0	90
W9EEU	40	111	20	0	0	20	191
TOTALS							
STATIONS REPORTING							

INDIANA STM REPORT JUNE 2023						
ORS AND SAR STATION REPORT						
STATION	TYPE	ORGINATED	RECEIVED	SENT	DELIVERED	TOTALS
W9BGJ	ORS	0	23	10	0	33
KA9QWC	ORS	0	11	31	8	50
AB9ZA	ORS	0	53	35	11	99
NA9L	ORS	4	4	4	2	16
W9EEU	ORS	0	56	55	0	111
W9PC	ORS	0	1	14	0	15
W9MGB	ORS	0	8	0	8	16

INDIANA STM REPORT JUNE 2023					
VHF/UHF NETS					
NET NAME	SOURCE	QNI	QTC	QTR	SESSIONS
BLOOMINGTON ARC THUR NET	KC9RPX	50	15	65	5
CASS CO ARC	KA9BYN	73	0	148	5
CLAY COUNTY	W9EEU	54	0	65	7
CROSSROADS DMR	K9NQW	82	0	86	4
D STAR NET	K9NQW	64	0	100	5
DISTRICT ONE ARES	AC9EB	77	2	595	13
HENDRICKS CO	KD9DHJ	63	5	24	5
IMO NET	K9SKS	551	1	419	32
JEFFERSON CO	N9XVB	20	0	76	4
MID STATE ARC	K9DY	175	0	197	4
MONROE CO ARES	KC9RPX	146	144	254	5
MORGAN CO ARES	N9JPX	73	0	87	6
NORTHEAST IN PACKET NET	KA9QWC	21	3	70	3
SCOTT CO ARES/RACES	WR9G	42	1	89	4
SOUTH CENTRAL AREA	KA9OPL	73	0	136	4
SOUTH CENTRAL IN SIMPLEX NET	K9MRV	28	0	67	5
SIMPLEX FELLOWSHIP NET	N9CJT	25	0	158	4
TARS EVANSVILLE	KE9YK	90	2	188	6
WABASH VALLEY	KC9LDJ	75	0	115	4
TRI STATE 2 METER	W9OU	284	0	300	20
WABASH VALLEY	KC9LDJ	79	0	91	4
WCARC UHF	KA9QWC	35	4	96	4
WELCOME NET	KC9RPX	45	5	65	5
WHITLEY CO ARES	K9EJS	70	0	31	4
21 REPEATER GROUP	KA9QWC	37	4	65	4

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Affiliated Club Coordinator's Report

From Jimmy Merry KC9RPX

Please be sure to send me any club news. Example: Historical events, Upcoming events, Outstanding member, etc. Include captioned photos.

Technical Specialist Coordinator Report

From Tom Busch WB8WOR

Jeff Delucenay, KB9QG

June 12th - Assisted Roger N9QCL with license testing using Zoom.

June 16th - In preparation for Field Day, I had a class on using antenna tuners and antenna analyzers.

June 18th - To determine repeater issue on the W9OU repeater, a temporary antenna was setup at the repeater site using a 35ft pole attached to a fence pole. It was not connected to the repeater at this time.

June 21th - Reconfigured the W9OU repeater to use the receiving antenna at 280 FT directly to the receiver. Place the transmitter output on the temporary antenna at 35ft. Monitored to system for the cracking noise issue however the footprint for the transmit side would be significantly smaller. Output power was set to 120 Watts.

Helped Dave KC9YY build a box for attaching wires for a 40M/80M NVIS antenna.

June 23rd - Returned the W9OU repeater to using the duplexer and removed the temporary antenna. The duplexers were retuned and reduced the loss in the pass band transmit from 4.5db loss to 1.39 dB loss. The receive band pass was reduced from 4.5 dB to 1.97dB. The temporary antenna failed after it was found to only be a 100 Watt antenna. The antenna had a 4.5:1 VSWR.

June 24th and 25th - Supported Field Day setup and activities.

June 27th - Tuned UHF duplexer for Andy KD9QZC. This was training session as well for Andy.

June 28th and 29th - i working on getting a Nextion display to work on a Raspberry Pi 3 running Pi-Star.
Net activities:

I ran the following Tri-State 2 Meter nets on W9OU repeater as we have had a net op step down:

June 2nd, June 9th, and June 23rd.

I ran the DeKalb Co ARES training net on June 7th, June 14th, June 21st and June 28th.

On June 25th I ran a Skywarn Net from 16:00 until 17:44 DST. Several issues were reported to the NWS using NWSchat.

Lou Kruizinga N7BBW

Nothing big to report except my retirement. Today was my last working day with the state radio shop.

Our local clubs participate in FD. We concentrated on making it more of a fun time with cook outs and antenna building projects for the youth. It went over well.

Chris Frederick KQ9Y

For the past 5 years the Mid-State ARC in Johnson County has enjoyed a portion of the vacated facilities of the City of Franklin Police Departments offices. MARC took over the room that formerly housed the Armory for the police. An adjacent room was used for the remotely operated radios coming from the dispatch console in another part of the building. The main portion of the building is now the Johnson County Prosecutor's offices.

Entering the 2d room, sans radios, we found multiple runs of LMR600 coax, each properly connectorized and terminated onto a grounded metal panel, with PolyPhasers on each cable; 8 total.

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The other end of each LMR600 ran up a 90 foot self support tower with an antenna on each. Unfortunately, none of the antennae tested had coverage of the Amateur 2M band. A couple of the 460 antennas gave a nice VSWR on 70cm. So, the Stationmaster antenna (155.xxx MHz) at the top was unusable. Goodbye, 6dB gain!

The upside of this; having antennae on each of the top ends of the LMR protected the coax from moisture ingress. Our tower monkey placed a commercial 50 ohm load on each as they were tested from the ground panel. 1.1:1, with a few at 1.0:1. (MFJ-269) Su-weet!!!

Then, a careful and thoughtful perusal of Amateur Radio antenna manufacturers, a peek into the Club checkbook, and equipment and monetary donations from Club members resulted in some great dual band verticals, a couple monoband yagis for linking, and a few wires for HF.

And all of this right in the center of Johnson County, at, or near, 90 feet AGL.

The VHF/UHF radios were programmed with the Club repeater on Ch. 1. NWS on Ch. 2 (Skywarn) Then up the dial with the surrounding "donut" counties. The next group programmed in to favor the counties to the SW and W where most of the weather comes from.

However, careful thought and planning prevailed again. Instead of the LCD display showing numbers, that the operators would have to memorize, abbreviations for the counties were programmed in, and alphabetized. i.e., Bartholomew - BARTH; Brown - BRWN; Hamilton, Hancock, Hendricks, Marion, Monroe - MONRO; etc. The radio frequency for each counties EOC was verified and entered, with PL as needed. And a reference list posted just above each operating position for both dual band radios. Radios programmed identically. You never know which operator will arrive to activate the station. And everyone has a different level of skills and experience.

Other improvements to the room included the obligatory coffee maker.

If activated by EOC or a Skywarn situation, MARC operators would be in position with one radio on the MARC members on our repeater. The NWS liaison next seat/radio over tuned to NWS. MARC also maintains a 2M only radio on a selected simplex frequency in case of repeater failure. With this radio the NWS liaison can also monitor the counties to the SW and W to get an idea of which way an incoming storm is headed, and the intensity. The MARC repeater is 8 miles away atop the White River Fire Dept 140 foot tower, with their standby generator. The county is covered! "When all else fails, Amateur radio is there."

The last 2 weeks in June found Johnson County directly in line for a couple of EF1 twisters. Skywarn was activated for both. Because of the first, the second activation one week later brought the members out before NWS even called Johnson County to activate a net. Two mobiles spotted the tornado and reported to net control, thence through the liaison to NWS before we were called to visually verify. Approx 35 units, base and mobile, checked in for both tornados. MARC was not "gun shy" from the first tornado. The members discussed what could have been done better. So, one week later, we were ready!

Because of the widespread power outages, it was noted that more members now have either backup batteries on the base radios, or more HTs have been acquired. And with the need for "eyes-on" to verify what NWS sees on radar, more mobile units are activating.

Roger McEntarfer N9QCL

For the month of June I continued keeping busy with Whitley County Amateur Radio Club meetings and VE Testing locally and nationwide.

I continued working with the Whitley County W5YI VE Team with virtual remote testing, helping two teams out of Texas on Tuesday and Thursday, helping a team out of Oregon Monday through Friday,

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helping two teams out of Washington State and other teams out of California, Maine, Florida, Tennessee and Georgia with 30 plus sessions per week.

I started updating my IC7300 and getting things set up for remote operations. Awaiting my Flex6600 and will be doing the same once it arrives.

WCARC General Meeting July 13, 2023 @ 7:00 PM. The program for the evening will be on RF Exposure Rules presented by Carl Luetzelschwab, K9LA .

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83048867829?pwd=VjJSZFZReVJVdGNuYkpFd085M3RWQT09>

Meeting ID: 830 4886 7829 Passcode: 431119

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Pete Ostapchuk N9SFX

There has been a carrier on 14.294 plus or minus, for a couple of months. If anyone can get me a vector along with their location, that would be greatly appreciated. I'm getting a 160 degrees from my station in Osceola.

Section Emergency Coordinator's Report

From Bob Burns AK9R, Acting SEC

Greetings all! I have interviewed several candidates for the SEC position and hope to make an announcement soon. Thank you to all the DEC, ECs, and OESs who submitted their reports.

District Emergency Coordinators Reports

Allen Bottorff - AC9EB - District 1

Thanks to Jim KB9WWM, outgoing SEC, for his service to the ARES Indiana Section.

Allan KA9EFD, David KD9UOW, and Kurt AK9RT continue to conduct District 1 in a commendable manner

Brian Sexton - KD9EDR - District 2

District 2 ARES members are meeting on a monthly basis and working on collaborative efforts to support ARES events and activities around the district as well as training. The goal is to be able to assist each individual county in District 2 with logistical, administrative, and financial support.

Marv Guilliand – KC9RVL – District 6

The East Central Indiana Hamfest on Saturday, July 29, 2023. This will be held at the Randolph Co Fairgrounds 1855 US HWY 27, south of Winchester, IN.

Admission, parking, table space and tailgating spots are FREE. Numerous door prizes will be given away, including a Grand Prize Yaesu FT-891 HF/6M radio. There will be testing sessions at 10 am EST and 1 pm EST. Get complete details at the Website address:

<https://sites.google.com/view/ecindianahamfest/home>

Facebook page is: East Cental Indiana Ham Fest.

Emergency Coordinator Reports

John W. Fisher - KD9IKN – Clay Co.

Our group took part in 2023 Field Day using our club call N9CCA running 4A. Ran the entire time using a bank of batteries charged and maintained by solar power. For our educational activity, one of our members demonstrated the assembly of a go box for VHF operations using an ammo can for the container.

Marv Gilliland – KC9RVL – Delaware Co.

Delaware County had 2 Skywarn Nets, one each on June 25th and June 29th. We had 20 participants in the first, and 10 in the second.

Mike Tanksley – W9MDT – Greene Co.

Relatively quiet month up until the 29th. Strong storms moved through the area on the afternoon of the 29th with winds exceeding 50mph. I opened a net for about 90 minutes. Lost power at my QTH, as many other Greene County residents did, and converted to emergency battery power. Fortunately there was no loss of life, only downed trees and some property damage and some road closures due to downed trees. WA9RZY was able to communicate this information to the Indiana Skywarn Group in Indianapolis. Power has been restored to most all of Greene County now. Looking forward to a more peaceful July I hope.

Don Somerville – KD9DHI – Hendricks Co.

Weekly/Monthly Nets:

We conducted four (4) weekly Tuesday Night ARES Nets on the 145.130 MHz during the month and had good participation. We accumulated just over 23.6 man-hours of airtime.

The Hendricks County ARES Hospital Net (HRH/IU) was held on June 17th at 1030 on the 147.570 MHz simplex. Jeremy Enz, K9ENZ, was the Net Control Operator. 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.

SKYWARN: There were two activations this month due to severe weather. Luckily there were no reports of damage or injuries during these events. Thank you to all those ARES members who responded to the activation.

Community Events:

Plainfield Safety Day was held on June 10, 2023, from 1100-1400 at the Al & Jan Barker Sports Complex, 451 S. Vestal Rd., Plainfield, IN. HCARES had a booth with several members in attendance. We had many people stop by and ask what we do and had a chance to operate the radios. A good time was had by all.

Annual ARRL Field Day: Was held June 24th to June 25th at the Hendricks County 4H Fairgrounds and was hosted by the Hendricks County Amateur Radio Society (HCARS). HCARES supported the club with a booth, taking attendance and answering questions of visitors and dignitaries such as the HC Sheriff, PIO deputy and County Council Member. It was a beautiful day for the event.

Training:

HAM Training Classes: The training classes/testing were held on June 17th and June 24th from 0900 – 1600 at the Brownsburg LDS Church on 56th. There were 11 students, including three teens. All passed with 2 scoring 100%, also one upgraded to General and one General walk in that passed. I would like to thank the test team for their hard work and dedication to advancing our hobby. They accumulated over 46.5-man hours.

Currently the next training is scheduled for the last two Sat in Sept and the Senior Center. For further information contact Verne Madden, N9VAM or Gordon Cotton, W9GKC.

Miscellaneous:

Monthly ARES Leadership Meeting was held on June 5th, from 1900 to 2030. We discussed upcoming Field Day, Plainfield Public Safety Day, Training, Grants and Open Positions.

Upcoming Events:

This year's Hendricks County Tailgate Fest, sponsored by the Ham Emergency Radio Operations will be on August 12, 2023, at the Avon United Methodist Church, located at 6850 E. US HWY 36 in Avon In. Vendor Setup will be from 8am-9am, with Event starting at 9am. Bring your own power source. There will be "Door Prizes". Food and Refreshment available from McDonalds across the street. For more please contact Ken Kayler KC9SQD at kc9sqd425@gmail.com

Robert LaGrange – N9SIU – Johnson Co,

Busy month, Johnson County SkyWarn was activated 6/25 and 6/29 for severe storms. Good participation from our ARES members and relayed information to Johnson County dispatch on road and damage conditions.

David L. Anderson – NM9R – Knox Co.

JUN

1 Net 19

7 Meeting 23 x 2hrs

8 Net 18

11 Antenna Party 8 x 8hrs

15 Net 16

22 Net 24

24-25 Field Day 20x24hrs

28 YL Net 5

29 Net 21

Eddie Hannah – KD9HGR – Miami Co.

Still learning please be patient and thank you

Jimmy Merry – KC9RPX – Monroe Co.

Monroe Co was active the last week of June with 2 very long Skywarn nets that were about 90 minutes each in length. Also 1 warning siren test and field day.

Edward Scott -- K9EJS -- Whitley Co.

Whitley County ARES members spent their month with the normal 4 ARES Nets, 1 being a simplex net. They assisted in 3 events for the month which included 2 early warning siren testing events and one of our members went over to assist our neighboring county with an event they had. Looking for other opportunities for ARES assistance in county and always welcoming neighbor's request for assistance.

Official Emergency Station Reports

Don Evilsizor – KA9QWC – Whitley Co.

Participated in Indiana HF ARES NET 7272 June 11. Operated Field Day 2023 from home as 2E station call sign WB8ORR on 40/80M antennas G5RV & 80M dipole. Made 103 contacts. Plans for 2024 is to have a vertical antenna. Will donate our efforts to the Whitley County Amateur Club (WCARC). Our 21-Club did not operate FD this year due being short of operators and a family illness.

Indiana Section ARES Form 4 Report

Note: This is an automated report that rolls up to national ARES statistics. Currently, the SEC manually enters information into this report. In the future, reports from ECs and DECs will automatically roll up to this report.

Form 4 - ARES Monthly SEC Report

The following information was submitted by Robert Burns, AK9R, IN ALTSEC for Indiana, June, 2023 at 2023-07-24 12:16:45

Total number of DECs/ECs appointed in section: 60
Number of DECs/ECs reporting this month: 17
Total number of ARES members: 370
Member total change from last report: -84
Number of ARES net sessions held: 78
Number of ARES net sessions held with NTS liaison: 38
Number of participants in nets: 968

Number Person-Hrs

Exercises this month: 13 668.78
Training events this month: 0 0.00
Public service events this month: 10 334.50
Community service events this month: 0 0.00
Emergency events this month: 3 119.00
SKYWARN events this month: 20 812.10
Meetings this month: 7 103.20
Unclassified events this month: 0 0.00

Call signs of DECs/ECs reporting:

DECS: KC9RVL, KD9EDR
ECS: KC9RVL, KC9RPX, N9JPX, NM9R, KD9IKN, KD9HGR, KD9FRT, K9PBN, W9MDT, N9SIU, KD9DHJ, KB9OIC, N9CJT, W9SOX, K9EJS

Activity Details:

none

Administrative and Other Comments:

SM filling in for SEC who resigned.

Public Information Coordinator's Report

From Barry Palencer KC9WMS

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DeKalb County PIO John D Maag – KD9QDL

Auburn Hamfest has changed dates. The date for the 5th Annual Auburn Hamfest is July 29, 2023.

On May 19, 2023, North East Indiana Amateur Radio Association (NIARA) Showcased Ham Radio Operations at Patrick Henry High School Student Appreciation Day Hamler, Ohio. The North East Indiana Amateur Radio Association (NIARA) is thrilled to announce its participation in the recent Student Appreciation Day at Patrick Henry High School in Hamler, Ohio. The event provided students with a unique opportunity to explore the world of amateur radio and witness firsthand the fascinating capabilities of this time-honored hobby. NIARA, in collaboration with the KE8VNL Student Radio Club, demonstrated ham radio operations within the NIARA communication trailer. This mobile unit serves as a fully functional radio station, equipped with state-of-the-art equipment, capable of establishing connections with fellow operators in the local area, nationally and worldwide. Throughout the day, students had the chance to engage with local hams using area repeaters, gaining insight into the importance of reliable communication during emergencies and community events.

Additionally, they witnessed the power of long-distance communication by participating in conversations on the High Frequency (HF) bands, enabling connections with operators across the country such as Oklahoma, Texas, New York, Virginia, and Arkansas and thanks to John, (WG9K) for making this happen. Also, thanks to Chuck, (WD9IKW) and Secretary at NIARA John, (KD9QDL) for helping setup the trailer for this presentation. "NIARA is excited to join forces with the KE8VNL Student Radio Club to showcase the possibilities of amateur radio to the students of Patrick Henry High School," said Jeff DeLucenay (KB9QG), Vice President at NIARA.

On May 25th, the Northeastern Indiana Amateur Radio Club was at St Joseph School in Garrett Indiana to demonstrate the amateur radio hobby to the 4th and 5th grade students using the W9OU trailer. Jeff DeLucenay, KB9QG, gave a short talk with the students about how a radio transceiver works and how a person's voice is changed to radiate from the antenna to other radio receiver. Two radios were setup in the trailer. The ICOM 7300 for the HF bands and the FTM 400 for the VHF band. The students were shown how the computer can decode the morse code signals from the ICOM 7300. They were able to talk with Dan, KD8YNG, who was at Rome City Indiana via the W9OU repeater, The students were talking with Dan for about 10 minutes and showed a lot of enthusiasm toward the hobby. A total of 21 students were at the trailer site.

Whitley County PIO Roger McEntarfer – N9QCL

I announced in the local newspapers: 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) Meeting on May 11, 2023, the Whitley County W5YI Virtual Remote Test Sessions every Monday at 8:00 PM, the Whitley County Amateur Radio Club (WCARC) sponsored K9V Vietnam Veterans Memorial Special Event Station on May 26 & 27, 2023, the Whitley County Amateur Radio Club (WCARC) General Meeting on June 8, 2023 and the Whitley County Amateur Radio Club (WCARC) Field Day 2023 on June 24 & 25, 2023.

The next WCARC General Meeting June 8, 2023 @ 7:00 PM. The program for the evening will be "Antennas" presented by Bob Heil, K9EID. Join Zoom Meeting

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PEABODY LIBRARY, COLUMBIA CITY

TRUCKS ALL TOGETHER NOW

Just a short recount on the June 10th event. We took our Communication Trailer to *Trucks All Together Now* at the Peabody Library, Columbia City and had eight association members help out at the event. Things went quite well. We set up an off center fed antenna and a VHF antenna. The QRN on HF was very heavy but also our HF antenna was very close to a high-power line which I am sure did not help. Dave, KC9YY made a contact with W1AW/5.

Our VHF antenna and radio work really great, we were a 5/9 from Columbia City site to our repeater, no problems.

The library reported that they counted over 300 people at this event. I would say we had between 175-200 people stop and chat with us about amateur radio. There was a large amount of youngsters that showed interest, along with their parents. Maybe someday Amateur radio will be part of their life, certainly hope so. We were also visited by other area Hams, a couple of people I talked to let their license expire but indicated starting again. By Dave KC9YY.

On Saturday, June 10th, Jim, WD9WCX put out a call to the local area hams in his area on helping him to put up an outdoor antenna for his base unit. Since no one responded by Friday, JD, KD9QDL, Jeff, KB9QG and TJ, KD9PCW traveled from outside their area to help him. We got it installed and it is working great.

On Friday June 16th at 6:30 PM Jeff, KB9QG held a class on tuner and antenna analyzer at the 1st Christian Church (910 N. Indiana Ave, Auburn In). This was a hands on event to learn how to use tuners and antenna analyzer in preparation for Field Day. Jeff showed how to use the antenna analyzer and William, AE9EC got to try his hand at it. He also showed how to use the tuner to match the radio to the antenna. Want to thank Jeff for putting this on and Dave, KC9YY, William AE9EC and JD KD9QDL for attending

W9OU Field Day was kicked off at 1800 UTC on Saturday. Set up started at 9:00 am, and we started right on time. The field day was at 910 Indiana Avenue in Auburn at the First Christian Church. There were three stations in operation. Thirty-one people attended field day this year, of which seven were guests. The location was visible to the public from the walking/biking trail, signage on the road, and the First Christian Church parking lot. The potluck was successful, with pulled pork and chicken accompanied by salads, deviled eggs, homemade pies, and bread. Overnight, 73 CW contacts were made by the night owls, including Hawaii. Night owls made more connections by phone, filling in the map and pushing the contacts toward 70. Sunday morning communication was delayed due to rain. So, the morning crew took down two antennas and unhooked the third in case of lightning. With the storm past, we started operation with only one HF radio. During the rain break, there was a great breakfast with coffee, donuts,

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and orange juice. With the storm behind us, steady contacts were reached by noon. At noon, we had a small lunch of pork burgers and chips. Communications slowed down, and by 1800 UTC, we concluded Field Day 2023. The field day ended with 89 phone contacts, 233 DV contacts and 73 CW contacts for a total of 4750 points. Thank you to everyone who attended, talking and getting to know members while gaining experience on the air. Thanks to all that were present and a special thanks to Ondreya for coordinating Field Day. She did an excellent job.

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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.

ARRL Foundation Grants

The ARRL Foundation makes grant money available to organizations for eligible amateur radio projects and initiatives. Youth-based projects and initiatives are especially encouraged. Grant proposals for the next round of grants must be submitted between October 1 and October 31. For more information, look here: <http://www.arrl.org/amateur-radio-grants>

June-tenna

Tom Wright N3WS is an active ARES volunteer and Parks on the Air activator from western Pennsylvania. Tom also documents his radio activities on his "Tango Oscar Mike" YouTube channel. He recently posted a video talking about an event he hosted on June 10th called "June-tenna". He invited some of his ham radio friends and fellow club members to his house to build antennas and baluns. Tom set up tables in his garage and provided some of the tools and materials that were needed to assemble the projects. You can see the video here: https://youtu.be/_nS6ndehhy8

I think this is a great idea. Some folks just need a little push and encouragement to tackle an antenna build project and a group setting may be the way to do it. June 10th just happened to be a Saturday this year, but you could do this on any day in June. We all need antennas for Field Day, so June is the logical time to do something like this.

SEC resignation

Jim Moehring KB9WWM has resigned as Indiana Section Emergency Coordinator effective July 1, 2023. Thank you to Jim for his years of service to the Indiana Section. Jim will remain as District 3 DEC and Allen County EC.

The SEC position is very important as it is the top leadership role for the Amateur Radio Emergency Service within the section. I am actively looking for someone to take over as SEC. If you are interested, please contact me.

ARRL Field Day wrap-up

I visited five Field Day sites on Saturday of Field Day weekend. My travels took me to me as far as West Lafayette, New Castle, and Bloomington and a few points in-between. It was good to see how different groups approach Field Day and meet the people who make these stations work. To those groups whose sites I missed, I apologize. I'll work on getting to your Field Day next year.

I received about a dozen Field Day messages to the Section Manager. Some I picked up over the air using Winlink, one I got Sunday morning on the Indiana Traffic Net, and the rest ended up in my email. Thank you to all who sent messages. And, thank you to the traffic handlers who passed this traffic.

Tipton County Club

Congratulations to the Tipton County Indiana Amateur Radio Club (K9TRC) on becoming an ARRL Affiliated Club. They have about 16 members and meet on the 2nd Saturday of the month at 8:30 am at the Jim Dandy Restaurant in Tipton.

Society of Midwest Contesters Lifetime Achievement Award

Congratulations to John W. "Jay" Krauss W9TC for winning the Society of Midwest Contesters Lifetime Achievement Award. The SMC-LAA goes to hams who have contributed 10,000 QSOs to the SMC's contest efforts. Jay is well-known to central Indiana contesters and has helped many fellow hams with their stations. Looking through the list of SMC-LAA winners, I see several familiar callsigns. Sort of a Who's Who of Midwest contesters. Jay is in good company.

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

Auburn Hamfest

Start Date: 07/29/2023

End Date: 07/29/2023

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 Chalmers , W9GOO

1400 Davidson Court Auburn, IN 46706

Phone: 260-927-5746

Email: w9ou@arrl.net

East Central Indiana Hamfest

Start Date: 07/29/2023

End Date: 07/29/2023

Location: Randolph County Fairgrounds

1885 South US Highway 27

Winchester, IN 47394

Website: <https://sites.google.com/view/ecindianahamfest/home>

Sponsor: Randolph County Amateur Radio Club, Whitewater Valley Amateur Radio Club, Jay County Amateur Radio Club

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-In: 147.300+, PL 110.9

Public Contact: Jeremiah Cromis , KD9CCW

604 Beech Avenue Centerville, IN 47330

Phone: 765-238-7467

Email: inhamfest@gmail.com

Elkhart East Hamfest

Start Date: 08/05/2023

End Date: 08/05/2023

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

Website: <http://elkharteasthamfest.com>

Sponsor: Northern Indiana K9DEW Repeater Network

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-In: 147.330+ PL 131.8

Public Contact: Elkhart East Hamfest , K9DEW

PO Box 772 Bristol, IN 46507

Phone: (574) 370-2436

Email: elkharthamfest@gmail.com

Hendricks County Tailgate Fest

Start Date: 08/12/2023

End Date: 08/12/2023

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

Website: hendricksares.org

Sponsor: Ham Emergency Radio Operations

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-In: 145.130 MHz PL-Tone 88.5

Public Contact: Kenneth A Kayler , KC9SQD

3090 Clover Dr. Plainfield, IN 46168

Phone: 317-874-7068

Email: kc9sqd425@gmail.com

ARANCI Hamfest

Start Date: 08/19/2023

End Date: 08/19/2023

Location: Christ Presbyterian Church
7416 E 109th Ave.
Winfield, IN

Website: <http://aranciradio.com>

Sponsor: Amateur Radio Association of Newton County

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-In: 444.250

Public Contact: Michael Swiader , KA9E

PO Box 215 Lake Village, IN 46349

Phone: 815-409-5070

Email: ka9e@usa.com

Hamtober Fest

Start Date: 10/14/2023

End Date: 10/14/2023

Location: Lynnville Community Center
416 West RD 68, IN-68
Lynnville, IN 47619

Website: <http://hamtoberfest.com>

Sponsor: Tri State Amateur Radio Society

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-In: None

Public Contact: Dennis Martin , WA2USA
5577 Victoria Ct. Newburgh, IN 47630

Phone: 812-598-8333

Email: wa2usa.ham@gmail.com

Hoosier Hills Hamfest

Start Date: 10/14/2023

End Date: 10/14/2023

Location: Lawrence County 4-H Fairgrounds
11265 US-50

Bedford, IN 47421

Website: <http://www.w9qyq.org/>

Sponsor: Hoosier Hills Ham Club

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-In: 146.73 - PL/107.2

Public Contact: Nathan Lowery , KB9GMU
PO Box 891 Bedford, IN 47421

Phone: 812-675-2450

Email: hamfest@w9qyq.org

Fort Wayne Hamfest & Computer Expo

ARRL Central Division Convention

Start Date: 11/18/2023

End Date: 11/19/2023

Location: Allen County War Memorial Coliseum
4000 Parnell Ave.

Fort Wayne, IN 46801

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

Sponsor: Allen County Amateur Radio Technical Society

Type: ARRL Convention

Talk-In: 146.880 (-) No Tone

Public Contact: ACARTS Fort , W9IWX
PO Box 10342 Fort Wayne, IN 46851

Phone: 260-579-2196

Email: chairman@fortwaynehamfest.com

Turkey Fest & Computer Expo

Start Date: 11/25/2023

End Date: 11/25/2023

Location: Clay County 4-H Fairgrounds
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

Public Contact: Chuck Procarione , w9cod
444 South 4th St. Clinton, IN 47842

Phone: 812-239-8061

Email: famabc@yahoo.com



The Northeastern Indiana Amateur Radio Association

AUBURN HAMFEST

New Date! **Saturday, July 29, 2023**

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 SPACE (Not counting the huge Museum Area!)



FREE AUBURN CORD DUESENBERG Museum

View an amazing collection of classic motor vehicles.

FREE Parking

Supervised by the DeKalb County ARES Team.

NEW this year—FOOD VENDOR on the parking lot.

NEED MORE INFO?
E-MAIL: W9OU@ARRL.NET

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

Outdoor Sales - One raffle ticket purchase for each parking space.

Contact: W9OU@ARRL.NET

Raffle Prizes:

- 1st-** Xiegu G90 HF Radio with Base
- 2nd-** Yaesu FT-70DR with Mag Mount Ant.
- 3rd-** N3FJP Logging software— Full Reg.
- 4th-** \$50.00 DX Engineering Gift Cert.

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



HAMFEST

2023



Randolph County 4-H Fairgrounds ★ 1885 South US Hwy 27, Winchester, IN 47394

FREE

- Parking
- Admission
- Vendor Spaces
- Door Prize Ticket

**Talk-in:
147.300+
PL: 110.9**

PRIZES

Door Prizes:
Grand Prize — Yaesu FT-891 Mobile

- HF and 6 Meter
- 100 Watts SSB/CW/FM—25 Watts AM
- Retail \$639.95 @ Gigaparts

Plus—THREE chances to win a Yaesu FT-4XR HT!



Door prize drawings at least every half hour thanks to our awesome vendors and sponsors! See partial list on reverse side and a complete list posted at event.



EXTRA PRIZE TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR!

Be sure to join our FOX HUNTS!

Last year, our Fox Hunts were amazing. We were tricky, so this year we're giving you a heads up. We had a mobile fox and it could happen again! We love those little twists that make it a challenge!

**VE Testing Sessions:
10:00 AM and 1:00 PM**

Also Available:

- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Camping w/Electric - \$25
- Showers

The Randolph Inn
AND SUITES

890 E Washington St
Winchester, IN 47394
Ph: 888-584-8281
randolphinnsuites.com

Call or book your reservation online

Mention the East Central Indiana Hamfest for a 10% Discount!



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Use your smart phone to link to our website or enter the URL below!

**Saturday, July 29, 2023
8:00 AM to 3:00 PM Eastern**

Reserve your selling spaces on our website!
INhamfest.com | INhamfest@gmail.com

We reserve the right to change any of our scheduled activities. All food is provided by 4H Shooting Sports. No other food or drink vendors allowed.



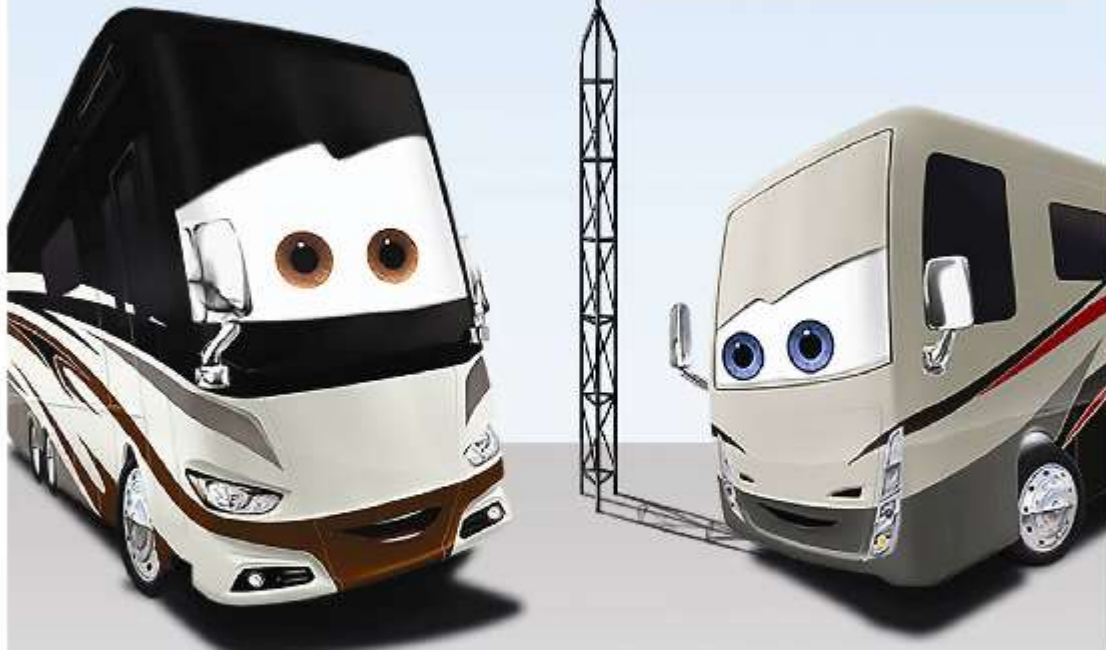
2023 ELKHART EAST HAMFEST
SATURDAY AUGUST 5, 2023
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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? info@elkharteasthamfest.com



Welcome and Join us!

Indoor 20,000 sq ft of Amateur Radio, Hobby Electronics, and More Convention
125 tables of retail and consumer vendors, HAM Radio license exams all classes
\$8.00 admission comes with discounted admission to the RV Hall of Fame

\$15.00 per table 120v/220v available at no charge
One free admission per vendor / children under 12 free

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

Additional Reserve Info.

info@elkharteasthamfest.com
Northern Indiana Event Center
21565 Executive Parkway
Elkhart, IN 46514



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H A M F E S T

SATURDAY AUG. 19 2023

CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

7416 E 109TH AVE.

WINFIELD, IN 46307

6:00 am til 2:00 pm

ENTRY FEE : \$~~2.00~~ 5.00

TABLE FEE: \$~~5.00~~ 5.00

VE TESTING

HOURLY RAFFLES STARTING @ 9:00 am

GRAND PRIZE @ 1:00 pm

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH WILL BE AVAILABLE

TALK-IN FREQUENCY 442.250

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT MIKE @ 815-409-5070

Hamtober Fest 2023



Southern Indiana 5th Annual Hamtober Fest

OCTOBER 14, 2023

LYNNVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER

LYNNVILLE, IN

7:00 AM - Noon CST

GPS 38.19453 -87.30147

FREE ADMISSION

DONATIONS APPRECIATED

**** Raffle for Yaesu FT-891 ****

Tickets \$5 each or 3 for \$10

**See a board member or come to a regular
TARS meeting for tickets!**

Attendance Prizes

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