



ARRL - Indiana Section

April 2020 Newsletter

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**“To promote and advance the art,
science, and enjoyment of amateur radio”.**

Remembering friends that we will miss...



Thoughts and prayers for their family and loved ones.

Jay Wright, KK9L – Danville, IN
Steven L Preflatish, W9SLP - English, IN
Ken Rueth, WB9NTL - Centerville, IN
Garryl Boyer, KC9UX – Lebanon, IN
James Aydelotte, N9SLU – Linton, IN

For silent key notice to be placed in the newsletter, please forward a copy of the obituary notice directly to Jimmy Merry, Indiana Section Manager at jmerry@arrl.org. For Silent Key notice inclusion in QST, INARRL will submit the Silent Key notice to ARRL headquarters so there is a record of the submission, for record keeping purposes. National Silent Key Archive <http://www.silentkeyhq.com/>

INARRL Field Services Appointments **Resignations & Cancellations**

Appointments:

State Government Liaison – Dave Spoelstra, N9KT
Emergency Coordinator – Len Schmitt - N9QVQ Vanderburgh Co.
Emergency Coordinator – Don Somerville - KD9DHJ Hendricks Co.
District 1 - Emergency Coordinator – Mike Swiader, KA9E
District 7 – Emergency Coordinator – David Ofsansky, K9DWO

Resignations and Cancellations:

Emergency Coordinator – John Marley, WB9EFH - Vanderburgh Co.
Emergency Coordinator – Ron Burke, KB9DJA - Hendricks Co.

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Discover all you can do with your amateur radio license in *On the Air* magazine!

On the Air magazine is the newest ARRL member benefit to help new licensees and beginner-to-intermediate radio communicators navigate the world of amateur radio. Delivered six times a year, the magazine will present articles, how-to's, and tips for selecting equipment, building projects, getting involved in emergency communication as well as spotlighting the experiences of people using radio to serve their communities, and those using it for enjoyment.

Whether you just passed your Technician exam or have been licensed for years but never got around to making contacts or starting a project, *On the Air* can help you take your interest in radio to the next level with clear, useful information. For information:

<http://www.arrl.org/on-the-air-magazine>

Meet the Indiana ARRL State Section staff:

Jimmy Merry, KC9RPX, Section Manager & Affiliated Club Coordinator
Brian Jenks, W9BGJ, Asst. Section Manager & Section Traffic Manager
Thomas Busch, WB8WOR, Technical Coordinator
Jim Moehring, KB9WWM, Section Emergency Coordinator
Barry Palencer, KC9WMS, Public Information Coordinator
Andrew Murray, N9AWM, Section Youth Coordinator
Dave Spoelstra, N9KT State Government Liaison

Greetings from the Section Manager's desk...

Greetings,

Hope everyone has been staying safe the past few weeks and obeying the Covid-19 guidelines. I know we are all getting anxious about getting back our lives back to normal. I am hoping by June we can have our life back to normal status and enjoy Field Day 2020 as we would normally. ARRL is working on plans in case we cannot this year. We will try our best to keep everyone up to date on the latest Field Day.

The HDXCC as made some changes to this years Indiana QSO party, please review the rule changes in this month's new letter, and on the INQP website. I know the HDXCC is doing their best to protect everyone's health and safety.

Thanks to everyone that participated in the Indiana Health and Welfare Net on April 18th. I would have liked to have seen a little more participation, but over all I believe we did well. I would like to thank Jim Moehring, KB9WWM the Indiana Section Emergency Coordinator, for doing an outstanding job and putting the event together.

Please remember to send in your vote for Indiana Section Manager.

73,

Jimmy Merry Jr. - KC9RPX
Indiana Section Manager

Important information about the Corona Virus

More information may be found at the ISDH website at <https://on.in.gov/COVID19> and the CDC website at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

<https://medium.com/@tomaspueyo/coronavirus-act-today-or-people-will-die-f4d3d9cd99ca>

Giving Respect & Thanks to our Elmer's

Giving thanks and remembering our Elmer (s) is especially important aspect of amateur radio.

The local amateur radio club is where the newcomer to amateur radio begins the journey of discovery and the seasoned veteran keeps informed of the latest technology. Regardless of where we are on our ham radio journey our local radio club is where we find our friends.

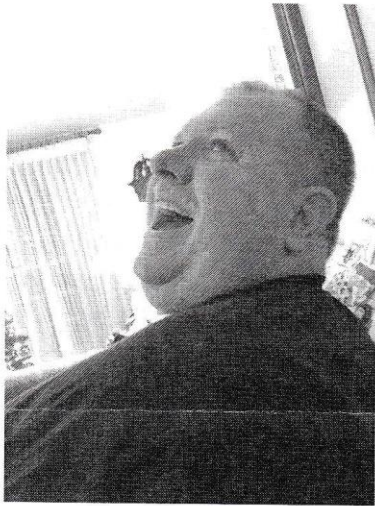
The term "Elmer" means someone who provides personal guidance and assistance to would-be hams. The term first appeared in *QST* in a March 1971 "How's DX" column by Rod Newkirk, W9BRD (now also VA3ZBB). Newkirk called them "the unsung fathers of Amateur Radio."

As you can see, the term is not incredibly old. Prior to the first use of Elmer as the one who guided and encouraged us, what were these folks called? We have received a lot of suggestions, teacher, mentor, tutor, guide, helper, sage? All are appropriate but my guess would be that first and foremost they were called friend. Use the following form to send or present the Elmer Award certificate to someone who has helped you in Amateur Radio.

<http://www.arrl.org/elmer-award>

INDIANA 2020 Section Manager Election

Statements of Candidates

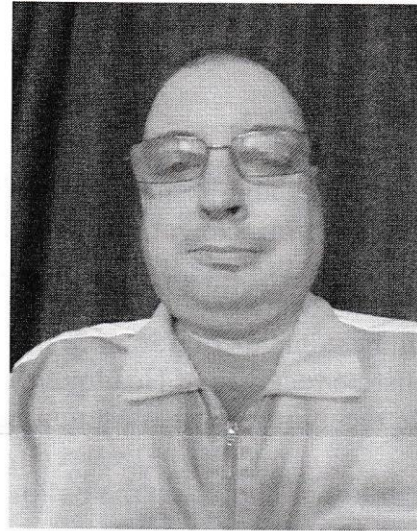


BRIAN G. JENKS, W9BGJ

Greetings, Indiana Section friends and fellow radio amateurs! My name is Brian G. Jenks, W9BGJ, and I reside in Fort Wayne, Indiana, where I have lived for the past 14 years. I am married with 2 grown children and 2 grandchildren. My spouse is also in the Amateur Radio service (since 2001), and she is Deb Jenks, KB9DEB. My daughter, Melissa Jenks, KD9CQG, has been licensed since 2014. I also have a brother and sister-in-law (KB9DOS and KB9DOT) that have been licensed about the same amount of time as myself. We are all active in the Amateur Radio community.

For almost 7 years, I have been the Indiana Section Traffic Manager under 3 different Section Managers. I also presently serve as an Assistant Section Manager under our present Section Manager, Jimmy Merry, KC9RPX. In my time as an ARRL Field Appointee, I have overseen the development of the Indiana Digital Traffic Net (IDTN). With the leadership of some very talented net managers, I have witnessed the growth of traffic handling nets in the Section. VHF/UHF Nets, ORS and PSHR reporting is at a high point due to the hard work of our dedicated traffic handlers and net managers. This makes my job fairly easy, and I have all of you to thank for it!

If elected as your Section Manager, I plan to continue the tradition of leading by example and utilizing the talent of our dedicated amateurs in service to both our communities and to Amateur Radio as a whole. I am always open to comments and suggestions. Contact info is on the INARRL website. 73 for now!



JIMMY L. MERRY, JR., KC9RPX

Thanks to Amateur Radio operators across Indiana, for your support during the past two years that I have served as the Section Manager of the Indiana. I have enjoyed meeting many of my fellow Amateur Radio operators at hamfests and other events across the state. Your vote and consideration would be appreciated as I seek re-election to serve as Indiana Section Manager.

There are still many things within the Indiana section that I would like to improve upon over the next two years, some ideas include:

- More interaction between appointed staff members and radio operators across Indiana.
- Improved interaction among Indiana's local clubs. Encourage Amateur Radio operators to reach out to local clubs if in need of assistance or ideas.
- Improved utilization of INARRL social media pages and the section newsletter.
- Encourage non-affiliated clubs to become ARRL affiliated.
- Growth of Elmer's and mentors to encourage growth of Amateur Radio in Indiana. Elmer's can make a lasting impression that can last a lifetime, especially to new Amateur Radio operators
- Reach out to communities across Indiana, demonstrate how Amateur Radio works, and how it can benefit in the event of an emergency.

Thanks to everyone that has served the Indiana Section staff and other field service appointments for your hard work the past two years and for the effort that each of you have put forth. Your hard work and dedication have been greatly appreciated, in making the Indiana Section run very efficiently the past two years. Many section appointments have served the Indiana section for many years.

My eyes and ears will always be open for my fellow Amateur Radio operators concerns and ideas. Thanks and 73.

Hoosier DX and Contest Club.

INDIANA QSO PARTY

May 2 – 3, 2020

1500 Saturday to 0300 Sunday UTC for 12 Hours

<http://www.hdxcc.org/inqp/index.html>

There is a downloadable Power Point presentation that can be used at club meetings (in April) to promote the INQP <http://www.hdxcc.org/inqp/publicity.html>.

There is now a North America QSO party challenge, awards based on the number of contacts made in all QSO Parties multiplied by the number of QPs entered with at least TWO (2) contacts in each <http://www.arrl.org/news/state-qso-party-challenge-announced>.

The INQP is coming up quickly--and with some revisions to the rules due to COVID-19. With a healthy respect for the seriousness and timing of the pandemic, 2020 INQP rules were revised on April 18 to essentially remove rover, mobile and portable classifications and to add two new entry classifications, Distributed Multi-Single and Distributed Multi-Multi. The two new classifications permit multi-operator stations while respecting established principles for slowing the spread of COVID-19. These changes were made after extensive deliberation and consideration with the intent of protecting lives and health of amateur radio operators, their families and communities. See the revised rules at <http://www.hdxcc.org/inqp/rules.html> With no rovers, mobile and portables in 2020, the question becomes how to provide for activity out of each of the 92 counties this year. Operators and clubs in the rare counties (see your county's QSO count at <http://www.hdxcc.org/inqp/records.php>) are encouraged to set up at home and be certain to post your intent to operate on the Activity Map (<http://www.hdxcc.org/inqp/activity.php>). Any county all-time QSO counts under 1,250 would be considered "rare." Please try to post planned activity to the Activity Map as soon as possible. Thanks.

And everyone--be certain to submit your log after the dust settles. A lot of activity is expected this year due to "cabin fever effect" during the lock down and also the NA QSO Party Challenge. So have fun!

HDXCC



Section Emergency Coordinator Report

The COVID-19 pandemic has taken its toll on group gatherings. Almost all the face-to-face ham radio related activities have been canceled including meetings, hamfests and Public Service Events that we normally support. That being said, the "Stay-at-Home" orders have had many hams getting on the air from their shacks. It is a great time to dust off that equipment and get on the air to talk with other hams in the same circumstance.

I have been notified that there will be a National Red Cross Exercise on the 30th of May. I do not have any details at this writing, but I do know that they will be wanting to test the ability of Amateur Radio to send digital messages. To that end we have been encouraging the implementation and use of WINLINK in our EMCOMM efforts.

Here are a couple of links for those of you that may be interested in implementing a WINLINK Account:

The WINLINK Global site: <https://winlink.org>

The San Diego ARES WINLINK video playlists consist of several short videos on the set-up and use of WINLINK. These are excellent:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL-7mirT-kjfs84FQzLr-qv066KI94rtYM>

If you are staying at home, it may be a great time to review WINLINK.

Results of April 18 Statewide Health & Welfare Net

Counties Reporting: 24

Check-ins 275

Winlink Stations (HF, UHF/VHF and Telnet): 71

NBEMS: 29

About 1/2 of the ECs reported results from their counties.

About 1/3 of the ARES members (as reported in the monthly reports) checked-in to the Net.

There were more Winlink Stations than I had anticipated. I appreciate your efforts. Thanks again to participating counties.

Thanks for all you do! Stay Safe and Well!

73

Jim Moehring, KB9WWM

Section Emergency Coordinator

Amateur Radio Emergency Service

Indiana Section

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

Current Open District Emergency Coordinator Positions: District 4, District 9, and District 10.

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, Dubois, Elkhart, Fayette, Floyd, Fountain, Franklin, Fulton, Gibson, Greene, Huntington, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Knox, LaGrange, Lake, Lawrence, Marshall, Martin, Noble, Ohio, Owen, Perry, Pike, Porter, Posey, Pulaski, Rush, Shelby, Sullivan, Switzerland, Union, 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.

Reporting DEC's (4/6)

N1LL (District 2), KB9WWM (District 3), N9UN (District 5), KC9RVL (District 6)

Reporting EC's (30 of 51)

KB9WWM, K9JAJ, W9DBA, KB9OIC, W9EEU
K9PLG, KC9ELU, WD9CG, KC9RVL, n9gtl
KD9GHS, N9CWW, KB9DJA, KB9MGG, N9SIU
KD9EDR, W9GNR, W9SOX, KC9EVU, N9ZTB,
N9JPX, KB9RZK, WR9G, W9DRB, KP4CI
W9DAC, W9COD, K9DWO, AB9HP, N9EJS

Reporting Official Emergency Stations

N1LL, KC9RPX, KC9TYA

District Emergency Coordinator Reports

Jim Moehring – KB9WWM – District 3

Still looking for volunteers to assume the EC positions in Adams, Huntington, LaGrange, Noble, and Wabash counties. If interested, please contact me at KB9WWM@arrl.net.

Most, if not all, of the Public Service events normally held in District 3 have been canceled. This includes the Glacial Esker 40 event held the last weekend in April and the Fort4Fitness Spring Bike Ride held in Allen and Whitley Counties at the end of May.

Marv Gilliland – KC8RVL – District 6

EmComm ECI ARC held a Simulated Emergency Test (S.E.T.) on March 8th, with 12 operators from Delaware and Randolph County participating for 1 hour and 4 minutes. The S.E.T. scenario concerned a severe weather event.

EmComm ECI ARC also held its' regular monthly meeting via radio, with the Coronavirus outbreak mandating social distancing. As is the case with many Amateur Radio meetings/events, Muncie ARC cancelled the regular monthly March meeting due to the outbreak.

EmComm ECI held 3 Skywarn nets on one day, due to a series of severe weather cells moving through Delaware County.

I encourage Amateur Radio Clubs to utilize their radios for meetings during the duration of the State mandated social distancing for the Coronavirus. Hopefully, this extreme outbreak will decline soon so that we may resume normal activities.

Emergency Coordinator Reports

Jim Moehring – KB9WWM – Allen Co.

COVID-19 stay at home orders has caused cancellation of lots of amateur related activities. ARES net participation has increased considerably this past month. Everyone stay safe and well.

Scott Nelson – W9DBA – Brown Co.

During March there were 4 scheduled ARES nets conducted on 147.300 + PL 136.5 with 48 check-ins lasting for 84 minutes.

JW (Wes) Temple – KB9OIC – Clark Co.

Now that my work schedule was back to normal, we were ready to practice again. Clark County ARES decided to do in-house training because of COVID19. We had our own mini SET handling traffic using Winlink and voice from our own homes. We did tune up on Winlink and learned to use the pre-made ICS forms and attaching documents. One of our

members was net control and our go-to for net protocol. He caught several protocol mistakes so we can learn and practice again.

Gary Adams – W9EEU – Clay Co.

Like everyone else the shelter in place orders have curtailed in person activities. Still promoting on air activities.

Gabe Creech – WD9GC – DeKalb Co.

Not much going on in DeKalb County right now. I did unfortunately have to cancel our spring ARES exercise due to everything that is happening with COVID-19. It has been rescheduled for September. Stay safe and healthy. 73.

Marv Gilliland – KC9RVL – Delaware Co.

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I hope everyone stays healthy during this severe health event!

George Boaz – KD9GHS – Hancock Co.

We had five SKYWARN practice nets with a total of 88 check-ins. I attended a COAD workshop early in the month before the orders to stay home.

Clark Whitehouse – N9CWW – Harrison Co.

During March there were 5 scheduled Ares Nets, conducted on 146.820 PL 103.5 offset of negative .600 with 61 check-ins lasting for 98 minutes. 1 SKYWARN Net with 4 check-ins, lasting 25 minutes. Thanks, N9CWW/Clark

Ron Burke – KB9DJA – Hendricks Co.

While the Covid-19 virus Scare slammed the brakes on just about everything of amateur radio in Hendricks County, it did however keep the trust and close relationship between those involved in emergency preparedness of County/ local agencies and HCARES in check.

One example I'm referring to is the County Health's, FCC Licensed portable low power AM radio station. Here our HCARES/County MRC hams were asked to help out by setting up and moving this radio station around the county. This portable radio station is automated and produces 10 watts of power on the AM broadcast band, giving the towns/communities general information about the COVID-19 virus in its coverage. (roughly 12-14 miles) This information and movement of the portable AM radio station will continue around the county until further notice by the county health.

I've been asked to place my HCARES members on an "Emergency Stand-by" status. This request came from the hospitals in Hendricks County, County EMA and County Health, in the event that these hams will be deployed to the above-mentioned agencies/organizations. We have an amateur radio network designed to meet the needs of these groups.

We had our first SKYWARN Net in late March, no significant damage, but something to keep an eye on as two storms moved across Hendricks County.

As of this time of writing; we are still using a Morgan County repeater owned by the Morgan County Repeater group and we thank them for allowing us to move our weekly net to their repeater until the repeater that we normally use gets repaired

We're planning to keep the NVIS event on April 25th on. We have 5 hams who will volunteer themselves and with the use of their backyards to build an NVIS radio station. The event will still go on, since we're in a national emergency event currently. The Leadership of HCARES have determined to work close with our friends in Vigo County by coordinating with them some radio frequency that is generally used in this exercise and also we're planning on using a radio frequency (Repeater or simplex) that will tie us here all together and logging.

Robert LaGrange – KB9DJA – Johnson Co.

It has been a strange but interesting month for Johnson County ARES. Due to the COVID-19 members are ready if needed by the Johnson County EMA. There was no Severe Weather test net due to the virus pandemic. The weekend of March 28th monitored the Central Indiana Skywarn net for possible severe weather, but it did not develop in Johnson County. Due to activities being cancelled the Mid-State Amateur Radio Club had its monthly club meeting on the 146.835 repeater, it went very well and with good attendance.

Brian Sexton – KD9EDR – Kosciusko Co.

Net participation has increased during the stay at home order

F. Gary Sherman – W9GNR – Madison Co.

We have moved out of the after Holidays months, but who expected when we turned the clocks ahead, we would be going for Standard time to the Twilight Zone. I do have to admit our repeaters are staying busy. That could be a result of the “stay at home” quarantine and the XYL’s are happy to see us in our Shacks.

With the quarantine in effect, get togethers are prohibited even at the County EOC. It is time to do what Amateur Radio operators do best; find a solution. Madison County is putting together our first “Club on the Air” event. We will hold on the air meetings for the Madison County Amateur Radio Club, the Madison County EMA Communications Division and the Anderson Repeater club. There may be a few glitches in the first meetings, but we can adjust. I detest the term “New Normal” and look at this as a Crisis adjustment until the crisis is past.

Tom Myers – K9TEM – Monroe Co.

February was quiet weather-wise in Monroe County. Several ARES members attended the monthly Bloomington Amateur Radio Club meeting on Friday, February 7th. There were four weekly ARES Monday Night nets.

Steve Jewell – WR9G – Scott Co.

The Scott County EMA Amateur Radio group has cancelled the upcoming VE Testing Session that was scheduled for April 11, 2020 in Scottsburg, Indiana due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Peter Crasher – W9DRB – Spencer Co.

5 analog and 5 digital nets.

Bobby Sambolin – KP4C – Tippecanoe Co.

Tippecanoe County has its directed Operations net every Monday evening at 20:00 hrs local time. We had five nets in March. The average participation is 20 Ham radio operators per net. And one siren test in support of TEMA the first Saturday of the month , March 7th, and one April 4th.

There was to be a TCARES meeting for March, but got cancelled.

With the postponement of SKYWARN classes, It was announce through our net the availability of training on the net at https://www.meted.ucar.edu/training_course.php?id=23. A link can also be found almost at the end of the page at: <https://www.weather.gov/skywarn/>

Not related to TCARES, Monday evenings after TCARES net, many hams around the state are gathering on 146.52 National Simplex calling frequency. K9XN and KB9KHM are net controls. This net has helped many hams improve their radio systems for better performance. KB9KHM makes a live video on YouTube for those that cannot hear far away stations and to see how he is hearing your signal through his waterfall display. K9XN is using NET logger to follow net participants.

Ed Scott – N9EJS – Whitley Co.

Not a great month for activity for Whitley County ARES Members, nor for many others I imagine. We were able to continue our nets, but a lot of scheduled events were cancelled due to COVID-19 Pandemic.

Members were reminded to make sure to check, inventory, and replenish their deployment bags and make sure all batteries were charged if an activation should be needed.

Was reached out by our EMA in regard to the status of their operations for COVID and while not requesting anything from us, did want our thoughts for anything needing to be setup or started now in case amateur radio communications are needed.

April's quarterly ARES meeting has already been cancelled along with many other amateur radio events. Hope everyone is staying healthy and ready!

Official Emergency Station Reports

Jimmy Merry, Jr – KC9RPX – Monroe Co.

Kept busy during the month of March. On March 6, I conducted the monthly warning siren test net in Monroe County at 12 pm, then attended the NWS storm spotters training in the evening in Bloomington. On March 28 I served as NCS for 2 separate Skywarn nets. The evening net was a standby net in case weather became severe. I take CocoRah's reports for the NWS Indianapolis office, 5 mornings each week from 7:30 AM to 7:45 AM. The total number of hours for March 2020 was approximately 9 hours.

Mark Thienes – KC9TYA – Vanderburg Co.

The Indiana Section ARES Net is going well and growing. This Net meets each Sunday at 2100z on 3.900 +/- . Please join us on Sunday evening if you get a chance. The Indiana Winlink Wednesday Net which runs 24 hrs. on Wednesday only, is also growing. I think those that have checked in, are learning more about Winlink and are getting comfortable using it. We send in, Standard Check-Ins, filling out and sending an ICS-213 form, Weather Reports etc. All of this is sent from your station RF. Check-ins are accepted anytime on

Wednesday. All stations with an interest in Public Service and/or Emergency Communications are welcome to participate. This next month we will learn how to fill out and send a Radiogram via Winlink. The ARES E-Letter for March 18th has some great short films, 1-5 minutes each that teach a lot about Winlink.

Don Evilsizor – KA9QWC – Whitley Co.

The month of March 2020 seen many sudden changes to adjust for ham radio in respect to club meetings, hamfests and other events due to the COVID-19 virus. Potentially this may drift into how we conduct VE exams. I listened and participated in the Hoosier Lakes Radio Club (HLRC) on the air repeater club meeting this past Thursday, April 2, 2020. I was impressed how business plus various presentations were done by several club members.

I would like to encourage more ham radio clubs or VE teams explain to newly licensed hams they will probably be receiving radiograms from various other hams. These radiograms are usually congratulatory in nature or may suggest getting involved with various aspects of ham radio. When I relay messages from NX9K, N1IQI, KI0JO & VE3GNA the most frequent responses received are "I DON'T KNOW THAT HAM; WHY AM I AM GETTING THIS MESSAGE". I try to explain the details that the originator of those radiograms observes the FCC records and want to inspire other hams to broaden their concepts of ham radio activity.

When sending out notices for our weekly Wednesday 21-Club VHF nets try to include topics of general interest. Lately I have noticed a number of newer hams just have their first radio that is a HT.

And all they have is a customary Rubber-Duck antenna with some operators needing to wander around outside to find the sweet spot to talk on certain repeaters. The most recent notice I posted was a home-brew or DIY make up of adapting a more effective antenna. That notice included both U-Tube & text about ladder line antennas.

INDIANA ARES BY THE NUMBERS (ONLY 30 ECs REPORTING!)

Total ARES Members reported: 661

Number of reporting ARES EC's: 30

Number of reporting OES's: 3

Number of reporting DEC's: 4

Number of ARES Nets: 151

Number of Nets with NTS Liaison: 47

Number of exercises, and training sessions: 37

Person Hours: 1935.03

Public Service Events: 1

Person Hours: 15

Emergency Operations: 0

Person Hours: 0

SKYWARN Nets: 10

Person Hours: 95.8

ARRL SECTION TRAFFIC MANAGER INDIANA SECTION

Greetings everyone! These past few weeks have certainly been an unprecedented time with COVID19 this is something we will hopefully not see again in our lifetimes! Traffic has seen a slight increase in the section, and I expect will possibly see a little more in the coming weeks. I have not had a lot of time in the radio room myself this month as the COVID19 issue has kept me working longer hours away from home so it is well to get a little downtime these next couple of days. Though most will not be gathering in large groups for the Easter Celebration this year I am reminded all of us need to be thankful for what we have and not take it for granted. 73 my friends until next month and stay healthy!

BRIAN G JENKS W9BGJ

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ARRL SECTION TRAFFIC MANAGER INDIANA SECTION

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INDIANA STM REPORTS MARCH 2020
HF NETS

NET NAME	SOURCE	QNI	QTC	QTR	SESSIONS
INDIANA SECTION ARES	KC9TYA	74	0	174	5
IDTN	K9JAJ	224	62	471	22
ITN	N1LL	1875	116	1301	62
QIN	K0TQ	114	81	295	31
INDIANA WINLINK	KC9TYA	43	0	N/A	4
TOTALS		2330	259	2241	119
NETS REPORTING	5				

INDIANA STM REPORT MARCH 2020
PUBLIC SERVICE HONOR ROLL

STATION	SESSIONS	MESSAGES	APPTS	PUB SVC	EMG RES	DIGITAL	TOTAL
W9BGJ	6	40	30	0	0	10	86
KA9QWC	40	40	30	0	0	10	120
K9DUR	40	4	30	0	0	20	94
AB9ZA	40	40	10	0	0	0	90
N1LL	40	40	30	20	0	20	150
W9EEU	40	5	30	0	0	20	95
TOTALS	206	169	160	20	0	80	635
STATIONS REPORTING	6						

INDIANA STM REPORT MARCH 2020
ORS AND SAR STATION REPORTS

STATION	TYPE	ORGINATED	RECEIVED	SENT	DELIVERED	TOTALS
W9BGJ	ORS	0	155	155	4	314
KA9QWC	ORS	0	26	45	10	81
AB9ZA	ORS	1	58	55	2	116
K9DUR	SAR	0	4	45	1	50
W9MGB	ORS	2	2	0	0	4
K0TQ	SAR	60	169	195	5	429
N1LL	ORS	3	180	124	2	309
NA9L	ORS	0	0	0	0	0
W9EEU	ORS	0	1	3	1	5
W9PC	ORS	0	8	12	2	22
TOTALS		66	603	589	27	1330
STATIONS REPORTING		9				

INDIANA STM REPORT MARCH 2020

VHF/UHF NETS

NET NAME	SOURCE	QNI	QTC	QTR	SESSIONS
BARTHOLOMEW CO ARES	K9JAJ	36	0	77	4
CASS CO ARC	KA9YBN	40	0	112	4
CLAY COUNTY	W9EEU	78	1	95	8
CROSSROADS DMR	K9NQW	95	0	129	5
D STAR NET	K9NQW	71	0	124	3
DEKALB CO ARES	KD9KMG	72	0	87	4
HOOSIER HILLS ARC	WD9EWF	30	0	15	3
HUNTINGTON CO NET	K9BME	48	0	134	5
IMO NET	K9SKS	574	0	293	30
JEFFERSON CO	N9XVB	10	1	24	3
KOSCIUSKO CO EMG NET	KC9AYT	0	0	0	0
KOSCIUSKO CO ARES	KC9NWM	0	0	0	0
MID STATE ARC	K9DY	223	0	236	5
MONROE CO ARES	K9TEM	86	0	85	5
MORGAN CO ARES	N9JPX	99	0	112	4
NE INDIANA PACKET NET	KA9QWC	60	5	300	5
SCOTT CO ARES/RACES	WR9G	101	2	163	5
SOUTH CENTRAL AREA	KA9OPL	67	0	134	5
TARS EVANSVILLE	KE9YK	147	2	255	11
TRI STATE 2 METER	W9OU	417	2	534	18
WCARC SUN NET	KA9QWC	48	5	119	5
WHITLEY CO ARES	W9NNH	44	0	136	4
21 REPEATER GROUP	KA9QWC	52	5	120	5
		2398	23	3284	141
NETS REPORTING		23			

North East Indiana Packet Net (NEIPN)

North East Indiana Packet Net (NEIPN) Sundays @ 9 PM EDT
via BPQ Chat on the KA9LCF-11 BPQ Chat Node

QNI=60

QTC=5

QTR=300

Sessions=5

This Net is accessible via any BPQ Chat Node (it is locally direct accessible on 145.53 MHz in NE Indiana/NW Ohio & SE Michigan) But can be accessed via other frequencies in that same area or other areas through other nodes.

Reported by: Don Evilsizor KA9QWC NEIPN Net Manager

March 2020 Report for D/Star and DMR

DMR

<u>Date</u>	<u>Net Control</u>	<u>QNI</u>	<u>QTC</u>	<u>QTR</u>	<u>Time Began</u>	<u>Time Ended</u>	<u>Freq</u>
03/01/20	KC9OYW	17	0	23	20:00	20:23	442.750(+)
03/09/20	KC9OYW	16	0	25	20:00	20:25	442.750(+)
03/16/20	W9DDX	20	0	26	20:00	20:26	442.750(+)
03/23/20	K9NQW	22	0	30	20:00	20:30	442.750(+)
03/29/20	KC9OYW	20	0	25	20:00	20:25	442.750(+)
Sessions:	5	Total: 95	Total: 0	Total: 129			
Month of Report:	March 2020						

D-Star

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03/05/20	K9NQW	15	0	25	20:00	20:25	443.400(+)
03/12/20	K9NQW	22	0	31	20:00	20:31	443.400(+)
03/19/20	KA9OPL	12	0	20	20:00	20:20	443.400(+)
03/26/20	KA9OPL	22	0	47	20:00	20:47	443.400(+)
Sessions:	4	Total: 71	Total:	Total: 123			

QNI – Total Number of
Check-ins

QTC – Total
Traffic

QTR – Total
Minutes

Technical Specialist Coordinators Report

Jeff DeLucenay KB9QG

I gave a talk about Amateur Radio to the Modern Woodmen of America group on February 18th .

Technician Class License training class ran from February on the 26th and 27th for the DeKalb County Central Communication. Five people will be preparing for testing in March.

On Feb 25th at the ARES meeting I had two GO boxes to show the group. One of the Go boxes was made with a Raspberry Pi 4 and a 4W HT. The second box had 160 meters through 70cm capability and used a Buddipole antenna system.

On Feb 27th KD9LNC upgraded for General Class license to an Extra Class License

Roger McEntarfer/ N9QCL

The month of March I spent working from home and working with the Whitley County Amateur Radio Club board trying to figure out how to deal club activities and COVID-19.

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Dan Caesar NI9Y

High winds to 70 mph broke off the ladder line on my 160M half wave end fed antenna. I will need help to make repairs as I am unable to due to health reasons.

Being under house arrest has caused me to utilize Facebook to stay connected to my family and friends.

Pete Ostapchuck WA9FGT

I am still pounding the brass every day. I am building a 48 Volt power supply so I can play with some old telephone equipment. It will have a Variac to set the Voltage along with meters for Voltage and current. You can never have too many power supplies or clip leads.

We are just staying home, just like a surprising number of folks.

Ron Cooper WB9DKL

Indianapolis Power & Light radio shop technicians identified a lightning arrester as the cause of my seriously loud radio noise (RFI)

I also received a call from the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission today regarding my noise problem Debra the IURC analyst said I followed proper procedure and complaints such as this one should be filed with the IURC

The use of the program "Audacity" helped to validate the cause

No activity to report:

Mike Voyles WA9FGT

Mark Skowronski K9MQ

Tom Busch WB8WOR

Lou Kruizinga N7BBW

Charlie Sponaugle N9LYY

[INARRL Affiliated Club Coordinator Report](#)

Thanks to all clubs for reviewing the "Club Report", aka "Annual Report" on the ARRL.org website. We still have a little work to do in getting all the reports updated with current information. As mention at least 100 times before this information is very vital. I would like to bring the Indiana Section up to 100% in the reports being current. A list of clubs that need to review the report is below. Along with a "How to Update Your Club Report". I also would like

to hear from all clubs across Indiana periodically. Just a paragraph or two would be appreciated, to let us know what is happening with clubs. Photos are always welcome to.

How to Update Your Club Report

The club update area is now active. This section allows you to edit information in your club record and upload photos of your club activities.

The club update is your annual report. You must update your club record at least once per year even if nothing changes. The club update is how we know that the club is still in business and keeps the contact information current for ARRL and prospective hams to get in touch with your club.

Should two years pass without an update your club will be listed as inactive and possibly removed from the ARRL website. Follow this link for an instructional overview -

[http://www.arrl.org/files/file/Clubs/Club%20Update%20Online 20150806.pdf](http://www.arrl.org/files/file/Clubs/Club%20Update%20Online%2020150806.pdf)

Jimmy Merry, Jr.
SM and ACC

Indiana clubs that have club reports that over 1 year since last update:

Daviess Co (Mar 19)
Calumet ARC (Mar 19)

Elkhart ARC (Mar 19)
ARC of Notre Dame (April 19)

Kokomo ARC (Aug 18)

Indiana clubs that have club reports that are over 2 years since last update:

Clinton Co (March 18)
Ripley Co (March 18)

Hoosier Lakes (Jan 18)
Hoosier Repeater Builders (Jan 17)
Ohio Valley (June 18)

Tri County HF (Feb 17)
White County (Feb 18)

Public Information Coordinator's Report

DeKalb County PIO Jack Dold, W9OWO

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Ham operators ready for disasters

BY JEFF JONES

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AUBURN — While the internet, email and social media enable us to communicate with just about anyone, when the power goes out, so do those sources.

Amateur ham radio operators, however, are still able to communicate and send messages on very limited power or even battery power with people around the world.

Of the four northeast Indiana counties, Steuben has the most amateur radio operators with 161. DeKalb County has 157 licensed operators. Noble has 142 operators, and LaGrange has 45 licensed operators.

Two of them, Auburn resident Jack Dold, call sign W9OWO, and Mark Hansbarger, call sign AA9MU, shared how they became interested.

Dold has been a ham since 2009, but his interest in radio goes back to his teen years, when he became good friends with the late Bob Sievers of WOWO radio, who was also a ham operator.

Dold said he helped Sievers by contacting area police departments and the Indiana State Police for information about any traffic accidents, and he occasionally would join Sievers on the radio to read sports scores.

He is one of about 70 members in the Auburn-based Northeastern Indiana Amateur Radio Association.

"Typically, the service becomes very, very popular in natural disasters," Dold said.

"Everything we do is operated on 12-volt systems," he added. "We can usually operate regardless of power conditions."

Hansbarger has been a ham operator for 26 years.

Growing up, he remembers having a short wave radio. "At night, I was listening to Voice of

America, Radio Free Europe and to foreign languages, and then to the strange sounds of Morse Code, wondering what was being said," Hansbarger said.

"My dad and I built CB walkie-talkies, and later CB radios in the cars on the business band for our real estate office," he said. "I always enjoyed experimenting and building things."

"The next step, I finally met a local ham radio operator who, with others, offered a license class," Hansbarger said. "After that, I studied on my own."

"A friend told me, which I've never forgotten, the ham radio license just can't be bought, you have to earn it, and I did to my extra class."

Unlike broadcast radio stations, amateur radio operators are not allowed to charge for any service they provide, Dold said.

While the NIARA held monthly, in-person meetings, social distancing is encouraged and Indiana residents asked to stay home during the COVID-19 outbreak. Members simply adjusted, and gather over the airwaves from the comfort of their homes.

"Not being face to face isn't that important to us," Dold said. "We're not bored to be home."

Each evening, at 7 p.m., licensed hams check in by giving their station call signs on the air.

While the regularly scheduled nets — short for networks — continue, new nets are being formed to substitute for regular in-person meetings.

Instead of its in-person meeting the first Saturday of the month, the NIARA will meet over the airwaves at 8 a.m. the first Saturday each month, according to president John Chalmers. Citizens with police scanners can program their devices to 147.015 MHz to listen.

Ham radio operators have a broad range of frequencies



PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Angola resident Mark Hansbarger, call sign AA9MU, shows his 5-watt QRP radio along with his bug Morse code key.

available to them, Dold said.

FM radio stations, for example, operate between 87.5 and 108 MHz. AM radio stations can be found between 525-1606.5 kHz. TV stations broadcast signals between 54-88 MHz, 174-216 MHz and 470-806 MHz.

Dold said he most enjoys net activities, such as local discussion groups or those in nearby states.

"I've made some overseas contacts (a term hams call DXing), but that is not something that captures my interest," he said.

Hansbarger said he enjoys "rag-chewing" conversations in Morse code, mostly with people around the United States. "I only copy about 28 words per minute, which is still pretty fast," he said.

Hansbarger said he's talked with ham operators in Croatia, South America and a ship docked in California.

He mostly uses a low-output system at five watts, explaining, "I enjoy the conversations, updates, the thrill of minimal power and operations still using a skill that requires some mental acuity."

More information about the Northeastern Indiana Amateur Radio Association can be found at w9ou.org.

COVID 19 OFFERS HAMS A PUBLIC RELATIONS OPPORTUNITY

Northeastern Indiana ARA President John Chalmers, W9GOO recognized a need for hams to demonstrate their ability to communicate despite the Covid 19 pandemic. A press release was composed as a result and sent to local media.

The release captured the Auburn Star editor's attention resulting in assignment to a reporter who followed up in an admirable fashion and developed the story even further. The attached PDF file shows the "teaser" above the paper's masthead calling attention to the story on page A-2. The article follows.

73, Jack-W9OWO– Auburn, Indiana- "Home of the Classics"

Elkhart County PIO Dave Menges WB9TEN:

This was sent to the Elkhart Truth and Goshen News on April 18th:

"When all else fails, there is always Amateur Radio," is an unofficial motto of many Amateur Radio operators. With in-person meetings temporarily suspended, the Goshen Amateur Radio Club turned the motto into action. Using a local repeater, forty members of the club replaced their monthly, face-to-face meeting with an on-the-air meeting.

The club usually meets the second Tuesday of every month. However, in the days following the March meeting, Governor Holcomb issued the Indiana stay at home order. Sandy Swartzentruber (W9JOE), club president, said "I knew we had to keep the group together and what better way than to do it on the air. All it took was little planning." Immediately after the March meeting, Swartzentruber and Jeff Benedict (AA9JC), club vice president, put a plan in motion. Announcements were during the weekly A.R.E.S., R.A.C.E.S., Skywarn Net and email messages were sent to all members to meet at the regular time but use the Elkhart repeater. Dewey Thrash (K9DEW), the repeater trustee, programmed the repeater to make announcements about the meeting at regular intervals. On Tuesday April 14 at 7:00 P.M, Paul Corey (K9MV) called for the members to check in and the meeting started.

Thirty-two of the members checked on over the air and another dozen used the Internet application Zoom. Once check ins were complete, Swartzentruber took over and called the meeting to order. The meeting progressed much like a normal meeting with announcements and other items of business. Benedict introduced the new club web site at www.goshenarc.org. Roger Mertz (KC9CDS), the county Amateur Radio R.A.C.E.S coordinator, conducted a training topic by describing how Amateur Radio is authorized to participate in emergencies. John Allyn (KA9SYE) discussed upcoming license classes. Swartzentruber closed the meeting with a list of items Amateur operators can do while still maintaining social distance.

The next meeting is May 12 at 7:00 P.M. All licensed amateurs are invited to the check in on the 145.43 MHz repeater using the 141.3 tone. Membership in the Goshen club is not required.

The Goshen Amateur Radio Club organized in 1905 to promote the science of radio communications through education and public service. Meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month, 7:00 P.M. in

the Senior Center on the Greencroft campus in Goshen, IN. The club is a member of the American Radio Relay League, a national organization of over 650,000 members.

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Dave Menges

WB9TEN

ARRL and Goshen Amateur Radio Club PIO

Hendricks County ARES (HCARES) PIO Report Don Somerville, KD9DHJ

Completed Events

March: The scheduled weekly **W9HCA Hendricks County ARES Nets** were held every Tuesday night at 1930 local, temporarily on the 147.060 MHz repeater. We would like to thank the Morgan County Repeater Association for graciously allowing the use of their repeater while ours is under repair.

March 5th: The **Hendricks County ARES Tuesday Night Simplex Net** was held on March 5th right after the regular net. Bill, AE9R, hosted on the 147.570 MHz Simplex. These Nets are conducted to test the performance of our radio equipment and capability with a Net Controller as well as Amateur operators in and around Hendricks County.

March 7th: The first joint venture of **HCARES** and **Hendricks Regional Health** hospital amateur radio training class was held on two Saturdays, February 29th and finished March 7th. This class covered a total of 16 hours of training time. The Instructor, AEC Gordon Cotton W9GKC, led this class through not only the classroom training time but also with testing that followed. This resulted in a 100% pass rate for the Technician license, including one that also passed the General license test. This class was composed of all hospital employees, who will help assist operating the hospital's amateur radio station during an emergency/disaster besides enjoying the hobby. We also owe Gordon a big round of thanks for teaching this class and Mike Wolfe of HRH for helping make this class a success and an event at the hospital. (Photo's courtesy of Ron Burke KB9DJA)



March 14th: The **Skywarn Severe Weather Training** class, sponsored by the National weather Service (NWS), scheduled to start at 1100 local at the Hendricks County Government Building located at 355 S. Washington, St. in Danville was **canceled** due to the Corvid-19 situation. Next availability is TBD.

March 18th: The **Hendricks County Health Department** was planning on having a FAC (Family Assistance Center) exercise on March 18th was **canceled** due to the Corvid-19 situation. Next availability is TBD.

March 21st: The **Hendricks County ARES Monthly Hospital Net** scheduled for March 21st on the 147.570 MHz Simplex net was **canceled** due to the Corvid-19 situation. Next availability is TBD.

Upcoming Events

April: The scheduled weekly **W9HCA Hendricks County ARES Net** will be held every Tuesday night at 1930 local, temporarily on the 147.060 MHz repeater until repairs can be made to the 147.015 system. We would like to thank the Morgan County Repeater Association for graciously allowing the use of their repeater while ours is under repair.

The **Hendricks County ARES Monthly Hospital Nets** have been **canceled** to further notice. This action is at the direction of the Hospital Administrators.

Portable AM Radio Station...

The Hendricks county ARES team has been hard at work maintaining the Hendricks County Health Department's AM radio station. This station is currently broadcasting up-to-date information about COVID19. The station has previously been set up in the towns of Avon and Plainfield and is currently broadcasting from Brownsburg. Be sure to tune into 1610 on your AM dial. It is great information, and it is also an interesting use of the AM station. Send signal reports to Ron Burke at kb9dja@gmail.com.

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April 18th: The **HCARES and I.U. Health** amateur radio training class consisting of I.U. Health hospital employees along with some from IDHS has been **canceled** due to the Corvid-19 situation. Next class is TBD. This class, when completed will help out I.U. West and I.U. Methodist locations. There were six (6) people wanting to take this class.

April 25th: The **Hendricks County ARES Team** will be conducting a Near Vertical Incident Skywave (NVIS) event on April 25, 2020 from 1000 – 1400 local. Due to the current Corvid-19 restrictions in place our team members will be participating from their home locations. If restrictions are lifted in time, we can all meet at the Hendricks County Fairground location where we do our field day events.

Right now, we have coordinated with Vigo County to participate along with us, but we would also like to see other counties get involved. Here are some suggested bands to use:

- 20m 14115 - Contestia 4/250 to start. Not much chance of success on 20m this close.
- 40m 7115 - Contestia 4/250 to start, very possible
- 80m 3592 - Contestia 4/250 to start, highly likely with its ground wave.

The Ohio Section ARES will be working with NVIS during the same times and using frequencies from 2-30 MHz. Their information can be obtained here: <http://arrrl-ohio.org/SEC/nvis.html>

If you would like to participate in this event, please contact the Hendricks County ARES Administrative AEC Ken Kayler, KC9SQD, at kakayler64@hotmail.com or the EC, Ron Burke KB9DJA at kb9dja@gmail.com. Remember, this is not a contest so take your time and have fun!!!

Big Accomplishment:

Over the last year, the HCARES and the HERO teams worked in putting together data on what we would need to build an emergency/regular repeater system that would cover all of Hendricks County. HCARES took this data and approached the Hendricks County Council in a bid to request funds. In a historical move the Hendricks County Council approved this request and has provided the funds! As far as we know this is a first for a county within Indiana, especially Hendricks County.

The HCARES and the HERO teams will now work on acquiring the repeaters, antennas, cabling, and associated hardware and putting this system together. This system will be solely managed and maintained by HCARES. We would like to thank the County Council for their belief in us and what we as Hams provide in the form of emergency communications to our county. A special thanks goes out to Lise' Crouch our Hendricks County EMA Coordinator, for working with us to put the package together.

73,
Don Somerville, KD9DHJ
ARRL Public Information Officer, Hendricks County
Don.Somerville@outlook.com

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 cancellation of the Whitley County Amateur Radio Club (WCARC) General Meeting scheduled for April 9, 2020, the cancellation of the WCARC Board Meeting scheduled for April 23, 2020, and the cancellation of the Whitley County W5YI Test Session scheduled for April 25, 2020.

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Roger McEntarfer/ N9QCL

Whitley County Amateur Radio Club President

Whitley County Amateur Radio Club Technical Specialist

Whitley County Amateur Radio Club Public Information Officer

Whitley County W5YI CVE

Monroe County PIO Jimmy Merry Jr., KC9RPX

All is quiet in Monroe County. The Bloomington ARC has cancelled its activities for April and May due to the social distancing restrictions and guidelines. The 73 SIARA club has started a SSTV net on Wednesday evenings. VE testing sessions in Monroe County have also been canceled for the month of May.

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Jimmy Merry, Jr./ KC9RPX

Monroe County PIO

2020 Indiana Hamfest Schedule

April 25 – North Central Indiana Hamfest **(CANCELED EVENT)**
Miami Co Fairgrounds - Peru, IN
<http://nci-hamfest.net>

Dayton Hamvention **(CANCELED EVENT)**
Has been canceled! See link for information:
<https://hamvention.org/committee-cancels-hamvention-2020/>

June 20 - East Central Indiana Hamfest
Randolph County Fairgrounds

ARRL - Indiana Section State Convention

July 10 & 11 - Indianapolis Hamfest
7300 E Troy Ave Indianapolis - Marion Co Fairgrounds
<http://www.indyhamfest.com/>

July 11 - Auburn Classic City Hamfest
Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum
1600 S Wayne Street Auburn, IN

August 8 – Elkhart East Hamfest – 9 am
Northern IN Event Ctr. – Elkhart, IN
<http://www.elkharteasthamfest.com>

August 8 – Angola Hamfest
Gateway Comm. Church – Angola, IN

October 17 – Hamtober Fest - Lynnville, IN
<http://hamtoberfest.com/>

November 7, 2020 - Hoosier Hills Hamfest
Lawrence County 4H Fairgrounds - Bedford, IN
just off of US-50, west of SR-37
<http://www.w9qyq.org/hamfest>

ARRL - Central Division Convention

November 14 - 15, 2020 – Ft Wayne Hamfest & Computer Expo
Allen Co War Memorial Coliseum
Ft. Wayne, IN
<http://www.acarts.com/hfmain.htm>

November 28 - Wabash Valley ARA Turkey Fest
Brazil – Clay Co. Fairgrounds
www.w9uuu.org

SEARCH THE ARRL HAMFEST CALENDAR : <http://www.arrl.org/hamfests/search>

HAMFEST APPLICATION: <http://www.arrl.org/hamfest-convention-application>

(Note: The ARRL hamfest calendar on the ARRL website is how INARRL Staff learns about events, so be sure to register your clubs hamfest with the link below. So INARRL can post and share information about your hamfest on social media and the Indiana section newsletter.)

Elkhart East Hamfest
August 8th, 2020
9am-3pm EST

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August 8th, 2020
9am-3pm EST



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Talk-In: 145.430 PL141.3 / EchoLink Node 884791 K9DEW/R

Additional Reserve Info.

Info@elkharteasthamfest.com

Northern Indiana Event Center

21565 Executive Parkway

Elkhart, IN 46514



48th FORT WAYNE HAMFEST

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ARRL Forum - Saturday 10:00 AM

Kermit Carlson W9XA
ARRL Central Division Director

Carl Luetzelschwab K9LA
ARRL Central Division Vice – Director

James Merry Jr. KC9RPX
ARRL Indiana Section Manager

ARRL Central Division Convention Banquet Saturday, November 14, 5:00PM

Buffet with two entrees, salad, vegetable,
starch, roll & dessert.

Attendance limited to first 70 Seats.
Reservations Available October 1 thru November 6

- Ham Radio License Testing All Classes (\$14)
9 AM till 12 PM Saturday
- WAS & DXCC Card Checking and CQ Awards
- Youth Lounge (under 12 accompanied by adult)
- New & Used Ham Equipment Dealers
- Main & Hourly Door Prizes
- 3 Rooms of Special Interest Forums All Day Saturday
- Equipment Check-out | Test Purchases on-site
- Talk-in Radio Frequency 146.880 (-)
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November 14 & 15 2020

SAT 9 AM to 4 PM
SUN 9 AM to 2 PM

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