



ARRL - Indiana Section

August 2020 Newsletter

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"To promote and advance the art, science, and enjoyment of amateur radio." ~ Hiram Percy Maxim

Remembering friends that we will miss



Ray Robison K9ZRL – Mitchell, IN

James Clevenger AA9DE – Farmland, 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/>

Thoughts and prayers for their family and loved ones.

Indiana Field Services Appointments **Resignations & Cancellations**

New Appointments:

Mark Swygman, K9ATP, Official Relay Station

Chris Frederick, KQ9Y, Technical Specialist

Patrick Gawthrop, W9GGG, Assistant Section Youth Coordinator

Resignations and Cancellations:

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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

The Section Manager's Desk

Greetings,

I hope everyone continues good health and is doing well with the COVID-19 pandemic. As some of the local hamfests and amateur radio related events start to resume across Indiana, I still encourage every to practice proper social distancing guideline, wearing of face masks, and continue to follow safety protocols that are in accordance with the local, state, and federal laws and suggestions.

Please have respect for other people's space that around you when you attend an event. I wrote this note because I overheard a conversation that was on-air this past couple of weeks, it was very disturbing comment made and concerns me. Whether an event takes place indoors or outdoors should not matter.

Proper social distancing and guideline must be followed to keep everyone healthy. This is a must so future amateur radio events across Indiana can continue to take place. We should not violate another person's personal space. If someone asks you not to violate their space, respond appropriately. Suggestion is to wear a facemask and use the 6 feet rule, please be polite and not confrontational. Many of us have concerns about COVID-19 and wishes to protect and safeguard oneself, possibly due underlying health issues. Be respectful to others that you might come in contact with during an event.

The ARRL – Indiana Section will always support all amateur radio operators, clubs, and activities during the COVID-19 pandemic. Note the ARRL - Indiana Section leadership team members will be allowed to attend events such as hamfests at their own personal discretion. This is due to protecting their personal health and safety guidelines during the pandemic. So that every remains healthy.

In an effort to improve the ARRL – Indiana Section relationship with youth across Indiana, I have appointed Patrick Gawthrop, W9GGG, as an Assistant Section Youth Coordinator. He is a student in Westfield, Indiana. He will be assisting ARRL – Indiana Section Youth Coordinator Andrew Murray, N9AWM. We hope to announce some new programs for youth across Indiana in the near future.

I wish to congratulate two young hams at the age of 9 and 10 years old that stepped up and passed their General Class exam in Hendricks County testing session in July. Gwen Clark, KD9PDL and Nischal Solai Balaji, KD9PDH.



73,
Jimmy Merry, Jr., KC9RPX
ARRL – Indiana Section Manager
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Section Emergency Coordinator Report

Greetings all!

I hope this newsletter finds all of you safe and well.

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused all of us to become creative in our support of events throughout the state. Meetings are being held online and on-the-air. Many of our get-togethers have been rescheduled or cancelled. It is good to see that, slowly but surely, some of these activities are returning, albeit, in a new form or with some restrictions.

I know that here in Allen County most if not all of our community events have been cancelled making it difficult to practice our craft. Hopefully, as we move into the fall season, some of these events will be held allowing us the opportunity to provide support to them.

That being said, I urge everyone to ensure their equipment is ready to go in case of emergency deployment. Also, it is great time to complete the required FEMA Courses, IS-100, IS-200, IS-700 and IS-800. These courses are online and are completed at your leisure. In addition, the EC-001 course from the ARRL is available and also is recommended for completion.

Soon, the ARRL will have a new Emergency Communications leader. I anticipate some changes to occur to the ARES program at that time. I am looking forward to our team moving forward in the Indiana Section.

Thanks for your support of the ARES program in Indiana.

Stay Safe and Well!

Jim Moehring, KB9WWM

Section Emergency Coordinator

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*******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, Ripley, Rush, Shelby, Sullivan, 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.

District Emergency Coordinators Reporting (5/7)

N1LL (District 2), KB9WWM (District 3), N9UN (District 5), KC9RVL (District 6), K9DWO (District 7)

Emergency Coordinators Reporting (29/48)

KB9WWM, K9JAJ, W9DBA, KV9N, KB9OIC

W9EEU, K9PLG, N9JFH, WD9GC, KC9RVL

N9GTL, KD9GHS, N9CWW, KD9DHJ, KB9MGG

N9SIU, KD9EDR, KC9GFO, W9GNR, W9SOX

WD9GIU, KC9EVU, N9JPX, KB9RZK, WR9G

N9QVQ, W9COD, K9DWO, AB9HP

District Emergency Coordinators Reports

Jim Moehring – KB9WWM – District 3

There are still 5 counties in the district without ECs. As we begin to open up the state from the Covid-19 restrictions, I will begin to actively pursue volunteers for these positions. If you are interested in volunteering please contact me at KB9WWMatARRL.ORG.

Marv Gilliland – KC9RVL – District 6

The East Central Indiana Hamfest is still on for Saturday, August 15th, as long as Indiana is at 4.5 or below the COVID 19 Level.

The event will be held from 08:00 to 16:00. All parking, Admission, and Indoor and Outdoor spaces are FREE. Numerous door prizes will be given away, with the Grand Prize being an ICOM 7300. This is an ARRL sanctioned event coordinated with 9 Amateur Radio Clubs: Randolph Co, Jay Co, Muncie Area, EmComm ECI, Grant Co, Adams Co, Whitewater Valley, (all of Indiana) and Darke County Ohio. Talk in frequency is 147.300 with Tone 110.9

Food will be available provided by Randolph Co 4H Shooting Sports. Camping is also available for a small fee of \$25. There will be VE Test Sessions at 10:00 and 14:00.

Current Information about the ECI Hamfest can be found at www.INHAMFEST.com

Per State decree, Face masks will be required inside the buildings. Mark your calendars and spread the word!

Emergency Coordinator Reports

Jim Moehring – KB9WWM – Allen Co.

July was another quiet month as a result of Covid-19 regulations. We did have 2 SKYWARN activation in July. In addition, we have good check-in numbers on our scheduled nets.

Jeff Jones – K9JAJ – Bartholomew Co.

Thanks to all the ARES members from Bartholomew and surrounding counties who check into the 2330z Wednesday evening BC-ARES net on the 146.790MHz (PL 103.5Hz) repeater. Also, Kudos to KC9TYA from District 10 for handling the management duties for the weekly Indiana Section ARES HF Net on 3900KHz each Sunday and to all the regular participants. It's always great to hear from stations around

the Section! Mark also oversees the operation of the weekly Indiana Winlink Wednesday net and it is seeing growth with each new passing week. Pick a net and join in on the fun!

Scott Nelson – W9DBA – Brown Co.

During July there were 5 scheduled ARES nets conducted on the Brown County KA9SWI 2-meter repeater 147.300 MHz PL 136.5 with 65 check-ins lasting 114 minutes providing operators an opportunity to test the capabilities of their equipment and practice net protocol.

Dan McDonald – KV9N – Cass Co.

All activity this month from regular net - 5 sessions - 51 check-ins - 124 minutes total

JW (Wes) Temple – KB9OIC – Clark Co.

Clark County ARES had 4 nets this month

Gary Adams – W9EEU – Clay Co.

We did a group build of a 1:1 current balun at Field Day for our educational activity. We finished up the build at our July meeting for those that didn't make Field Day.

Gabe Creech – WD9GC – DeKalb Co.

We helped with a parking detail this month at the Classic City Hamfest at the ACD Museum. We were supposed to help with an event at the Kendallville Airport in September, but it was cancelled due to the pandemic. We are still looking into a possible exercise this fall maybe sometime in September.

Marv Gilliland – KC9RVL – Delaware Co.

EmComm ECI ARC held monthly meeting in person on 3rd Saturday of the Month.
Muncie Area ARC resumed in person meeting on 4th Monday of the Month.

George Boaz – KD9GHA - Hancock Co.

On July 7th, the RACES Officer and I met with the Deputy Director of Emergency Management to discuss some outreach ideas. He was very supportive and basically authorized everything we suggested.

On July 22nd, Jeff K9HCA met with a representative from the hospital and visited two new sites where we are helping with installation of an antenna. When completed, this will ensure our ability to establish auxiliary communications from any site to the EOC or between any of the three sites.

Also on the 22nd, we setup and operated the AM Emergency Transmitter in support of Community Night

Out. Tim KD9ECG acted as our announcer and mixed live interviews with the recorded messages. It was a great success.

This month, we held four (4) ARES Skywarn practice nets and totaled 99 check-ins.

Clark Whitehouse – N9CWW – Harrison Co.

During July, we had 4 scheduled Ares nets, conducted on 146.820 PL 103.5, offset of negative .600 with 32 check ins lasting for 66 minutes.

Thank 73 N9CWW / Clark

Don Somerville – KD9DHJ – Hendricks Co.

July 3, 2020

Don Somerville, KD9DHJ, Hendricks Co. Another quiet month for us due to the ongoing covid-19 restrictions but we continue to brainstorm new ideas for the group to consider and work.

AM Radio Station: As many of you may already know Hendricks County ARES moved and set up the County Health Departments AM broadcast radio station throughout the county for a few months in support of the covid-19 pandemic. Well, the County Health Department recently received word that they are the recipients of a large grant from the federal government to use towards Covid-19 needs. We, Hendricks County ARES will be working with them during the month of August to determine what the best options will be for AM radio communications in the county during emergencies. Stay tuned for updates!

Emergency Repeater: The HERO team has been busy assembling the final hardware components for the emergency repeater and plan to have it installed by the end of August on a tower in Danville, IN. We are also continuing work on plans to bridge communications with surrounding counties (other ARES groups and hospitals). More to come on this subject.

Weekly/Monthly Nets: We have continued with our weekly Tuesday night ARES Nets and did not encounter problems during July.

Our monthly QSY nets have been cancelled due to the Covid-19 Pandemic but restart later during the month of August. Listen to our Tuesday night nets for further details.

Community Events: As many of you know, most HAM radio community/outgoing events have been canceled this due to distancing restrictions instituted by the governor. Well, we are happy to announce that the H.E.R.O. group is hosting a Tail Gate Fest on Saturday August 8th from 0900-1300 at the Avon Methodist Church, located at 6850 East Hwy 36, Avon IN. 46123. For more information, contact Ken Kayler KC9SQD at 317-874-7068 or at kakayler64@hotmail.com

Training: There will be an Amateur Radio Tech License class will begin on Saturday August 15th. The second session will be on Saturday August 22nd, with testing in the afternoon of the 22nd. If you are interested, please Contact Gordon Cotton, W9GKC, for more information at KD0EWM.IN@gmail.com.

County News: Some more good news concerning the Hendricks County Skywarn repeater located on the tower on the county property across from Hendricks Regional Hospital (HRH). Well, we are now being told that the tower will not be going away anytime soon and cause interruptions to Skywarn. HCARES will continue to look at options for an alternate location for this repeater so that we do not negate the coverage within the county when that time does come. We will keep you updated on this status.

Stay healthy.

73,
Don

Robert LaGrange – KB9DJA – Johnson Co

Johnson County ARES is standing by if back up communications are needed during the pandemic. Weekly ARES net participation has increased this summer and there has been some increase of the use of our local repeater. The Johnson County Mid-State Amateur Radio Club had its July meeting at the radio room and on the 146.835 repeater. It went well and all used the state approved safety measures and those on radio called in their questions to our club executive officers in attendance. This will be the way the club will conduct meetings until it is safe to go back to the regular way of conducting business.

F. Gary Sherman – W9GNR – Madison Co,

Madison County had another great month considering all the lock down and restrictions. Club meetings and EMA meetings continue to be held at the Madison County EMA with the appropriate "social distancing. Plans for rescheduled community events continue to be worked on. Members are active on the air with Club nets and Storm Net training. Madison County continues to reach out and check in with surrounding County nets including ARES Nets and Satern Nets.

Madison County Amateur Radio club took our Mobile Command vehicle No. 2 out to a nearby park to practice deploying, setting up emergency power and making contacts on HF and VHF. The exercise was successful however areas were identified to be revised and corrected. We are planning to conduct one exercise a month, weather permitting, and possibly attempt to coordinate our exercise with other counties.

VE Testing continues to administer FCC test for Technician licenses and upgrades. This past month our VE testing group had 7 attendees resulting in 3 new Technician licenses and 2 successful upgrades

Madison County Members continue to complete FEMA courses. Madison County completed 1 IS course and had 2 ARES Level Advancements.

George Edenfield – KB9RZK – Putnam Co.

K9XT, John, has acted as Net Control for an informal noontime “wellness” net on the RACES 147.330 repeater since most of the Putnam County hams and ARES members are sheltering in place at their homes because of COVID-19. During July 16 hams have participated in the noontime wellness net for a total of 9 hours of talk time.

Steve Jewell – WR9G – Scott Co.

The Scott County EMA Group will hold a VE session Saturday, August 8th at 11:00 AM. Sessions are normally held on the 2nd Saturday of every even numbered month. Walk-Ins are welcome, however due to virus social distancing, there is a limit of 8 candidate seats. 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

Len Schmitt – N9QVQ – Vanderburgh Co.

This month was pretty quiet. For our ARES RACES meeting in July we covered the ARES standardized task book. Since the meeting, one additional member has finished the ARRL Introduction to Emergency Communications (EC-001) course and has completed his Level 2 certification requirements. Congratulations to Dave WB9YIG on his accomplishment. We also reviewed information on a new way of reporting whether you felt an earthquake to the USGS using Winlink Express and a form called “Did You Feel It”.

Official Emergency Station Reports

Vernon – NA9L – Morgan Co.

I checked into the Morgan County, and Hendricks County ARES nets. I checked into the Indiana Traffic Net. I checked into the Morgan county COVID 19 net. I passed Routine traffic.

Jimmy Merry, Jr – KC9RPX – Monroe Co.

9 Hours + Which includes 3 Skywarn nets as NCO. 1 NCO for the monthly warning siren test net. 1 NCO and 1 as backup NCO for the Monroe County ARES net. 4 nets as the NCO for the Bloomington ARC Thursday night Net. 2 nets as NCO for Owen County ARES Net and 4 nets as NCO / or backup NCO for Greene County Amateur Repeater Association.

Mark Thienes – KC9TYA- Vanderburgh Co.

My CoCoRah's gauge showed 9.86 inches of rain in July. We have had our fair share. The ARES Net on Sunday afternoon is growing. All amateurs interested in Public Service or Emergency Communications are welcome to participate. The net meets on Sundays at 2100Z +/- 3.900 LSB

Indiana Winlink Wednesday is growing. Winlink and FLmsg are very powerful tools to have in today's communication world. If you are interested in joining us on Indiana Winlink Wednesday, please contact me at KC9TYA on Winlink. We send out a message on Tuesday for Wednesdays check in information. You can check in anytime on Wednesday, 0000-2359 local time, using an RF connection from your station. Then on Thursday we send out a confirmation message.

Everyone has a nice, safe, August

73

Mark KC9TYA

Don Evilsizer – KA9QWC – Whitley Co.

July was another interesting month dealing with alternate means for club meetings and events. I have been serving as a net manager on several nets - 21-Club VHF net for Noble County, Whitley County UHF net. Also, I serve as a net control for the Sunday VHF North East Indiana Packet Net (NEIPN). Additionally, I am a net control on Friday mornings for the Indiana Traffic Nets. I try to faithfully turn in any feeder reports to net managers as required each month. If any have not been reported in the past or currently no one has notified me to date.

INDIANA ARES BY THE NUMBERS (ONLY 29 ECs REPORTING!)

Total ARES Members reported: 683

Number of reporting ARES EC's: 29

Number of reporting OES's: 5

Number of reporting DEC's: 5

Number of ARES Nets: 192

Number of Nets with NTS Liaison: 114

Number of exercises, and training sessions: 44

Person Hours: 1317.73

Public Service Events: 6

Person Hours: 62.5

Emergency Operations: 0

Person Hours: 0

SKYWARN Nets: 15

Person Hours: 395.71

ARRLSECTION TRAFFIC MANAGER INDIANA SECTION

Greetings all, Hard to believe August has arrived and with it the summer wrap up many events this year have canceled due to COVID including the more popular hamfests. This has not affected the NTS effort at all in fact with fewer stations reporting the numbers are holding steady as you can see in the monthly report. That is about it from here. I have been very busy with work related things and not a lot of time for radio but participating when I can. Until next month 73 everyone and stay healthy!

Brian W9BGJ

INDIANA STM REPORTS JULY 2020					
HF NETS					
NET NAME	SOURCE	QNI	QTC	QTR	SESSIONS
INDIANA SECTION ARES	KC9TYA	51	0	128	4
IDTN	K9JAJ	212	85	516	23
ITN	N1LL	1781	123	1373	62
QIN	K0TQ	82	49	259	28
INDIANA WINLINK	KC9TYA	91	0	1215	5
TOTALS		2207	257	3491	122

INDIANA STM REPORT JULY 2020						
ORS AND SAR STATION REPORTS						
STATION	TYPE	ORGINATED	RECEIVED	SENT	DELIVERED	TOTALS
W9BGJ	ORS	0	154	154	2	310
KA9QWC	ORS	0	15	35	13	63
AB9ZA	ORS	2	77	64	27	77
K0TQ	SAR	20	61	69	150	300
N1LL	ORS	1	171	0	0	172
NA9L	ORS	2	0	0	2	4
W9EEU	ORS	0	1	4	0	5
W9PC	ORS	0	7	7	0	24
TOTALS		25	486	333	194	955
STATIONS REPORTING		8				

INDIANA STM REPORT JULY 2020

PUBLIC SERVICE HONOR ROLL

STATION	SESSIONS	MESSAGES	APPTS	PUB SVC	EMG RES	DIGITAL	TOTAL
W9BGJ	2	40	30	0	0	10	82
KA9QWC	40	40	30	0	0	10	120
AB9ZA	40	40	10	0	0	0	90
N1LL	40	40	30	15	0	20	145
W9EEU	40	5	30	0	0	20	95
TOTALS	162	165	130	15	0	60	532
STATIONS REPORTING	5						

INDIANA STM REPORT JULY 2020

VHF/UHF NETS

NET NAME	SOURCE	QNI	QTC	QTR	SESSIONS
BARTHOLOMEW CO ARES	K9JAJ	37	0	102	5
CASS CO ARC	KA9YBN	51	0	118	5
CLAY COUNTY	W9EEU	60	1	75	6
CROSSROADS DMR	K9NQW	128	0	136	5
D STAR NET	K9NQW	79	0	130	4
DEKALB CO ARES	WD9GC	66	0	77	4
HOOSIER HILLS ARC	WD9EWF	55	0	29	5
HUNTINGTON CO NET	K9BME	81	0	165	5
IMO NET	K9SKS	517	1	295	28
JEFFERSON CO	N9XVB	29	0	56	5
KOSCIUSKO CO EMG NET	KC9AYT	153	0	94	5
MID STATE ARC	K9DY	206	0	171	4
MORGAN CO ARES	N9JPX	103	0	127	5
SCOTT CO ARES/RACES	WR9G	59	6	91	4
SOUTH CENTRAL AREA	KA9OPL	63	0	112	4

Sessions: 4 Total: 121 Total: Total: 117

Month of Report: July 2020

NOTE:

W9DDX was Alt NCS on 07/06/20

W9DDX finished out the net because KC9OYW was have tech difficulties

KC9OYW was Alt NCS on 07/13/20

KC9OYW finished out the net because W9DDX was having tech difficulties

D-Star

Date	Net Control	QNI	QTC	QTR	Time Began	Time Ended	Freq
07/02/20	K9NQW	9	0	25	20:00	20:25	443.400(+)
07/09/20	K9NQW	0	0	0	20:00	00:00	443.400(+)
07/16/20	KA9OPL	13	0	27	20:00	20:27	443.400(+)
07/23/20	KA9OPL	19	0	33	20:00	20:33	443.400(+)
07/30/20	K9NQW	21	0	32	20:00	20:32	443.400(+)

Sessions: 5 Total: 62 Total: Total: 117

Month of Report: July 2020

NOTE: No Dstar Net on 07/08/20 because unable to find Net Control Operator for net.

NOTE:

QNI – Total Number of Check-ins

QTC – Total Traffic

QTR – Total Minutes

Technical Specialist Coordinators Report

Pete Ostapchuck N9SFX

I tried my hand at copying CW at 20 WPM. The problem is writing that fast. So, I'm back to where I was 27 years ago; ugly copy. I have a couple of laptops that I hope to use to copy code instead of paper and pencil.

Mark Skowronski K9MQ

This month, I assisted another ham with setting up WSJT-X, N3FJP AC Log, and JT-Alert, which provided with him with a simpler way to log FT8 contacts from WSJT-X. The JT-Alert utility interfaces between WSJT-X and AC Log. When the log contact button is pressed in WSJT-X, the information is sent automatically to AC Log using the utility. JT-Alert also scans AC Log for needed entities and states and will also alert when a needed station is received.

In the shack, I've been doing some further experimentation with my SDR Play receiver. I've been trying different control software with it, trying to find the one that best works for me.

Ed Valasek K3HTK

In July, I have mainly been working on updating coordination through the IRC and planning the re-installation of my repeaters in Arcadia, IN. Also working on the design and setup of a D-Star system for the area to enjoy on 2 Meters, 70 cm, and 23 cm bands. Working on site details and setup, more to come...

Also spent some time assisting another Amateur with the setup of a Broadband-Hamnet router configuration issue.

Ron Cooper WB9DKL

Put TYT DMR radio code plugs on Indianapolis Radio Club website.

Jeff DeLucenay KB9QG

Due to the Convid-19 issue we have not had any technical nights or training. Our July meeting was held at T& R Junction Restaurant in Garrett Indiana. We had 17 attendees. The main topic was the ham fest preparations. Our association president could not attend so I had to run the meeting.

The Northeastern Indiana Amateur Radio Association had its second annual ham fest on July 11th. The ham fest was held at the Auburn-Cord-Duesenberg museum in Auburn Indiana. Attendees had free admission. I was the ham fest site coordinator.

The following hams from the Northeastern Indiana Amateur Radio Association provide their time and effort at the hamfest:

CALL IN SUPPORT

JOHN CHALMERS	W9GOO
PAT STEMEN	KA9NVZ

PARKING SUPPORT

GABE CREECH	WD9GC
DENNIS BRINK	KD9KMK
TROY BUNGUARD	KD9NZK
ROBIN MCKNIGHT	KDMGZ

TICKET STATION SUPPORT

PHIL TAYLOR	KA9LAA
CHRIS TAYLOR	KA8WFA
KEN STROCK	KD9HMS

ROGER CORREA KD9IPL
DENNIS BRINK KD9KMK
DICK TOY WB9VDK
JIM PLUMMER KD9GDY

VENDOR SUPPORT

JEFF DELUCENAY KB9QG
ROGER FIELDHOUSE KD9OTE
JOHN ROSTOFER WG9K
CHUCK ORT WD9IKW
TROY BUNGUARD KD9NZK
ROBIN MCKNIGHT KD9MGZ
JIM PLUMMER KD9GDY
JOHN ROSTOFER WG9K
DICK TOY WB9VD
RICHARD ANDREW N9HRA

PICTURE/ VIDEO SUPPORT

GABE OBERLIN KD8NRO
JACK DOLD W9OWO

MEDICAL SUPPORT

DARRELL SMITH KD8SIR

EQUIPMENT CHECK STATION

JEFF DELUCENAY KB9QG

Also, the committee for the hamfest preparation were John Chalmers, W9GOO, Dave Southern, KC9YY, Jack Dold, W9OWO and Jeff DeLucenay, KB9QG.

I have submitted the W9OU Field day 2020 results. Also, three other operators have submitted their scores to be added to the W9OU results. They were John Chalmers, W9GOO, Jim Plummer, KDGDY and Dennis Brink, KD9KMK. The total points count was 4143.

Dan Caesar NI9Y

Not much to report for July, Our Tuesday radio luncheons may begin again soon. We have been holding these radio luncheons for the past 70 years. Many of our group are now SK but we manage to attract 15 to 20 participants. We are all anxious to begin the luncheons again.

The hard drive in the radio shack crashed and I am now searching for a replacement for the old HP Win XP Professional. Right now, I am using an ACER 11-inch tablet with a Bluetooth keyboard.

Roger McEntarfer N9QCL

For the month of July, I continued dealing with knee surgery and therapy. I ended up going back to work from home on Monday July 27, 2020. I continue working with the Whitley County Amateur Radio Club board trying to figure out how to deal club activities and COVID-19.

My Windom 160 came down in one the recent storms, I ended up climbing my tower and have it temporarily back up about 35 foot, (that hurt the new knee) will get it back up to the normal 40 foot tie off later this summer.

The next Whitley County Amateur Radio Club (WCARC) General Meeting is scheduled for Thursday August 13, 2020, this meeting will be held via ZOOM Meeting. The program for the evening will be on the Straight Key Century Club (SKCC) presented by David Shakley N9FGP.

We hope to get back to regular meetings someday.

We are in process of setting up our next Whitley County W5YI Test session tentatively scheduled for Saturday September 5, 2020 at a larger venue to allow us to follow COVID-19 restrictions, more details coming soon.

I am also working to get my team up to speed to begin virtual testing in the near future.

Everyone Stay Home and Stay Safe. Amateur Radio is a great way to enjoy your time while hunkered down. 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

No Activity to Report

Charlie Sponaugle N9LYY

Tom Busch WB8WOR

Lou Kruizinga N7BBW

INARRL Affiliated Club Coordinator Report

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

Daviess Co (Mar 19)

ARC of Notre Dame (April 19)

Indiana clubs that have club reports that are over 2 years or soon will be over 2 years since last update:

Tri County HF (Feb 17)
Clinton Co (March 18)

Hoosier Repeater Builders (Jan 17)
Ripley Co (March 18)

Ohio Valley (June 18)
Kokomo ARC (Aug 18)

Public Information Coordinator's Report

DeKalb County PIO Jack Dold, W9OWO

The Auburn Hamfest on July 11 was the culmination of nearly a year-long planning effort on behalf of the Northeastern Indiana ARA. The venue choice of the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum undoubtedly helped to produce a hugely successful event.

Hamfest planners decided to offer free admission to both the museum and the hamfest– a much appreciated gesture. Those attending responded gratefully to raffle ticket sales and vendor support. The Auburn Star, our local newspaper followed up with a nice story and photo by reporter Matt Getts. July 10, 2021 will mark the 3rd Annual Auburn Hamfest and will again be at the ACD Museum in Auburn. The committee has reviewed its “what we learned” list and is making plans for an even better experience for next year’s “Destination Hamfest.”

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

Hamilton County PIO Report, Joe March KJ9M

In today's digital media world, getting press attention as a PIO can be a challenge but at the same time it offers a plethora of new avenues of outreach to reporters, assignment editors and specialty venues. For years we counted on the old standard "press release" by fax; later by email; today by smart phone messaging. In our county, a little time and research has revealed that the fastest and best way to reach both media and the public – particularly the younger generations – is tweeting. Combine that with a solid relationship with the agency that leads the way in reaching out breaking news on severe weather, power outages, warnings of any nature and message how amateur radio is an integral part of their public safety, and it's a jackpot nearly every time. While some of the media hits we have had were the result of assignment editors monitoring our frequencies, tweets and Facebook have most recently garnered the most attention.

Most recently, the latest tweet about our Saturday, August 1 training meeting on the new digital Winlink gateway repeater placed in operation in July not only included a promotion for ham radio but also a tease of the forthcoming VEC exam session in September. Additionally, Executive Director Shane Booker, K9SAB added the "When all else fails" logo complete with the Hamilton County Emergency Management emblem.

TWEET:

Hamilton County Emergency Management

[@HamiltonCoEOC](https://twitter.com/HamiltonCoEOC)



Aug 3

On Saturday, our amateur radio team held their monthly meeting. They learned how to use Ham radio to communicate with our new digipeater. How will you communicate in an Disaster? Our next ham radio test is on Sat 9/12. Checkout FB for more info. [#RACES](#) [#ARRL](#)



Hamilton County Emergency Coordinator Mike Alley, W9MSK, briefed “COVIDLY-correct” members on the new county Winlink gateway digipeater installed atop Riverview Hospital in Noblesville during training Saturday, Aug. 1. Note social distancing, masks and hand sanitizer (foreground). KJ9M Photo.



I still use the press release as a tool, but not THE tool.

The next social distancing meeting of CIARA will be Saturday, Sept. 5 at 1000 hrs. in the training room of Noblesville Fire Station 6 at 16800 Hazel Dell Road. CIARA President Wayne Polakoff, KD9BUX will present a program on 3-D printers and amateur radio.

All radio amateurs interested in joining either CIARA/ARES or Hamilton County RACES or anyone interested in obtaining an amateur radio license are welcome to attend this or any meeting or for more information contact me or each group’s representative(s) by email or message.

73,

Joe March, KJ9M

ARRL Public Information Officer

Hamilton County

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Hendricks County ARES PIO Jake Stellmack, KI6PKV

Completed events:

The scheduled weekly W9HCA Hendricks County ARES net was held every Tuesday night at 1930. HCARES is still using the 147.060 repeater until the 147.015 is available. We want to thank the Morgan County Repeater association for graciously allowing the use of their repeater.

The HCARES monthly Hospital nets remain cancelled.

The HCARES QSY net is cancelled until further notice.

The portable AM radio station (1610) has a permanent location at the Hendricks Regional Hospital in Danville IN.

The Hendricks County Amateur Radio Society hosted this year's FIELD DAY at the Hendricks County Fairgrounds on June 26-27. The weather was wet on Saturday, but cleared up later in the day and the rest of the weekend. Despite the COVID-19 restrictions, several club members came out to help set up a couple of antennas and operate the radio station.

Jake Stellmack KI6PKV

JAKESTELL@AOL.COM

HCARES PIO

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 scheduled for July 9, 2020, and the WCARC Board Meeting scheduled for July 23, 2020, the and Whitley County Amateur Radio Club (WCARC) Field Day scheduled for June 27 & 28, 2020, the Whitley County Amateur Radio Club (WCARC) General Meeting scheduled for July 9, 2020, the WCARC Board Meeting scheduled for July 23, 2020 and the cancellation of the Whitley County W5YI Test session scheduled for Saturday July 25, 2020.

The next Whitley County Amateur Radio Club (WCARC) General Meeting is scheduled for Thursday August 13, 2020, this meeting will be held via ZOOM Meeting. The program for the evening will be on the Straight Key Century Club (SKCC) presented by David Shakley N9FGP.

We hope to get back to regular meetings someday.

We are in process of setting up our next Whitley County W5YI Test session tentatively scheduled for Saturday September 5, 2020 at a larger venue to allow us to follow COVID-19 restrictions, more details coming soon.

I am also working to get my team up to speed to begin virtual testing in the near future.

Everyone Stay Home and Stay Safe. Amateur Radio is a great way to enjoy your time while hunkered down.

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](#)

73

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

ARRL Test Sessions

Whitley Co. VE Test session

The next Whitley County Amateur Radio Test session will be held on Saturday September 5, 2020 at the St Paul of the Cross-Deacon Joe Bldg., gymnasium, 315 S Line St, Columbia City, IN. Testing will be from 9:00 AM till 11:00 AM.

COVID-19 Precautions:

We will require masks to be worn by the VE Team and all people coming to test.

Social distancing will also be required by everyone.

Temperatures will be taken as you enter the Test session via our touchless thermometer.

The gymnasium has enough tables to allow the test team and those taking the test to keep 6 feet apart. We will have hand sanitizer available in the testing area.

Check in will start at 9:00 AM and testing from 9:00 – 11:00 AM, we will have the building till noon so if already testing you can continue testing. No tests will be handed out after 11:00 AM.

Please bring your Photo ID, a copy of your existing Amateur Radio License if upgrading. The cost for testing is \$14.00.

Also for Covid-19 precautions, please bring pencils and pens to use for the testing and filling out paperwork.

Due to COVID-19 we will require registration prior to the test and no walk-ins will be allowed.
If you have COVID-19 symptoms the day of the test session, PLEASE STAY HOME.

Please let me, know if you are interested in attending this test session either by email or phone listed below.

rlmcen@embarqmail.com
(260) 503-9008

2020 Indiana Hamfest Schedule

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

November 7, 2020 - Hoosier Hills Hamfest
Lawrence County 4H Fairgrounds - Mitchell, 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.)

48th FORT WAYNE HAMFEST

Host to the
2020 ARRL CENTRAL DIVISION CONVENTION



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 Registrants
\$25 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
- New & Used Ham Equipment Dealers All Indoors
- Main & Hourly Door Prizes
- 3 Rooms of Special Interest Forums All Day Saturday
SKCC * AMSAT * ARES * NTS * Indiana Repeater Council
- Youth Lounge (under 12 accompanied by adult)
- Equipment Check-out | Test Purchases on-site
- Tables: \$25 Regular, \$50 Premium, \$33 Electricity
Drive Directly to Your Table for Setup

**November
14 & 15
2020**

SAT 9 AM to 4 PM

SUN 9 AM to 2 PM

Admission: \$6 Sat & Sun

Sunday only FREE!

Children under 12 free

(with adult)

Talk-in Radio Frequency 146.880 (-)



Allen County

War Memorial Coliseum

4000 Parnell Ave

Fort Wayne, IN

73,000 sq. ft. Comfort Arena

(Coliseum Parking \$6 per vehicle)

Get the latest information at

www.fortwaynehamfest.com

www.facebook.com/FTWAYNEHAMFEST/

Contact (260) 579-2196 , PO Box 10342, Fort Wayne, IN 46851

FORT WAYNE HAMFEST SPECIAL NOTICE

The COVID-19 Pandemic has upset many aspects of our daily lives. We hope our Hamfest vendors and amateur radio friends are safe and well during this national emergency. Subject to government guidelines and orders, we still expect to deliver a high quality Hamfest again this year and are pleased to host the ARRL Central Division Convention in November. We will continue to monitor health professional recommendations as the Hamfest date nears. All plans are moving forward, but we will decide on September 1 if the risk to our patrons and vendors necessitates the prudent decision to cancel.

The Fort Wayne Hamfest recognizes many hams have suffered job losses and economic stress this year. We have decided to make Sunday at the Hamfest FREE admission. We have no control over the venue provider's parking fee (currently \$6/vehicle), so we encourage carpooling. We will continue to have hourly door prize drawings on both Saturday and Sunday; however, the grand prizes will be drawn and awarded on Saturday at 3:30pm.

Hamfests are an amateur radio tradition which the Allen County Amateur Radio Technical Society (ACARTS) strives to keep alive. If the pandemic has subsided enough to permit travelling and gathering safely, then we hope you'll support the tradition and join us at the Fort Wayne Hamfest.

Save the Date: November 14 & 15.

The Fort Wayne Hamfest Steering Committee

59TH Annual

HOOXIER HILLS HAMFEST

At the Lawrence County 4H Fairgrounds Near Bedford Indiana November 7, 2020

NOTICE: NEW DATE NOVEMBER 7TH 2020

**Indoor Hamfest, All Vendors & Tailgating Inside & Outside
Hourly DOOR PRIZES Including ARRL Store Gift Certificates
\$200 Cash Grand Prize ~ Admission Price \$5**

Vendor / Tailgate Set-Up

Vendor Building Open 6am - 8am Saturday
vendor / tailgate set-up only. Please ask about
early setup times when reserving spaces.
Outside Tailgating Fee is \$5 plus admission
Inside Vendor / Tailgating Fee is \$10 per
table/space, plus admission
Each 10' x 10' space Includes 1 table
Quantity Discounts Available For Inside Only

Hamfest Hours / Rules

Gates open to the public at 8am Saturday
Admission \$5 per person (under 12 FREE)
Breakfast and Lunch Items will be for sale in
the main hamfest building, concessions area.
Tickets must be in the barrel no later than
12 noon to be eligible for the
\$200 GRAND PRIZE

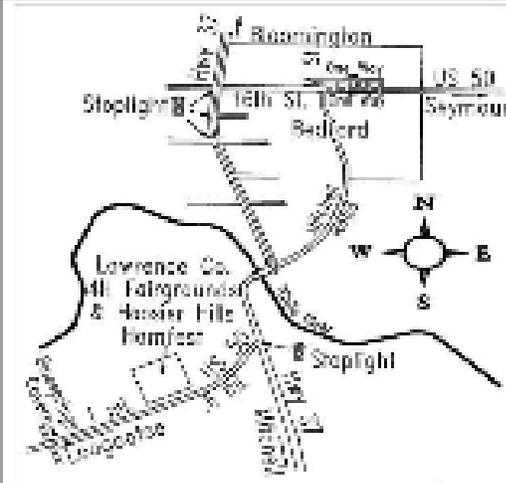
ARRL VE Testing - Registration 9:30 - 10 am Test At 10 am Next To The Main Building

**TALK IN - 146.73 MHz (-) PL 107.2
W9QYQ Repeater**

Please Sign Up For Our Hamfest E-newsletter &
Find The Latest Hamfest Information On Our
Website: <http://www.w9qyq.org/hamfest>

Hamfest Chair: Nathan Lowery, KB9GMU
Email: kb9gmu@gmail.com

Contact Person: W.W. Warren - KB9TMP
For Information, Text or Call: 812.675.2450
Or Email: hamfest@w9qyq.org



**Hamfest Location 11265 U.S. Highway 50 West Mitchell Indiana 47446 - Please See Above Map
For the very latest Hamfest News Please Visit: <http://www.w9qyq.org/hamfest>**

The W8DXCC meeting and the Cincinnati (Milford) Hamfest

That was to be held on Saturday August 29, 2020. Has been canceled for 2020.