

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEARS

ARRL - Indiana Section



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Newsletter

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Remembering friends that we'll miss....



William W. Kemp, N3KKF Osgood, IN
Thomas Auvinen, N3EEF, Indianapolis, IN
Pedro Castillo, WB9RVN, Lafayette
Dwight Dawson, K9SYK, Avon, IN

Request for a Silent key notice to be placed in the newsletter, please forward a copy of the obituary notice directly to Jimmy Merry, at jmerry@arrl.org. For Silent Key notice inclusion in QST, please follow the instructions at:

<http://www.arrl.org/silent-key-submission-guidelines>

Greetings from the Section Manager's desk...

Greetings,

Beginning in January, my plan is to get out more, to visit more clubs across the state as my schedule will be lightening up a little. May the upcoming Christmas and holiday season bring blessings to your family and loved ones. Be safe in your travels.

Indiana Hams are urged to participate in the statewide ARES net. The weekly Indiana Section ARES HF Net which meets on or about 3900 KHz each Sunday at 2200z. Indiana ARES members are urged to start participating in this net, especially those in leadership roles across Indiana. Regular check-ins are encouraged to consider becoming a net control station on this net.

73's

Jimmy Merry, Jr. - KC9RPX, Indiana ARRL Section Manager

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Meet the Indiana ARRL State Section staff:

Jimmy Merry, KC9RPX, Section Manager
Jimmy Merry, Affiliated Club Coordinator
Brian Jenks, W9BGJ, Asst. Section Manager
Brian Jenks, Section Traffic Manager
Thomas Busch, WB8WOR, Technical Coordinator
Larry Jones, WB9FHP, Section Emergency Coord.
Barry Palencer, KC9WMS, Public Information Coord.
Steven Jones, W9SMJ, State Government Liaison
Andrew Murrey, N9AWM, Section Youth Coord.

Indiana ARRL Field Organization Updates

Appointments, Resignations & Cancellations:

New Appointments:

Resignations and Cancellations:

Rusty Kirts, Johnson Co. PIO
Tony Stokes District 5 DEC and Official Observer
(12/31/18)

The Indiana Section of the ARRL appreciates the time and effort every volunteer gives in serving the Indiana Section and promoting amateur radio. Many people talk about what should be done, but it takes committed volunteers to get the job done. Thanks to all volunteers.

Upcoming Volunteer Event Opportunity

Winter Ultra Marathon Requires Large Ham Radio Corps

An unusual, winter public service event requires a large contingent of volunteer ham radio operators Dec. 29. The Hoosier Ultra-Fast

Fifty (HUFF) is a 50-kilometer (31-mile) ultra-marathon through the rolling, wooded trails of Chain O' Lakes State Park near Albion. Hundreds of people participate — as many as 960, according to race director Mitch Harper — no matter how cold, snowy, or wet the course is. Mobile phone coverage in the park is spotty at best, so HUFF organizers rely on ham radio to help keep runners safe. At the time this article was written, dozens of ham radio shifts remained unfilled.

Covering the entire event requires ARES to fill **95 individual two-hour shifts**. Although many operators volunteer for more than one two-hour shift, filling that schedule still requires a large staff of operators. ARES must rely on operators from outside the immediate area.

Why would a ham want to spend two or more hours outdoors in sometimes harsh winter weather? Communication emergencies can happen in the dead of winter. Earthquakes, for example, don't care about seasons. The HUFF provides an excellent and unusual opportunity for operators to test their preparedness for cold-weather service. It's also great for public relations, as the event exposes hundreds of people to ham radio and its capabilities. Plus, many hams enjoy the camaraderie with other race volunteers and with runners and a famous hot soup buffet offered for free to all.

"Runners competing in ultradistances during what often extreme winter weather conditions are have true friends in the skills and service of the ham radio operators at the HUFF 50K Trail Run," said Harper. "They are the eyes and ears of safety for every participant and volunteer. No greater ambassadors exist for all ham operators than these great folks."

If you can drive to Chain O' Lakes State Park in less than a couple hours, please consider volunteering, to help assure that ham radio operations are fully staffed and that HUFF runners remain safe.

Contact district emergency coordinator Jim Moehring, KB9WWM at kb9wwm@arrl.net

Section Traffic Managers Report

Brian Jenks, W9BGJ

Hello everyone and welcome to the last month of 2018! Hard to believe as I am writing this Christmas is almost upon us with a new year soon to follow! Was great to see so many of you at the Fort Wayne Hamfest and ARRL Central Division Convention. We were indeed fortunate to have some of the bigger names from the League in attendance this year and I am looking forward to another good Hamfest next year. With the holidays approaching the time for holiday radiograms is coming and I'm looking forward to passing a few myself. This month's numbers are outstanding as usual! You'll see the full scope in my monthly report. Finally, I wish all my friends in the Indiana Section a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from our house to yours! 73 all until 2019.....

BRIAN G JENKS W9BGJ

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INDIANA STM REPORTS		November 2018			
HF NETS					
NET NAME	SOURCE	QNI	QTC	QTR	SESSIONS
INDIANA SECTION ARES	KC9TYA	38	0	101	5
IDTN	K9JAJ	183	68	576	22
ITN	N1LL	1470	148	1380	60
QIN	K0TQ	71	30	245	30
TOTALS		1746	1746	246	2252
NETS REPORTING		4			

INDIANA STM REPORT NOVEMBER 2018						
ORS AND SAR STATION REPORTS						
STATION	TYPE	ORGINATED	RECEIVED	SENT	DELIVERED	TOTALS
W9BGJ	ORS	4	210	210	3	427
KA9QWC	ORS	0	16	32	8	56
AB9ZA	ORS	1	78	80	4	163
K9DUR	SAR	0	5	5	4	14
W9MGB	ORS	9	9	25	23	66
K0TQ	SAR	54	88	119	41	264
N1LL	ORS	15	193	158	12	378
W9PC	ORS	0	4	7	0	11
W9EEU	ORS	0	3	9	2	14
NA9L	ORS	3	1	3	2	9
TOTALS		86	607	648	99	1402
STATIONS REPORTING		10				

INDIANA STM REPORT NOVEMBER 2018							
PUBLIC SERVICE HONOR ROLL							
STATION	SESSIONS	MESSAGES	APPTS	PUB SVC	EMG RES	DIGITAL	TOTAL
W9BGJ	8	40	40	0	0	10	98
KA9QWC	40	40	30	0	0	10	120
K9DUR	40	14	30	0	0	20	104
AB9ZA	34	40	20	0	0	0	94

N1LL	40	40	30	10	0	20	140
W9EEU	14	40	30	0	0	20	104
TOTALS	172	214	180	10	0	80	660
STATIONS REPORTING	7						

INDIANA STM REPORT NOVEMBER 2018						
VHF/UHF NETS						
NET NAME	SOURCE	QNI	QTC	QTR	SESSIONS	
BARTHOLOMEW CO ARES	K9JAJ	28	0	60	4	
CASS CO ARC	KA9YBN	24	0	45	4	
CLAY CO ARES	W9EEU	51	0	80	8	
CROSSROADS DMR	KC9QZE	84	0	126	4	
D STAR NET	KC9QZE	52	0	120	4	
HOOSIER HILLS ARC	WD9EFW	32	0	22	4	
HUNTINGTON CO NET	K9BME	60	0	161	5	
IMO NET	AB9PC	215	0	221	30	
JEFFERSON CO	N9XVB	10	0	15	2	
KOSCIUSKO CO EMG NET	KC9AYT	70	0	78	4	
KOSCIUSKO CO ARES	KC9NWM	48	2	67	8	
MID STATE ARC	K9DY	183	0	192	4	
MONROE CO ARES	K9TEM	88	0	79	5	
MORGAN CO ARES	N9JPX	51	0	61	4	
NE INDIANA PACKET NET	KA9QWC	38	4	210	4	
NOBLE CO ARES	N9EXM	22	0	64	4	
OWEN CO ARES	K9EOH	23	0	46	4	
SCOTT CO ARES/RACES	WR9G	59	4	110	4	
SOUTH CENTRAL AREA	KA9OPL	41	0	111	4	
TARS EVANSVILLE	KE9YK	78	4	183	5	
WCARC SUN NET	KA9QWC	27	4	59	4	
WHITLEY CO ARES	W9NNH	31	1	92	4	
21 REPEATER GROUP	KA9QWC	31	4	92	4	
		1346	23	2294	127	
NETS REPORTING	22					

November Officials Observers report

November 2018 Indiana OO Reports

	HF	HF/VHF	ADMIN	Total Hrs	Good Op
AB9LF	0	0	0.5	0.5	0
AB9SR	11	14	0.5	25.5	0
W9JDW	10	0	0.5	10.5	0
KC9RPX	2	20	0.5	22.5	0
Total	23	34	2	59	0

Technical Specialist Coordinator

Tom Busch, WB8WOR

Tony Tolbert W9AMT

For me, November was very busy. I attended the Fort Wayne Hamfest both days and had a great time at the Hoosier DMR Information Booth, programming radios and talking about DMR and other digital modes. The Indianapolis Radio Club approached me to give a talk on about digital modes on the 9th, but that had to be rescheduled due to a conflicting event. I'm hoping to get back in for them after the first of the year. I spent some time helping a friend study for her ham ticket, and hopefully soon, she'll be confident enough to test. I spent a little more time working on my VHF multimode project that's going to replace my 145.410 Indy repeater. To close out the month, I went up and helped Steve W9SMJ get his 900 repeater in Kokomo on the air and sweep some antenna lines. All in all, a good month for the hobby.

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving and here's to a safe and joyous Christmas from the Tolbert Household!

Tom Busch WB8WOR

I have been working on some parts for the Fritzting application. I found I was disappointed with the way the breadboard views looked, so I decided to make some new ones.

I missed the Fort Wayne Hamfest this year; my family had scheduled an event out of town.

Roger McEntarfer N9QCL

The month of November I made more headway getting the lightning strike damage repaired. Got the wooden shelving unit completed, radios mounted, and all the wiring and coaxes cut to length and all hooked up. Also got the two new radios programmed. Still need to get the packet wired up to the Kenwood TM-281 as I found Kenwood decided to remove the speaker output wire on the microphone jack as they went from the TM-261 (old packet radio) to TM-271 to now the TM-281. Also need to program my scanner and get the ALC set from the new Ameritron AL-1500 to the TS-480. May need to check and make sure the Software in the Palstar HF-Auto is current. For the most part, I am back up and running except packet and the digital modes on the home station.

This month I also helped with the Fort Wayne Hamfest with getting the inside traffic into their tables on Friday evening and helped with the test session Saturday morning. Was good to see many hams that I had not seen since last year. Not many purchases other than more connectors and small items to complete the home ham shack repair project.

The next Whitley County Amateur Radio Club (WCARC) General Meeting will be held on Thursday December 13, 2018 starting at 6:00 PM. This will be our annual dinner meeting and will be held at crossroads Restaurant located at the corner of SR 9 and SR14. There will be no program, but we will be presenting the 2018 WCARC Ham of The Year award.

The next W5YI Test session will be held on Saturday January 26, 2019 from 9:00 to 11:00 AM, in Community Room A & B of the Peabody Library 1160 E. State Rd. 205 - Columbia City, Indiana.

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](#)

Dan Caesar NI9Y

They say the best antenna is made during cold snowy weather. Well I did just that and homebrewed an 80-meter 3/4 wave end-fed antenna. I've been getting many 599 reports from all over the mid-west and Florida and Western Canada. Needless to say, I'm very satisfied with the antenna. I can switch between a regular dipole and the end-fed and sometimes there is no difference in signal strength other times the difference is amazing. I use Reverse Beacon to map out where my signal is the best or worse. Works out great using Reverse Beacon.

The annual Michiana Amateur Radio Club of South Bend is set for Saturday December 8th. Prizes and good food are on the agenda. Usually we have about 40 to 45 OM's and XYL's attend. Everyone gets at least one door prize besides the grand prize and runner up prize. Three years ago, I won the first prize of a FT-8900.

I was notified that WA9WJB's 160-meter shortened homebrew vertical bent over during the snow and ice storm last week. Fortunately, the vertical straightened out after the ice melted. I had no damage here from all the winds and ice.

Calling all QRP'er

The Mishawaka/South Bend, IND. Adventure Radio Group Winter Outing, "The Colorado Snowshoe Run".

This Sunday afternoon December 9, 2018

This winter outing is for those with strong constitutions! We are hoping for lots of snow and well below zero temperatures! The event take place no matter what the weather throws at us.

Time: 4:00 to 6:00 pm Indiana/New York time

Some of us will arrive early to set up. EVERYONE is welcome.

Location: Pinhook Park / Pinhook Lagoon

2801 Riverside Dr, South Bend, IN 46616

There are two QRP contests taking place currently:

- 1) The Colorado QRP Club and the Snowshoe Run (This is a 20-meter CW only event)
- 2) QRP ARCI Holiday Spirits Sprint (All. Bands, CW only)

Here are the URL for each contest

<http://www.coloradoqrpclub.org/contests/snow.htm>

<http://www.qrparci.org/contests/142-holiday-homebrew-sprint>

Snowshoe Run Exchange: RST and state

Holiday Spirits Exchange: RST, state, and power

ANYONE making even a single contact will be featured in our radio club at the January meeting for braving the elements you will deserve the recognition.

I will be operating from my mobile to keep warm. I'll be using my KX3 and a 50 year old Cubic all-band center loaded whip.

For any information you can contact me at ni9y@arrl.net

Wayne Michael

AC9HP

During November we held a General class and tested the class participants having 3 new Generals.

During our General class Paul Cowger W9PDC also held a satellite class showing people how to find satellites and track them through the sky.

Near the end of the month I started working closely with Packet radio again. I was able to install BPQ on my VM ubuntu machine. This allows for saving energy as the VM runs along side other machines that have different tasks.

Some of the powerful things that a bpq station can do include setting up multiple applications. One application is a Win link gateway. To do this you have to get authorized to connect to the gateways. I now have a Win link gateway running on AC9HP-10.

I have many friends who are new to amateur radio and who do not have packet gear. They expressed interest in packet but are lacking the gear. The nice thing about BPQ is that it offers a Telnet server. I setup a few users on Telnet and gave them access to my radio via the internet. They are assigned a call of their own and can bounce around RF.

Another great cool feature is that you can add Telnet apps. So, I installed synchro net BBS software (dial up BBS software) and you can access the SBBS with telnet from RF or from the internet.

You can also access BPQ via the world wide web How cool is that?

So how is this all done? I must punch a hole in my firewall for the Telnet ports and the HTTP ports.

But wait we have more...

What if I could connect to a BPQ node overseas via the internet and then remote control a radio in another country and connect to stations over RF? OHHH YAY THAT WOULD BE COOL! You can! BPQ allows you to link over TCP/IP using UDP protocols and I again had to punch a few holes in my firewall for this to work. The station I am mapping too must also map to my station and this take cooperation. Once this network is in place, I can connect to stations like they are on RF but over TCP/IP over the internet.

I can also link the BPQ chatroom to and talk to other amateur's real time around the world or right next door.

Is your GEEK on? Or did I lose you? If I lost, you I understand this stuff is not for anyone but if you're interested reach out to your local clubs you may have this same technology already running around you and not even know it. I found out that every Sunday at 9 pm a

PacketNet takes place. Some people over the internet some people over packet. This stuff is alive and has value beyond just auxiliary communications.

We all know that no one uses telnet anymore. Its old and unsecure. So, I have changed from Telnet to SSH to connect to my remote packet station. Users can log into my via a secure port and my Dynamic IP and connect I am willing to any ham interested in connecting but you need to install an SSH client such as Putty that is free or mobaXterm which has a free version, but the paid version is well worth the money (it uses putty among other things). If this interest you please email me at ac9hp@arrl.net. I will need to confirm you are who you say you are unless I already know you. This is only for Amateurs!

So, what should I expect next month?

I plan to organize some classes on packet and how to use it.

I need to get the schedule out for 2019 testing dates

Winter field day is coming! Are you ready?

Are you prepared to live with energy in winter? Time to prep and restock food, water and things to stay warm with. Have a wonderful Christmas holiday or whatever this holiday season is to you and hope to catch you on the air!

Pete Ostapchuk N9SFX

I got some QSTs from KB8ZU to pass along to a fellow that works for a customer of mine. He wants to become more comfortable in the high-tech world, so I told him to get his ham ticket. It couldn't hurt.

I took a Techtronic's 2465 oscilloscope to the club meeting to sell at the mini ham fest. It looks like someone is going to be the proud

owner after the next meeting. Just the thing for someone needing a TDR.

Mike Voyles WA9FGT

I finally got all my antennas put up on the new tower, but strong winds brought down my g5rv. Hope to repair it soon, weather permitting.

No activity to report

Lou Kruizinga N7BBW

Ron Cooper WB9DKL



INARRL Affiliated Club Report

Jimmy Merry, INARRL ACC

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Greetings,

ANNUAL REPORTS: CLUBS THAT HAVE NOT RECENTLY REVIEWED THEIR ANNUAL REPORTS NEEDS TO REVIEW THE REPORT ON THE ARRL WEBSITE IMMEDIATELY, THERE ARE A FEW CLUBS THAT HAVE MADE RECENT UPDATES, THANKS!!! BUT THERE A FEW CLUBS THAT ARE APPROACHING 1 YEAR SINCE THE LAST UPDATE. AS 2018 IS ALMOST OVER WITH, THIS IS THE PERFECT TIME TO MAKE SURE THE REPORT IS

CURRENT. IF YOU NEED HELP PLEASE LET ME KNOW, I WILL BE GLAD TO ASSIST YOU!!!

Bloomington HS South

Our students are being recognized for their operating abilities. While we are still waiting on the official results, the preliminary results show that the team took 1st place in the high school division of the most recent School Club Roundup as well as overall. They have received a special invitation from the Monroe County Community School Corporation to be recognized at their next school board meeting. "Celebration of Success" is a regular part of each board meeting, where the school corporation employees, students, and volunteers who make a difference in schools and the community are recognized. The ceremony will take place on December 18. An article in the local newspaper will also be appearing soon, and the group was featured on the December 1 edition of Amateur Radio Newsline.

The next School Club Roundup will be February 11-15. Projects between now and then include some antenna upgrades, satellite contacts, DXing, and QSLing.

Neil Rapp, WB9VPG

Sponsor, Bloomington High School South ARC

Indianapolis ARC

Have you guys heard the news? We posted this on the ARRL Field Day 2018 Facebook page.

We're celebrating the news that we cracked the Top 3 in Field Day for the first time ever!

The December issue of QST lists our Indianapolis Radio Club coalition as the 3rd Place finisher in Class 3A, a milestone achievement. As far as I can determine, this is the best Field Day performance in the 104-year-old history of the club, topping the 6th Place we achieved in 2017.

Also, although Field Day 2018 results aren't yet included in the ARRL's searchable contest database, it appears that we also placed No. 1 in the ARRL Central Division (Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin -- i.e., 9-land) for all Field Day classes.

A pair of perennial heavy hitters took 1st and 2nd Place in Class 3A -- the North Fulton (Ga.) Radio League with 14,562 points, and the Rochester (N.Y.) DX Association with 12,980. Our score was 11,876, with 3,695 Q's. Next came the Prairie Dog ARC of South Dakota (10,664) and the North Shore Radio Association of Massachusetts (10,518). So, there was a bit of distance above and below us.

No doubt our new high-elevation Field Day site (near Centerton in Morgan County) played a role in our showing. A hat tip to Victor Conservation Club for providing such great accommodations near a hilltop that stands 200 feet above the nearest major highway.

Thanks, and congratulations to everyone who played a part, large or small, in our monumental Field Day 2018 effort. For the record, we used N9NS for our regular stations and W9RCA for our GOTA station. The six clubs in our coalition were the Indianapolis Radio Club, RCA ARC, Hoosier DX and Contest Club, W9IMS, Indy Midtown ARC and Marion County ARES.

Field Day 2019 falls on the weekend of June 22-23 -- and yes, we've already made reservations at Victor! Listen for us next year and we'll gladly put you in the log!

Submitted by:

Brian D. Smith, W9IND
Field Day Coordinator,
Indianapolis Radio Club coalition (a/k/a "Indy United")

P.S. To see photos of our Field Day 2018, follow this link:
<https://www.facebook.com/w9jpflday/>

Official Observers Report

The Official Observer program will soon be retired. Current OO's are encouraged to continue to report as normal until the new volunteer monitoring program is in place.



Section Emergency Report

EC's and DEC's must complete the registration process for ARES Connect immediately. If you did not get an email with the link to register, please send an email or phone me immediately so I can

share the sign-up process with you. This is required of all SEC, EC's, DEC'S and OES's.

There is an admin approval process that I must complete before your profile in ARES Connect will be ready for use. I urge everyone to complete their registration as soon as possible. Please send your correct email to me asap if, you have not been receiving my message kc9rpx@arrl.net. All section staff members, EC's, DEC'S, and OES's must get set up immediately.

INDIANA ARES BY THE NUMBERS

Total ARES Members: 542

Number of reporting ARES EC's: 22 EC

Number of reporting OES's:

Number of Reporting DEC's: 4

Number of ARES nets: 94

Number of nets with liaison: 40

Number of exercises and training sessions: 61

Person Hours: 345

Public service events: 3

Person hours: 47

Emergency Ops: 0

Person Hours: 0

Skywarn nets: 0

Person hours: 0

Note to all EC's, DEC's, and OES's: Monthly reports will be closely monitored. Required monthly reports must be done each month whether ARES service is provided or not. Due 8th day of month.

Submitted by Jimmy Merry IN Section Manager

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

Current District Emergency Coordinator openings: District 1, District 5, District 9 and District 10.

If you're a current EC in one of these districts, please consider the position.

Current Emergency Coordinator openings in the following counties: Adams, Benton, Blackford, Carroll, Crawford, Dubois, Elkhart, Fayette, Floyd, Fountain, Franklin, Fulton, Gibson, Greene, Henry, Huntington, Jefferson, Knox, LaGrange, Lake, Lawrence, Martin, Madison, Ohio, Perry, Pike, Porter, Posey, Pulaski, Rush, St Joseph, Shelby, Sullivan, Switzerland, Union, Wabash, Warren, Washington, White.

If you're a member of ARES in any of these counties, completed the required training and interested in becoming **an emergency coordinator and or an ARRL volunteer, please contact me at jmerry@arrl.org**

Reporting DEC's

W9RA, N1LL, KB9WWM, KC9RVL

Reporting EC's

KB9DJA, N9JPX, KC9ELU, N9GKE, KB9RZK, W9DRB, W9VKD, K9JAJ, N9JIN, K9TEM, KB9ML, KB9WWM, K9EJS, W1MKZ, AB9ZA, WD9GIU, WR9G, W9EEU, W9DBA, KB9N, KC9TYA, KC8OBH, K4BXX

Reporting OES'S

NA9L, KC9TYA, KA9QWC, N1LL, W9EW, W9LW

District Emergency Coordinator Reports

Dis 3 – Jim Moehring KB8WWM - We are still recruiting volunteers to support the Huff 50K run being held at Chain O'Lakes State Park on Saturday, December 28, 2018. This is a fun event and Ham operators use our hobby to provide safety to the participants. The run begins at 0800 and concludes around 1800 hrs, we have divided the support into 2 hour shifts throughout the day. If you would like to volunteer or would like more information, email me at KB9WWM@arrl.net and I will send the info including the current worker-list your way. Thanks for considering volunteering for this event. The participants appreciate the support!

Dis 6 Marv Gilliland KC9RVL - Participated in ARES Connect training; Attended ARES seminar at Ft Wayne Hamfest; attended Muncie Area ARC and EmComm ECI monthly Club meetings in Delaware County

Emergency Coordinator Reports

Ron Burke, W9DJA, Hendricks Co. - The Hendricks County Amateur Radio Emergency Service Leadership wishes you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Peter Crasher, W9DRB, Spencer Co. - 4 nets analog, and 4 digital nets.

Justin Johnson, N9JIN, Howard Co. - Several of our ARES members participated in a fox hunt on November 18th with the Kokomo Amateur Radio Club. Oddly enough, the transmitter eluded everyone this time; no one was able to find it. It was a great opportunity to get

our gear out in the field and identify opportunities to improve our direction-finding skills.

Tom Myers, K9TEM, Monroe Co. - In November, Monroe County ARES members participated in the monthly county warning siren test, and four weekly ARES Monday Night nets. Several of our members attended the Bloomington Amateur Radio Club meeting on Friday, November 2.

James "Mike" Laboyteaux, KB9ML, Wayne Co. - This month things picked up in the county with one community event and a dry run for that event. Centerville had its annual Turkey Trot Run and we were asked to do road security and communications for the event. We had a good turn-out of members for both the practice run and the event. I am pleased to say everything went off without a hitch. The group continues to support the Richmond fire department to set up a mesh network. Our next step is getting a dish on Reid Hospital and getting it integrated with their system. Next month we have a big event planned. Our meeting is held every second Thursday of the month (except for December) at the Wayne county Annex building next to the courthouse. The meeting starts at 6 PM. All are welcome. Jim Moehring, KB9WWM, Allen Co. - The Allen County Team is preparing to support to Huff 50K run at Chain O'Lakes State Park on Saturday, December 29, 2018. We are still looking for volunteers for the event. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Jim at KB9WWM@arrl.net

I was happy to see many of you at the Fort Wayne Hamfest and at the ARES Forum held on Saturday.

Edward Scott, K9EJS, Whitley Co. - Quiet month for Whitley County. We almost had a public service call to assist in tracking down something causing interference to local public safety network but was disregarded as things started to get organized due to them finding it. I participated in the ARES CONNECT Webinar for EC, DEC, SEC's. Was able to learn a few new things and getting more ready for the use of the platform. We have an upcoming marathon that we plan on assisting our neighboring county with.

Chad Wilson, W1MKZ, Newton Co. - In November we deployed 4 individuals to our two nursing homes in Newton County to participate in the District 1 SET which simulated a blizzard. We got our grab-and-go radios, coat-hanger antennas, and connected to the N9IAA repeater who ran Net Control for the exercise.

Also, in November we added 2 more to our ARES ranks: KA9E and N9TDS. Starting in January I will begin sharing ARES with ARANCI at their club meeting and will also be mailing out information to people who frequent our repeaters.

Bill McAlpin, AB9ZA, Miami Co. - Also, in November we added 2 more to our ARES ranks: KA9E and N9TDS. Starting in January I will begin sharing ARES with ARANCI at their club meeting and will also be mailing- out information to people who frequent our repeaters.

Gary Adams, W9EEU, Clay Co. - Quiet month in Clay County.

Steve Jewell, WR9G, Scott Co. - The Scott County EMA Group will hold a VE session Saturday, December 8th at 11:00 AM. Sessions are held normally on the 2nd Saturday of every even numbered

month. Walk-ins are welcome. The testing location is at the Bacala Center, 69 E Wardell St, SE Corner of Courthouse Square, Scottsburg IN 47170-1831. For more info email steve@wr9g.net.

Scott Nelson, W9DBA, Brown Co. - During November there were 4 scheduled ARES nets conducted on 147.300 + PL 136.5 with 38 check ins lasting for 62 minutes. A quite month in beautiful Brown County with No SKYWARN events in November.

Dan McDonald, KV9N, Cass Co. - All activity from regular local net.

MD Metz III, KC8OBH, Starke Co. - Attended emergency drill during the summer. Working on getting a red cross unit in Starke county.

Jeff Davis, K4BXX, Henry Co. - We discussed the new changes to the ARES program, and answered questions, at the November HCARC meeting.

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D. Vernon Auster Miller, NA9L, Morgan Co - Handled 11 messages checked into the ITN checked into the Morgan, Hendricks county AREA nets.

Mark Thienes, KC9TYA, Vanderburg Co. - Seems like things have started to slow down a little...not much to report this month. Hope everyone had a nice Thanksgiving. I am not sure if winter is here or if summer is returning. It's hard to tell with the temperature changes. Hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas Holiday.

Looking forward to learning about ARES Connect in the coming new year.

DONALD L. EVILSIZOR, KA9QWC - Worked at the Fort Wayne HAMVENTION November 16th & 17th letting vendors into the coliseum. Another busy VHF packet month on sending/receiving NTS radiograms direct or via RMS options. The North East Indiana Packet Net (NEIPN) Sunday evenings at 9PM local time continue to bring more technical details on various programs. This net is conducted on 145.530 and open on CHAT mode for assistance to those needing help with Packet Radio. All packet stations are welcome to join from anywhere. If you have BPQ running or need to connect to a station operating -11, that is for example KA9LCF-11 in my situation. There are stations checking in from other states with Packet Radio interests.

Jay Farlow, W9LW, Allen Co. - I attended the Indiana Storm Chaser's Convention to increase my knowledge of severe weather and enhance my ability to serve as a SKYWARN storm spotter. I also began organizing, with EC KB9WWM's help, SKYWARN storm spotter training to occur at the February 2019 meeting of the Allen County ARES team, because NWS does not plan to offer spotter training in Allen County this spring.

Public Information Outreach
Barry Palencer, KC9WMS
Public Information Coordinator

As we move into the winter months, most of the amateur radio activities also moves indoors, and are less visible to the public. We should not take that to mean they are any less important. What are you, your friends, or even your clubs doing to promote amateur

radio? What are you doing to attract the youth of today? They are the future of this great and exciting hobby.

If you are a club or group PIO, and are not already an Indiana Section PIO, please consider becoming one. We are always looking for interested individuals, who have a passion for spreading the word about amateur radio, and what we can do for our communities. If you would like to join as a PIO please reach out to myself at kc9wms@arrl.net or to Jimmy Merry at inarrl.sm.kc9rpx@gmail.com

Thanks for all you do for Amateur Radio,
73,

Barry Palencer, KC9WMS

ARRL – Indiana Section – Public Information Coordinator

In November, I attended the Indiana Storm Chaser's Convention in Plainfield to broaden my knowledge of severe weather. While there, I shared information with fellow attendees about ham radio and its advantages for storm spotters. The event offers space for organizations to set up information tables. I recommend that Indiana ARRL consider setting up a table at next year's convention, to distribute ham radio information.

During the month, I also helped to organize storm spotter training at the February 2019 meeting of the Allen County ARES team, because NWS does not plan to offer training in Allen County this spring. We will invite members of the general public to attend the meeting. I communicated with local broadcast meteorologists, leaders of our local EMA and the leader of our local 911 dispatch center to invite them to speak.

Please let me know if you receive this message.

73,

Jay Farlow, W9LW

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Hamilton County PIO Joe March, KJ9M

While it was a quiet month for media coverage of amateur radio in Hamilton County, it was a home run in public/community relations as members of the Central Indiana Amateur Radio Association and Hamilton County Amateur Radio Emergency Services delivered Thanksgiving food packages to the needy across the county.

Net control station Steve Kremer, KF9ZA used his handheld radio from the corner of the dispatch staging garage to mobile stations Shane Booker, KC9GAD, EMA Executive Director; Paul Beihold, KA9SDQ; Steve Skinner, AC9AM; and Joe March, KJ9M. Special thanks to Eric Eilers who assembled the lists of delivery information.



RACES member Steve Kremer, KF9ZA served as net control during the Good Samaritan Thanksgiving food deliveries on Nov. 17. (KJ9M photo).

The team used Building A at the 4-H Fairgrounds as netcontrol and pick-up point for boxes containing turkey, ham and all the trimmings. The second event– delivery of Christmas food packages – is slated for Saturday, Dec. 8 and many more packages are being readied for dispersion across the county. Any and all hams interested in participating in this worthwhile endeavor are welcome. The deliveries will start at 0800 and will continue until all have been delivered. Talk in and operations will be on the 145.17/443.55 (77 Hz.) repeaters.

The Nov. 3 meeting of RACES featured training by Emergency Management Executive Director Shane Booker, KC9GAD on the new capabilities of the Emergency Operations Center and increased capabilities of RACES. The next meetings of CIARA and RACES will be held after the holidays on January 5.

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 any meeting or contact each group's representative(s) by email.

Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah to all.

73,

Joe March, KJ9M

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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 and Churubusco Busco Voice Several and HF Nets: Indiana Traffic Net, Interstate Side Band Net and the Michigan Buzzard Roost Net and several of the local 2M and 70 CM nets around the northern Indiana area about the Whitley County Amateur Radio Club (WCARC) General Meeting on November 8, 2018., the WCARC Board Meeting on November 15, 2018 and the Whitley County Amateur Radio Club (WCARC) Annual Dinner Meeting on December 13, 2018.

I also attended the Fort Wayne Hamfest and enjoyed the event.

The next Whitley County Amateur Radio Club (WCARC) General Meeting will be held on Thursday December 13, 2018 starting at 6:00 PM. This will be our annual dinner meeting and will be held at crossroads Restaurant located at the corner of SR 9 and SR14. There will be no program, but we will be presenting the 2018 WCARC Ham of The Year award.

The next W5YI Test session will be held on Saturday January 26, 2019 from 9:00 to 11:00 AM, in Community Room A & B of the Peabody Library 1160 E. State Rd. 205 - Columbia City, Indiana.

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

Monroe County PIO Report.

The Bloomington ARC held its annual Christmas Party.

Hendricks County Hamfest 2019



NEW LOCATION: 1900 E. Main St. Danville Indiana. (Hendricks County Fairgrounds)

MORE selections, MORE parking, Kitchen, Heated BIG indoor building.

WHEN ? February 9, 2019 TIME : 8am - 1pm

MARK YOUR CALENDARS ! You won't want to miss this event !

Check out www.hcars.org for more details of this event forthcoming !!!

