



# ARRL - Indiana Section

## February 2020 Newsletter

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

Remembering friends that we'll miss...



Thoughts and prayers for their family and loved ones

**Russell Holderness Jr – KA9MZV – Columbus, IN**

**Harold Trimnell - WA9EEI – Taylorsville, IN**

**Joyce M. Elliott - KA9NFD – Martinsville, IN**

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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](mailto: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:

Alan Scott, District 8 Emergency Coordinator

Anthony Stokes, District 5 Emergency Coordinator

Andrew Ragusa, Monroe Co Emergency Coordinator (March 1)

### Resignations and Cancellations:

Mark Carlo, Jasper Co Emergency Coordinator

Larry Jones, District 8 Emergency Coordinator

Alan Scott, District 5 Emergency Coordinator

Tom Myers, Monroe Co Emergency Coordinator (March 1)

### Find Indiana ARRL on the web:

[www.inarrrl.org](http://www.inarrrl.org) \* Facebook: ARRL – Indiana Section

### 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.arrrl.org/on-the-air-magazine>

**Brenda Plummer – Ft Wayne – KD9GDX** is feature in episode #2 at 7 minutes and 30 seconds into the segment. On the Air podcast -<https://blubrry.com/arrrlontheair/>. It's also available via [podcasts.apple.com](https://podcasts.apple.com) and – for Android users – [app.stitcher.com](https://www.stitcher.com).

The on the Air podcast is a monthly companion to On the Air magazine, ARRL's magazine for beginner-to-intermediate ham radio operators.

**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**

**Greetings from the Section Manager's desk...**

Greetings Indiana,

We're already almost done with the first two months of 2020. The hamfest season is just getting started. I attended the first hamfest of the year at Hendricks County, along with Section Emergency Coordinator Jim Moehring, KB9WWM on February 8th.

The LaPorte Cabin Fever Hamfest is this weekend February 22nd in Laporte and the Dugger Hamfest is next weekend February 29th in Dugger. Clubs that will be hosting hamfests in 2020 are urged to submit their hamfest application to ARRL, so it can be added to the hamfest calendar. Also please send a copy of the flyer to [jmerry@arrl.org](mailto:jmerry@arrl.org) so it can be placed into the ARRL - Indiana Section newsletter.

Please review the Indiana hamfest calendar at the end of the newsletter and on the ARRL website, so that scheduled hamfests not conflict with other hamfests if possible. The link to submit your club's hamfest to ARRL is: <http://www.arrl.org/hamfest-convention-application>.

The 2020 ARRL – Indiana Section State Convention will be held in Indianapolis on July 10th and 11th at the Marion Co. Fairgrounds. The ARRL – Central Division Convention will be held on November 14th and 15th at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum in Fort Wayne.

Please review the links for upcoming list of 2020 National Weather Service Skywarn Spotter training course list in this month's newsletter.

73,  
Jimmy Merry Jr. - KC9RPX  
Indiana Section Manager

## Giving Respect & Thanks to our Elmer's

Giving thanks and remembering our Elmer (s) is very 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 very 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 National Weather Service SKYWARN Storm Spotter training classes :**

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**Indianapolis office - <https://www.weather.gov/ind/spotter#train>**

**Northern Indiana Office - [https://www.weather.gov/iwx/Spotter\\_Event\\_List](https://www.weather.gov/iwx/Spotter_Event_List)**

**Paducah Ky Office (SW Indiana) - <https://www.weather.gov/pah/spottertraining>**

Louisville, Ky Office (Louisville Area) - <https://www.weather.gov/lmk/skywarn>

Wilmington OH Office (SE Indiana) -  
<https://www.weather.gov/iln/spottertrainingschedule>

Chicago, Il Office (NW Indiana) - [https://www.weather.gov/lot/spotter\\_talk](https://www.weather.gov/lot/spotter_talk)



## Section Emergency Coordinator Report

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Thank you for all the reports received from the ECs this month. We received reports from some of the ECs that I had not heard from for a while.

I am happy to announce that an ARES Connect Working Group has been established to create documentation for task related activities in ARES Connect. I am a member of this working group. Our goal is to provide step-by-step instructions for the things that are needed to be completed in the system. Watch for more information as we complete this documentation for both members and ECs.

In addition to the work on ARES connect, many of you are in the process of completing the education requirements for Level 2 ARES membership. Please continue to do so.

Remember that Level 2 requirements are the FEMA Independent Study Course IS100, IS200, IS700, and IS800 and the ARRL EC-001 course. With the cold weather it's a great time to increase your level of professionalism in EMCOMM by completing these courses. I have heard from many veteran volunteers that they have learned new things while completing these courses.

Thanks for all you do to serve your communities with this great hobby!

**Jim Moehring, KB9WWM**

Section Emergency Coordinator  
Amateur Radio Emergency Service  
Indiana Section

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

**Current Open District Emergency Coordinator Positions:** District 1, District 4, District 7, District 9 and District 10.

If you are a current EC in one of these districts, or have 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](mailto:KB9WWM@arrl.net) to express your interest.**

**[Reporting DEC's \(3/5\)](#)**

**KB9WWM (District 3), N9UN (District 5), KC9RVL (District 6)**

**[Reporting EC's \(34 of 50\)](#)**

**KB9WWM, K9JAJ, W9DBA, KB9OIC, W9EEU  
K9PLG, KC9ELU, KC9KMG, KC9RVL, N9GTL  
KD9GHS, N9CWW, KB9DJA, KC9EJL, KB9MGG  
N9SIU, KD9EDR, W9GNR, WD9GIU, K9TEM,  
N9ZTB, N9JPX, KB9RZK, KC9PIX, WR9G,  
W9DRB, KC9GUY, KP4CI, W9DAC, W9COD  
K9DWO, KT9B, AB9HP, K9EJS**

**[Reporting Official Emergency Stations](#)**

**KC9TYA, KA9QWC**

## **District Emergency Coordinator Reports**

### **Jim Moehring – KB9WWM – District 3**

District 3 is slowly activating ARES Connect in all counties. Still have a couple of counties to have accounts created but slowly working on implementation.

I am still trying to fill the EC vacancies in Adams, Huntington, LaGrange, Noble and Wabash Counties. If interested, please contact me at KB9WWM@ARRL.Net.

### **Anthony Stokes – N9UN – District 5**

It is good to be back as the ARES District 5 EC. I look forward to a productive 2020!

### **Marv Gilliland – KC8RVL – District 6**

Participated in 3 weekly ARES Nets conducted by EmComm ECI ARC, and their monthly meeting.

## **Emergency Coordinator Reports**

### **Jim Moehring – KB9WWM – Allen Co.**

Quiet month in Allen County. We are preparing for another busy community event season.

We have ARES Connect up and running in Allen County and are slowly getting used to the system and getting members to register for events and reporting hours. The system is working well for us.

### **Jeff Jones – K9JAJ- Bartholomew Co.**

On Jan.28, 2020 one of our most beloved members, KA9MZV, became a Silent Key. Russ was a friend and mentor to many. He will be greatly missed. A Final Call Out Net in his honor was held on Monday, Feb. 3, 2020 on the local 2-meter repeater.

### **Scott Nelson – W9DBA – Brown Co.**

During January there were 5 scheduled ARES nets conducted on 147.300 + PL 136.5 with 65 check-ins lasting for 129 minutes.

**Gary Adams – W9EEU – Clay Co.**

We participated in the Winter Field Day event. We set up at a local community center and had a three-station operation. First time in this event and we had a really good time. Poor results from one of the stations lead to a trouble shooting session and it was determined that a bad coax was the culprit. This was a good learning experience for all involved. The group is asking when the next event takes place that we could operate. Always a positive indicator when one event concludes, and folks are asking when the next one takes place.

**Marv Gilliland – KC9RVL – Delaware Co.**

Participated in 3 weekly ARES Nets conducted by EmComm ECI ARC.

I also attended monthly EmComm ECI ARC meeting. Plans are being formulated for summer Field Day.

**Clark Whitehouse – N9CWW – Harrison Co.**

During Jan. there were 4 scheduled ARES Nets, conducted on 146.820 PL 103.5, off set of negative 600 with 49 check-ins lasting 95 minutes. One meeting at the Harrison County Library with 7 member and lasted 1 hour.

Thanks 73 N9CWW/ Clark

**Ron Burke – KB9DJA – Hendricks Co.**

We have joined with both hospitals in the county to provide an amateur radio training class for their staff. Not only will this give more people an opportunity to enjoy amateur radio as a hobby but will increase our hospital hams when disaster strikes. This will be for technician class license only.

We have a "Get to know ICS Forms" training class that will teach you about the necessary forms to fill out and use during an emergency/disaster.



**Helped hosted Winter Field Day this year, had a very good turnout in participation.**

**Had a booth at the Hendricks County Hamfest alongside with our ARRL Indiana Section Manager and also reps from our ARRL Central Division, both having a booth each.**

**The HCARS club is hosting an amateur radio training class for Technician and General type class license that will be two hours every Wednesday night for six weeks with a test to follow.**

**We had to move our weekly ARES net to another repeater temporary until the problems are fixed with the old one. Many thanks to the trustees of the Morgan County Repeater Association Inc for allowing us to use their repeater until repairs can be made.**

**Robert LaGrange – KB9DJA – Johnson Co.**

**ARES/RACES members participated in Winter Field Day 2020. Band conditions were poor for 20 meters and 40 meters some contacts were made.**

**F. Gary Sherman – W9GNR – Madison Co.**

**Activity in Madison County has slowed with after Holidays and mild weather. However, Madison County EMA is in the process of rearranging the Emergency Operations Center. The Emergency Communication Center has been moved to the back of the center and after two weeks of destruction and construction, everything is back in place. Radio operators contributed their time to assist relocating ground feeds and coax in such a manner to provide constant service to the county. Now we have the clean up to finish but the operation is and has been secure.**

**Tom Myers – K9TEM – Monroe Co.**

January was relatively quiet in Monroe County as our members celebrated the new year. Several ARES members attended the monthly Bloomington Amateur Radio Club meeting on Friday, January 3d. There were four weekly ARES Monday Night nets, but no monthly county warning siren test, even though three hams were standing by.

**Michael Anglin – KC9PJX- St. Joseph Co.**

A new Hospital Control location for the local group. Websites for the both RACES and ARES groups have been created.

[www.saintjosephcountyraces.com](http://www.saintjosephcountyraces.com) and [www.sainthjosephcountyares.com](http://www.sainthjosephcountyares.com)

**Steve Jewell – WR9G – Scott Co.**

The Scott County EMA Group will hold a VE session Saturday, February 8th at 11:00 AM. Sessions are normally held 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 and is ADA accessible. For more info email: [steve@wr9g.net](mailto:steve@wr9g.net) or visit [www.wr9g.net/links](http://www.wr9g.net/links). 73, Steve WR9G

**Peter Crasher – W9DRB – Spencer Co.**

6 nets, 3 analog, 3 digital nets.

**Mark Tritch – KC9GUY – Steuben Co.**

Prepping for February digital modes exercise to test member skills.

**Robert Sambolin – KP4CL – Tippecanoe Co.**

TCARES had its meeting on Thursday January 23rd, 2020 at SAI training center. Topic for the meeting was Net, net controllers and operation. Goals for 2020 were talked about.

Suggestion was brought up for all to copy the net as if they were ANCS and check with NCS at the end of the net for a count of stations. Also, an informal 2-meter simplex net has been going on for a month. Please join

us right after the net on 146.52. When possible, we have one station go live on YouTube with a waterfall screen so that you can hear yourself, see how your audio is, and hear station that you can't copy due to distance and antenna height. This interest has gotten a few hams to build antennas or place theirs higher.

Rick Velasquez – AB9HP – Wells Co.

RACES/ARES 443.875, 145.420 both have 141.3 tones, have been replaced and in operation.

Ed Scott – K9EJS – Whitley Co.

Busy month for ARES Members. We had 5 nets this month, members assisted with the Columbia City Early Warning Siren Testing twice, hours were put in for the W5YI Test Session where with others one of our new members upgraded to General and his spouse received her Tech and joined the team! Congratulations to both and all successful testers! We also had our meeting this month where it was decided to start meeting quarterly and starting to look at a potential busy year for public assistance requests!

[Official Emergency Station Reports](#)

Mark Thienes – KC9TYA – Vanderburg Co.

As I sit here, it is 66F in Evansville and the sun is shining. A nice taste of Spring. After several discussions over the last few months and much thought, the Indiana Winlink Wednesday Net started. Winlink/RMS Express is another tool to use in case of Emergency. We had regular check-ins and even learned how to send an ICS-213 Form, using HF/VHF from your home station. On Tuesday, I send out thru Winlink a reminder and what is needed for your Winlink Wednesday Check-in. Then anytime on Wednesday, you fill out your information and send it over RF, from your station to the Net Control Station. We don't use Telnet because using Winlink over RF lets you know how your station is performing and training weekly on Winlink gets us all more comfortable with the program.

The IN. Section ARES Net is showing great numbers, and I thank each of you for taking your time out on Sundays at 2200z to check in and let us know what is happening in your area. For those of you on ARES Connect you can also sign up and receive points for joining us.

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Mark KC9TYA

Don Evilsizor – KA9QWC – Whitley Co

This report form page did not provide the option of selecting year 2020.  
(*This has been fixed, JSM*).

January marked more time for me on ARES CONNECT and received follow up

responses. Our station was revamped a bit with arrival of an ICOM-7300.

So far just got it on SSB, will try to get it working with FLDIGI when time permits or if someone else offers help. In the meantime, will run FLDIGI on the Kenwood TS480HX. I get numerous requests to relay radiograms to our STM and it is easy to with VHF packet radio.

### INDIANA ARES BY THE NUMBERS

Total ARES Members reported: 726

Number of reporting ARES EC's: 34

Number of reporting OES's: 2

Number of reporting DEC's: 3

Number of ARES Nets: 143

Number of Nets with NTS Liaison: 52

Number of exercises, and training sessions: 53

Person Hours: 1755.03

Public Service Events: 6

Person Hours: 182.5

Emergency Operations: 0

Person Hours: 0

SKYWARN Nets: 2

Person Hours: 8.5

**Jim Moehring, KB9WWM**

Section Emergency Coordinator

Amateur Radio Emergency Service

Indiana Section

## ARRL SECTION TRAFFIC MANAGER INDIANA SECTION

Hi everyone and welcome to a new year as well a new decade. Hopefully the groundhog is right, and we do have an early spring I'm starting to get the itch for storm season and skywarn not to mention warm weather. I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays and is ready for the coming Hamfest season traffic is starting to see a slight increase as we come out of the holiday rush and I am pleased to mention I was informed of a new Traffic Net that sounds pretty cool. The Indiana Winlink Net. I don't have a lot of details regarding it yet, but it seems to be straightforward as many of us have WL2K capability and are familiar with the RMS feature it offers. I myself am a pretty heavy user of it very handy for book traffic and very dependable in marginal propagation. That's about it from my corner of the section for this month everyone have a good February and stay safe....73

BRIAN G JENKS W9BGJ

ARRL ASSISTANT SECTION MANAGER INDIANA SECTION

ARRL SECTION TRAFFIC MANAGER INDIANA SECTION

ARRL OFFICIAL RELAY STATION

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### INDIANA STM REPORTS JANUARY 2020

#### HF NETS

NET NAME	SOURCE	QNI	QTC	QTR	SESSIONS
INDIANA SECTION ARES	KC9TYA	53	1	121	4
IDTN	K9JAJ	163	43	367	23
ITN	N1LL	1709	97	1210	61
QIN	K0TQ	88	34	223	31
INDIANA WINLINK	KC9TYA	19	6	10	4
TOTALS		2032	181	1931	93
NETS REPORTING	5				

**INDIANA STM REPORT JANUARY 2020**  
**PUBLIC SERVICE HONOR ROLL**

STATION	SESSIONS	MESSAGES	APPTS	PUB SVC	EMG RES	DIGITAL	TOTAL
W9BGJ	15	40	40	0	0	10	105
KA9QWC	40	40	30	0	0	10	120
K9DUR	40	4	30	0	0	20	94
AB9ZA	39	40	10	0	0	0	89
N1LL	40	40	30	0	0	20	130
W9EEU	40	2	30	0	0	20	92
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>655</b>
<b>STATIONS REPORTING</b>	<b>6</b>						

**INDIANA STM REPORT JANUARY 2020**  
**ORS AND SAR STATION REPORTS**

STATION	TYPE	ORIGINATED	RECEIVED	SENT	DELIVERED	TOTALS
W9BGJ	ORS	3	144	138	8	293
KA9QWC	ORS	0	29	39	16	84
AB9ZA	ORS	0	55	53	11	119
K9DUR	SAR	0	4	45	1	50
W9MGB	ORS	6	6	5	4	21
K0TQ	SAR	50	107	109	14	280
N1LL	ORS	9	145	98	7	259
NA9L	ORS	1	2	2	3	8
W9EEU	ORS	0	0	2	0	2
W9PC	ORS	0	0	8	0	8
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>69</b>	<b>467</b>	<b>488</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>1080</b>
<b>STATIONS REPORTING</b>		<b>9</b>				

**INDIANA STM REPORT JANUARY 2020**  
**VHF/UHF NETS**

NET NAME	SOURCE	QNI	QTC	QTR	SESSIONS
BARTHOLOMEW CO ARES	K9JAJ	51	0	117	5
CASS CO ARC	KA9YBN	39	0	79	5
CLAY COUNTY	W9EEU	62	0	60	7
CROSSROADS DMR	K9NQW	88	0	162	5
D STAR NET	K9NQW	65	0	129	4
DEKALB CO ARES	KD9KMG	66	0	75	4
HOOSIER HILLS ARC	WD9EWF	41	0	26	4
HUNTINGTON CO NET	K9BME	61	0	149	5
IMO NET	K9SKS	428	1	330	30
JEFFERSON CO	N9XVB	16	0	35	5

KOSCIUSKO CO EMG NET	KC9AYT	76	0	59	4
KOSCIUSKO CO ARES	KC9NWM	74	0	51	8
MID STATE ARC	K9DY	200	0	172	4
MONROE CO ARES	K9TEM	86	0	85	5
MORGAN CO ARES	N9JPX	96	0	114	5
NE INDIANA PACKET NET	N9WNH	43	4	240	4
SCOTT CO ARES/RACES	WR9G	55	7	83	4
SOUTH CENTRAL AREA	KA9OPL	55	0	105	4
TARS EVANSVILLE	KE9YK	67	2	66	5
TRI STATE 2 METER	W9OU	299	0	406	18
WCARC SUN NET	KA9QWC	29	4	86	4
WHITLEY CO ARES	W9NNH	52	0	136	5
21 REPEATER GROUP	KA9QWC	28	3	47	3
		2078	21	2746	148
NETS REPORTING		23			

## North East Indiana Packet Net (NEIPN)

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. Sunday at 9 PM EDT via BPQ Chat on the KA9LCF-11 BPQ Chat Node

QNI=43

QTC=4

QTR=240

Sessions=4

Reported by: Don Evilsizor KA9QWC NEIPN Net Manager

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Dan M. Dahms N9WNH

Indiana Section ARRL Packet Net Manager

### Monthly Report for D/Star and DMR

DMR

Date	Net Control	QNI	QTC	QTR	Time Began	Time Ended	Freq
01/06/20	KC9OYW	16	0	22	20:00	20:22	442.750(+)
01/13/20	KC9OYW	20	0	24	20:00	20:24	442.750(+)
01/20/20	W9DDX	16	0	22	20:00	20:22	442.750(+)
01/27/20	W9DDX	18	0	23	20:00	20:23	442.750(+)

Sessions:      4              70              91

Month of Report: 01/20

D-Star

Date	Net Control	QNI	QTC	QTR	Time Began	Time Ended	Freq
01/02/20	K9NQW	14	0	30	20:00	20:30	443.400(+)
01/09/20	K9NQW	16	0	27	20:08	20:35	443.400(+)
01/16/20	KA9OPL	18	0	28	20:00	20:28	443.400(+)
01/23/20	KA9OPL	20	0	42	20:00	20:42	443.400(+)
01/30/20	KA9OPL	20	0	35	20:00	20:35	443.400(+)
Sessions:	5	88		162			

Month of Report: 01/20

## Technical Specialist Coordinators Report

### No report for February

### INARRL Affiliated Club Coordinator Report

The ARRL - Indiana Section encourages all affiliated clubs across the state to take advantage of placing information such as event announcements, club happenings, and other items of interest in the affiliated club section of the newsletter. Just send me a paragraph or two on a regular basis to let me know happenings in your club and area.

Clubs also need to review their clubs annual report on a regular basis to make sure information is current. Several clubs have information that is over one year since it has been updated.

This information is vital and is on the ARRL website and must be kept current. Information about your club that is in the annual club report helps everyone from section staff, new amateur radio operators and those visiting the area.

Clubs that have reports that are over 2 years since the last update, will risk losing its club affiliation and will become a non-affiliated club with ARRL. But all is needed is to bring the



clubs report current again is to update the information on the club's page. I can assist with the update shall you need assistance.

I encourage all clubs across Indiana that are not currently affiliated with ARRL, to view these links on the ARRL website about becoming an ARRL affiliated club:

Application for becoming an ARRL affiliated club – <http://www.arrl.org/application-for-affiliation>  
Affiliated club benefits - <http://www.arrl.org/affiliated-club-benefits>

### **Amateur Radio Association of Newton County**

Was recognized in the local newspaper with this news article.

[http://www.newsbug.info/newton\\_county\\_enterprise/news/local/amateur-radio-the-eyes-and-ears-of-newton-county/article\\_9ce33263-f6a2-5b87-8e74-637b9f4af28c.html](http://www.newsbug.info/newton_county_enterprise/news/local/amateur-radio-the-eyes-and-ears-of-newton-county/article_9ce33263-f6a2-5b87-8e74-637b9f4af28c.html)

Jimmy Merry, Jr.

Affiliated Club Coordinator

[jmerry@arrl.org](mailto:jmerry@arrl.org)

### **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_20150806.pdf)

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

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

Ohio Valley (June 18)  
Owen Co (Oct 18)  
Kokomo ARC (Aug 18)

Bloomington ARC (Jan 19)  
Marion Co ARS (Jan 19)

Indiana clubs that have club reports that are or about to be over 2 years since last update by, Feb 29:

Hoosier Lakes (Jan 18)  
Hoosier Repeater Builders (Jan 17)

IN Masonic Home (Jan 18)  
Tri County HF (Feb 17)

White County (Feb 18)

These clubs have club reports that will go over 1 year in the next 60 days:

807 Club of Kokomo (Mar 19)  
ARC of Newton Co (Mar 19)  
Allen Co. ARTS (Mar 19)

Indiana Repeater Soc (Mar 19)  
Calumet ARC (Mar 19)  
Ft Wayne RC (Mar 19)

Elkhart ARC (Mar 19)  
Blue River Valley (Mar 19)

## PIC Report

DeKalb County PIO Jack Dold, W9OWO:

On **January 6**, three members of Northeastern Indiana Amateur Radio Association (NIARA) were featured in a press release to local media promoting a series of training classes for the Technician Class license. These classes are organized by Technical Specialist, Jeff DeLucenay, KB9QG.

On **January 20**, a follow up press release announced a VE testing session and on **February 1**, eight new Amateurs qualified to receive their license: KD9OTB, LARRY BOWEN; KD9OTC, KEVIN MALCOM; KD9OTD, CHRISTOPHER FIELDHOUSE; KD9OTE, ROGER FIELDHOUSE; KD9OTF, KRIS LITTLE; KD9OTG, JOSHUA MARTIN; KD9OTH, JUSTIN CALVERT and KD9OTI, TAYLOR MCDANIEL. Congratulations to the new "Hams!"

Members and families of NIARC celebrated the 2019 successes of the club with a catered luncheon on **January 18**. Local media was informed with a press release and photo of those in attendance.

The *DeKalb County Visitors Bureau* publishes a statewide annual Schedule of events and on **January 24**, the *NIARA/ARRL Field Day* and *Auburn "Classic City" Hamfest* were added to the list.

The term "*Classic City*" was introduced to the Auburn Hamfest event title to further "brand" the hamfest to its location which will be in the grand ***Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum*** in Auburn, Indiana- "*Home of the Classics*" on July 11.

On **January 27**, The *Auburn "Classic City" Hamfest* was added to the ARRL Hamfest Calendar. The hamfest was approved as an ARRL sanctioned event on **January 29**.

The NIARA 2020 hamfest flier was sent by email to approximately 100 clubs in the Tri-State area on **January 30**.

**73 to all!**

### **Hendricks County ARES (HCARES) PIO Don Somerville, KD9DHJ:**

#### **Completed Events**

**January 14<sup>th</sup>:** The **W9HCA Hendricks County ARES Tuesday Night Simplex Net** was held on January 14, 2020 with Mike Rollins WA9NCF hosting on the frequency of 147.570 MHz Simplex. Right after the scheduled weekly W9HCA Hendricks County ARES Net (approximately 2000 hrs.). These Nets were to test our radio's performance and capability with a Net Controller as well as Amateur's in and around Hendricks County.

**January 25<sup>th</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup>:** The **Hendricks County ARES Winter Field Day 2020** was held on Saturday January 25<sup>th</sup> and Sunday January 26<sup>th</sup> of 2020. The Winter Field Day Association (WFDA) believe that emergency communications in a winter environment is just as important as the preparation and practice that is done each summer, but with some additional unique operational concerns. This proved to be a good test in setting up outside antennas in less than ideal conditions including limited outside space. Many attended and a good time was had by all.

#### **Upcoming Events**

**February:** The scheduled weekly **W9HCA Hendricks County ARES Net**, held every Tuesday night at 1930, has temporarily moved to 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.

**February 8<sup>th</sup>:** **Hendricks County HAMFEST**, sponsored by Hendricks County Amateur Radio Society Club was held on February 8, 2020 at the Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds and Conference Center.

**February 11<sup>th</sup>:** The next **W9HCA Hendricks County ARES Tuesday Night Simplex Net** hosted by Verne Madden, N9VAM on the frequency of 147.570 MHz Simplex. This will occur right after the scheduled weekly W9HCA Hendricks County ARES Net. These Nets are to test our radio's performance.

**February 15<sup>th</sup>:** The **Hendricks County ARES** will be hosting a training class on the National Incident Management System (NIMS) Incident Command System (ICS) forms. This will include the uses of the forms, how they are used and when they are used. The training will be at the Hendricks County Senior Services Building located at 1201 Sycamore Ln. In Danville, from 1300-1500. Please RSVP to [n9vam@sbcglobal.net](mailto:n9vam@sbcglobal.net) if you plan to attend.

**February 15<sup>th</sup>:** The next **Hendricks County ARES Monthly Hospital Net** will be on February 15, starting at 1030. Jake Stellmack, K16PKV will be hosting on the 147.570 MHz Simplex Frequency. These Nets are to test the propagation and capability with a Net Controller as well as other amateur's in and around Hendricks County.

73,  
Don Somerville, KD9DHJ  
ARRL Public Information Officer  
Hendricks County  
[Don.Somerville@outlook.com](mailto: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 Whitley County Amateur Radio Club (WCARC) General Meeting on January 9, 2020, the Whitley County Amateur Radio Club (WCARC) Board Meeting on January 23, 2020, the W5YI Test session held on Saturday January 25, 2020, and the January 25, 2020, W5YI Test session results.

The Whitley County Amateur Radio Club W5YI Team held their quarterly test session on Saturday, January 25, 2020.

The W5YI Team members present were Deb Smith/N9NNU, Jim Smith/N9FGN, Cathy Evilsizor/WB8ORR, Don Evilsizor/KA9QWC, Steve Holzinger/KC9WBR, Mike Wright/KD9FJP, David Shakley/N9FGP and Roger McEntarfer / N9QCL.

Six people showed up for the January test session and five left smiling with a new license or upgrade to an existing license.

Only those signing the waiver allowing us to print their results will be listed.

New hams are as follows:

Rebecca S. Mapes - Technician Class – Churubusco, IN  
Evan Brett Mehre - Technician Class – Columbia City, IN

Upgrading Hams are as follows:

Zachary W. Mapes/KD9ODM - General Class – Churubusco, IN

The next W5YI Test session will be held on Saturday April 25, 2020 from 9:00 to 11:00 AM, In Community Room A and B of the Peabody Library 1160 E. State Rd. 205 - Columbia City, Indiana.

The next Whitley County Amateur Radio Club (WCARC) General Meeting will be held on Thursday February 13, 2020 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

The meeting will be held in Community Room A & B of the Peabody Library  
1160 E. State Rd. 205 - Columbia City, Indiana.

The be Program for the evening will be on Man's Use of Energy: Past, Present & Future presented by Michael Cornyn KG5VAR.

All WCARC General Meetings are open to the Public.

For additional information visit the Whitley County Amateur Radio Club Web Page at [www.wcarc.org](http://www.wcarc.org), or the [Whitley County Amateur Radio Club Group Facebook Page](#)

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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

## 2020 Indiana Hamfest Schedule

**February 22 – Laporte Cabin Fever Hamfest**  
**LaPorte, IN**

<http://lpcarc.org/hamfest/>

**February 29 - Dugger Hamfest – Dugger Community Building**  
**SR 54 Dugger, IN**

**March 14 – Wabash Valley ARA Hamfest**  
**Brazil, IN - Clay Co. Fairgrounds**

<http://w9uuu.org>

**April 4 - Columbus Hamfest**  
**Bartholomew County Fairgrounds,**  
**750 W CR 200S south of Columbus**

<http://www.carcnet.net/>

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

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**Dayton Hamvention**  
**Friday May 15 - Sunday May 17**  
**Greene County Fair & Expo Center, Xenia, OH**  
<http://www.hamvention.org>

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**June 20 - East Central Indiana Hamfest**  
**Randolph County Fairgrounds**

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**ARRL - Indiana Section State Convention**  
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**July 10 & 11 - Indianapolis Hamfest**  
**7300 E Troy Ave Indianapolis - Marion Co Fairgrounds**  
<http://www.indyhamfest.com/>  
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**July 11 - Auburn Classic City Hamfest**  
**Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum**  
**1600 S Wayne Street Auburn, IN**

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

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

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

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**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>

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## **ARRL - Central Division Convention**

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

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**November 28 - Wabash Valley ARA Turkey Fest**  
**Brazil – Clay Co. Fairgrounds**  
**[www.w9uuu.org](http://www.w9uuu.org)**

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

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

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(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.)



# Cabin Fever HamFest

**Saturday, February 22nd , 2020**

**7:00 am-1pm CST**

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

**General Admission \$7.00  
Talk-In 146.610 (131.8)**

**For Table Reservations**

**Contact:**

**[cabinfeverhamfest@gmail.com](mailto:cabinfeverhamfest@gmail.com)**

**Free Parking**

**Food Concessions**

**VE TESTING 9am**

**Door Prizes**

**Tables \$15.00/per  
(1st table includes 1 free  
admission)**

**Electric \$5.00 extra  
(per Vendor / Limited Access)  
ADVANCE RESERVATIONS  
MUST BE PAID IN ADVANCE BY  
FEB 8th ,2020  
No Refunds**

**Reservations can be mailed to:**

**LPCARC**

**2284 West Elm St  
La Porte, Indiana 46350**

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

**Are you BORED?**



**Here is  
The Cure!**

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





Dugger Amateur Radio Club



# HAMFEST 2020

February 29, 2020

Dugger Community Building  
State Road 54  
Dugger Indiana

Set-up 6:00 A.M.

VE Testing 9 A.M.

Entry Fee \$8.00, includes 1 free table

Anticipated Vendor:  
Amateur Accessories Inc

Contacts: Jon Olvey, 812-691-1653  
Wilma Fredrich, 812-798-0457



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

# **2020 Hamfest & Computer Expo**

with  
**Commercial Vendors**  
**Saturday March 14, 2020**

Indoor Event – Rain or Shine!

**8:00 AM to 12:00 PM EST**

Vendor setup begins at 6:00 AM

**Clay County 4-H Fairgrounds**

**6550 North State Road 59 – Brazil, IN**

(39° 29' 03" N, 87° 07' 30" W)

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

Admission \$7.00 (12 and under free)

**FREE TABLES**

Hourly drawings for Door Prizes

Breakfast Served – DXCC/VUCC/WAS Card Checking

More information: <http://w9uuu.org> or contact [hamfest@w9uuu.org](mailto:hamfest@w9uuu.org)



# 37<sup>th</sup> Annual Columbus HAMFEST

Sponsored by

Columbus Amateur Radio Club and Mid-State Amateur Radio Club  
<http://www.carcnet.net> <http://midstatehams.org>

All-Indoor  
Flea Market

**Saturday, April 4, 2020**  
**8 a.m. to Noon**

Food &  
Drinks  
Available

## Bartholomew County Fairgrounds Community Building

750 W County Road 200S, Columbus, Indiana 47201

**General Admission**  
**\$5.00 at the door**

Talk-in: 146.79 MHz (-600 kHz, PL 103.5 Hz)

**VE TESTING**  
9 - 11 a.m.

VE testing will be provided by  
SCICSG representing the  
Laurel VEC, which has been  
providing free VE testing  
since 1984.

Register at least 24 hours  
in advance, please, by emailing:  
Mike Tanksley W9MDT  
[w9mdt@arrl.net](mailto:w9mdt@arrl.net)

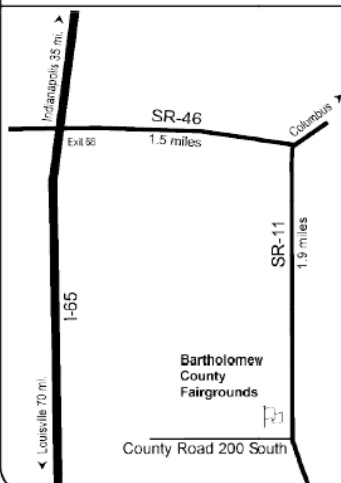
### Hourly Door Prizes!

Grand Prize is a

**QYT KT-8900**

Dual Band Mobile

(Cash will be awarded to non-amateur winner)



Flea market space is available at a rate of \$10 for an 8 foot table.  
Rental fee includes tables.

Setup Friday, April 3, from 6 to 8 p.m.  
Set-up 6 a.m. day of the hamfest

Registration will be conducted at the door or in advance.  
Please enclose SASE with advance exhibitor reservations or advance general admission.  
Any advance registrations must be prepaid and postmarked by March 22, 2020.  
Make checks payable to: Columbus Amateur Radio Club.

For registrations or more information, contact:  
Bruce Tisdale, K9ICP  
314 Sunset Blvd, Greenwood, IN 46142  
(765) 513-5045 [BTisdale1949@comcast.net](mailto:BTisdale1949@comcast.net)

Free  
Parking

East Central Indiana

# HAMFest

Saturday, June 20th, 2020 - 8AM to 4PM EST

Randolph County 4-H Fairgrounds  
1855 US Hwy 27, Winchester, IN 47294

[WD9EXZ@gmail.com](mailto:WD9EXZ@gmail.com) - <https://www.facebook.com/rcarcindiana>



ARRL Sanctioned

FREE:  
Parking  
Admission  
Indoor Spaces  
Outdoor Spaces  
Door Prizes

Also Available:  
Breakfast \$  
Lunch \$  
Camping w/ electricity \$25  
Showers  
VE Test Sessions 10AM & 2PM

Talk in frequency:  
147.300 P.L. Tone of 110.9



Breakfast and Lunch for sale by:  
Randolph Co. 4-H Shooting Sports



Sponsors:  
Randolph Co. ARC  
Jay Co. ARC  
Blackford Co. ARC  
Muncie Area ARC  
EmComm ECI  
Grant Co. ARC  
Adams Co. ARC  
Whitewater Valley ARC  
Darke Co. ARC  
TNT Electronics  
K9NZF Systems  
State Line Radio





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

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



## Welcome and Join us!

Indoor 20,000 sq ft of Amateur Radio, Hobby Electronics, and More Convention

125 tables of retail and consumer vendors, HAM Radio license exams all classes

\$8.00 admission comes with discounted admission to the RV Hall of Fame

\$15.00 per table 120v/220v available at no charge

One free admission per vendor / children under 12 free

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

### Additional Reserve Info.

[Info@elkharteasthamfest.com](mailto:Info@elkharteasthamfest.com)

Northern Indiana Event Center

21565 Executive Parkway

Elkhart, IN 46514





2nd Annual

# AUBURN "Classic City" HAMFEST

Saturday, July 11, 2020 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Setup 7 to 9



## AUBURN CORD DUESENBERG MUSEUM

1600 S. WAYNE ST. • AUBURN, IN 46706

Interstate 69 • Exit 326 or 328 • Follow "Museum" Signs  
Talk-In 147.015+ No Tone



**MUSEUM EXHIBITS** included with **\$5 raffle ticket purchase**. Enjoy the Hamfest and the beautiful ACD Museum with your family. Children under age 12, accompanied by a parent are admitted FREE!



**INDOOR TABLES \$10 – advance reservations required**. We listened to you last year when you said: "You need more space." We've tripled our floorspace this year for your added comfort- with no increase in table cost!



**TRUNK SALES – one \$5 raffle ticket per parking space**. Nice paved parking lot and additional parking on the Plaza, just across the street.



**GRAND PRIZE AWARDS – (Need not be present)**  
Grand prizes TBA. You can be sure of top-notch equipment for your Ham Radio hobby!



**ATTENDANCE PRIZES – drawn each hour.**

*Your  
"Destination  
Hamfest."*



# **48<sup>th</sup> 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 Division Banquet - Saturday 5:00PM**

#### **Keynote Speaker - TBA**

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 (-)
- 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**

**\$3 Sun only**

**Children under 12 free**

**(with adult)**



**Allen County**

**War Memorial Coliseum**

**4000 Parnell Ave**

**Fort Wayne, IN**

**73,000 sq. ft. all indoors**

**(Coliseum Parking \$6 per vehicle)**

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**[www.facebook.com/FTWAYNEHAMFEST/](https://www.facebook.com/FTWAYNEHAMFEST/)**

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