ARRL - Indiana Section
January 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

Lowell Gene Atkinson - K9DJM - Indianapolis, IN
John Gatwood - W9WLS - Oakland City, IN
Steven Henke - W9SH - Noblesville, IN
Charles Kraus – N9ESO – Bloomington, IN
David Kuhn – KC9RQW – Syracuse, IN

For 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, I will submit the notice to ARRL headquarters. Or club may submit the notice by following these instructions at: http://www.arrl.org/silent-key-submission-guidelines. I will be glad to send in for publication in QST.
INARRL Field Services Appointments
Resignations & Cancellations

Resignations:

Appointments:
George Boaz, KD9GHS, Hancock Co. Emergency Coordinator
Jeff Ferrell, K9HCA, Hancock Co. Assistant Emergency Coordinator

Cancellations:
Greg Chaney, N9MOX, Hancock Co. Emergency Coordinator

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ARRL Winter Field Day 2020
January 25-26

The Winter Field Day Association (WFDA) sponsors the 2020 running of Winter Field Day, January 25 – 26. WFDA says that the ability to conduct emergency communication in a winter environment is just as important as the preparation and practice that take place each summer, but with some additional unique operational concerns.

“We believe that maintaining your operational skills should not be limited to fair-weather scenarios,” WFDA said in announcing this year’s event. “The addition of Winter Field Day will enhance those already important skills of those that who generously volunteer their time and equipment to these organizations. Preparedness is the key to a professional and timely response during any event, and this is what local and state authorities are expecting when they reach out to emergency service groups that offer their services.”

Members of the Warren County (NY) Radio Club (WCARC) will activate Maxim Memorial Station W1AW for 2019 Winter Field Day. Club members will work a rotating 24-hour operating schedule to ensure the most band/mode coverage.

The event is open to all radio amateurs.

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 Palenczer, KC9WMS, Public Information Coordinator
Andrew Murray, N9AWM, Section Youth Coordinator

Greetings Indiana,
Hope all is well across Indiana. Hard to believe we have wrapped up another year and decade. Looking forward to another great year. In this month’s newsletter, you will find a list of the current hamfests across Indiana. If your club hasn’t listed its hamfest yet, please do as soon as possible to add it to the calendar.

With great pleasure I announce Indianapolis Radio Club will be the host for this years Indiana ARRL State Convention on July 10 & 11 at the Marion County Fairgrounds in Indianapolis, Indiana.

The Allen County Amateur Radio Technical Society will host the ARRL Central Division Convention on November 14 & 15 at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum in Ft Wayne, Indiana.

Those that currently hold ARRL Field Services appointments in Indiana need review their information with ARRL to make sure your account includes all vital contact information. Also, it is required for field service appointee’s to have their ARRL membership dues paid full. There are a few that have expired ARRL memberships that currently hold a field service appointment. I don’t want to cancel anyone’s field services appointments. Anyone wishing to volunteer in Indiana as an ARRL field service volunteer please contact me if you are interested. Check out this link for information and the requirements for each position: http://www.arrl.org/30 Clubs should report periodically their news, events, and information to me on a regular basis. May everyone have a wonderful month.

73,
Jimmy Merry Jr
Indiana Section Manager
Giving 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](http://www.arrl.org/elmer-award)

Section Emergency Coordinator Report

Happy New Year! I am looking forward to 2020 as a year to reinvigorate the ARES program in Indiana.

At the top of the list is full implementation of the ARES Connect Program in the state. This program will make it easier to communicate with the teams, announce events and collect hours spent by ARES members. It will also make reporting easier for all of us. Many counties have already implemented the software for their counties, but many have lagged behind. Let’s try and move forward with this advancement in administration of our teams.

Second on the list is the completion of the training requirements as set forth by the ARRL for ARES members. I can’t stress enough the importance of completion of FEMA courses IS-100, IS-200, IS-700, IS-800 and the EC-001 course. Completion of these courses will show to our served partners our
commitment and preparation for emergency communications. The FEMA Courses are self-study programs available online on the FEMA training site: [https://training.fema.gov/is/](https://training.fema.gov/is/). Go to the site and CLICK on Independent Study).

The EC-001 course is offered free of charge from the ARRL. A new version of the course is available (EC-001(S)). This course is a self-guided course recommended for those Hams with experience in EMCOMM. These courses are free of charge through the ARRL. If you are not a member, you will need to create a guest membership (free) to register for the course.

As always, I am always eager to fill the leadership vacancies in the program. Please consider stepping up to fill any of these open positions. Over half of the counties in Indiana are without ECs. We need to build our teams throughout the state.

Thanks for all you do for your communities!

Jim Moehring, KB9WWM  
Section Emergency Coordinator  
Amateur Radio Emergency Service  
Indiana Section

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**Current Open District Emergency Coordinator Positions:** District 1, District 4, District 5, 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.


EC’s are the backbone of the ARES organization. I would like to fill as many of these county openings, as possible. If you are interested in filling a vacant County EC Position, please contact me at KB9WWM@arrl.net to express your interest.
Reporting DEC's
N1LL (District 2), KB9WWM (District 3), KC9RVL (District 6) K9DUR (District 7)

Reporting EC's (31 of 48)
KB9WWM, K9JAJ, W9DBA, KB9OIC, W9EEU
K9PLG, KC9ELU, KC9RVL, N9GTL, N9MOX
N9CWW, KB9DJA, K4BXX, N9SIU, AB9ZA
KC9GFO, W9GNR, WD9GJU, K9TEM, N9ZTB
N9JPX, KB9RZK, WR9G, W9DRB, KP4CI
W9DAC, K9DWO, KT9B, KB9ML, AB9HP
K9EJS

Reporting Official Emergency Stations
NA9L, KC9TYA, KA9QWC, N1LL

District Emergency Coordinator Reports

Jim Moehring – KB9WWM – District 3
ARES Teams supporting the Huff 50K Trail Run at Chain O'Lakes worked over 150 man-hours during the event.

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.

Marv Gilliand – KC8RVL – District 6
I participated in 4 weekly ARES Nets hosted by EmComm ECI ARC. Thank you to all the Net Control and Backup Ops for this Net.

Also, Thank you to all ARES volunteers in 2019.

Last but not least, Thanks to all whom volunteered from Grant, Blackford, Randolph and Delaware Counties for you invaluable assistance with White River Cleanup in 2019!

Happy New Year to all, wishing you a Healthy and Good Fortune in 2020!
Emergency Coordinator Reports

**Jim Moehring – KB9WWM – Allen Co.**
Members of the Allen County ARES Team worked a total of 113.25 hours supporting the Huff 50K Trail run at Chain O'Lakes State Park. We are looking forward to another busy year in 2020.

**Jeff Jones – K9JAJ- Bartholomew Co.**
Thanks to Joe LaFauci, KA9OPL and Mike Tanksley, W9MDT for joining me in the rotation at Net Control for the weekly BC-ARES Net. With the health issues I had in 2019, I couldn't have made it through the year without you both!

Wishing everyone in the Indiana Section a Happy and prosperous 2020.

**Scott Nelson – W9DBA – Brown Co.**
During December there were 3 scheduled ARES nets conducted on 147.300 + PL 136.5 with 33 check-ins lasting for 60 minutes.

**JW Temple II – KB9OIC – Clark Co.**
Clark County looking for January excitement since holidays took toll on participation.

**Gary Adams – W9EEU – Clay Co.**
We have reserved space and plan to operate as a group in Winter Field Day in January.

**Marv Gilliand – KC9RVL – Delaware Co.**
Participated in Muncie Area ARC Monthly meeting/Christmas Dinner and EmComm ECI ARC Monthly meeting/Christmas Dinner. New officers in place for 2020 for both Clubs.

**Greg Chaney – N9MOX – Hancock Co.**
We have now used the local Hancock OC center for running some of our regular net. The goal is to test the equipment in the radio room and to familiarize potential controllers with the layout and operation.

**Clark Whitehouse – N9CWW – Harrison Co.**
During Dec. there were 5 scheduled Ares nets, conducted on 146.820 PL 103.5, off set of negative .600 with 56 check-ins lasting for 136 minutes.
Jan 14 there will be a meeting at 6:30 pm at the Harrison County Public Library.
[www.hcpl.lib.in.us](http://www.hcpl.lib.in.us)
Thanks 73 N9CWW / Clark

**Ron Burke – KB9DJA – Hendricks Co.**
Hope that everyone has a safe and joyous holiday.

We plan on being a part of the Winter Field Day activity January 25-26 with several hams bringing out their radio gear to participate.

Working with the hospital admin of both hospitals in Hendricks County on putting together a ham radio training class that will add to our hospital ham teams.

Last: This is usually the time we start looking at our E-Plan to revise.

**Jeff Davis – K4BXX – Henry Co.**
We will be back to our regular meeting schedule for January with our first monthly meeting on January 16th at 18:00 and the Henry County EMA office. This will be another training session reviewing topics covered by EC-016.

**Robert LaGrange – KB9DJA – Johnson Co.**
We look forward to this next year and hope to be more involved in the Johnson County community.

**Mark Gregory – AB9ZA – Kosciusko Co.**
On December 14, 2019, we conducted a Simulated Emergency Test to test that the Cross-Band repeat function of the Hoosier Lakes Radio Club FT-8800R radios could be set up and used successfully in an emergency. This has been tried a couple times before, which always ended with no successful implementation for all participants. This time we focused less on assigned frequencies, and more on knowing how to set up the cross-band repeat with any frequency that worked for each team. We had a pretty low turnout, four persons, with one acting as Net Control, and the other three at widely different locations across the County. The only assigned frequency was the VHF frequency the NCS would be listening to, with several other UHF frequencies suggested as possible clear frequencies. The set-up and test were successful, and we now feel confident we can use Cross-Band repeat when the need arises. The participants were KD9EDR, KC9AYT, KC9NWM and AB9ZA.

The annual HUFF 50K Trail Race was held at Chain O'Lakes State Park near Albion, Noble County, on December 28. Four Kosciusko County amateur radio operators participated: AB9ZA, KC9NWK, KC9AYT and KD9EDR, putting in a total of 16 man-hours. It was a cool day, but not cold enough to be uncomfortable.

**F. Gary Sherman – W9GNR – Madison Co.**
Madison County ARES encountered another quiet month. With end of year activities, Holidays and mild weather ARES activities were sparse. We did encounter accumulating snow in the middle of the month creating minor road situations and limited minor power
outages. Members continued to increase their knowledge of FEMA programs and maintained contact with surrounding counties. Madison County EMA held an informal Seminar on Incident Command structure explaining possible cross-training in positions within the Operation Section, Planning Section and Logistic Section that communicators could fill as secondary functions during initial expansion of the Incident Command.

During the 2019 season, Madison County Communications Division accrued 2,342 hours of Volunteer time during 10 storm net activations and 6 community activities just to mention a few of their activities. Communication members completed 132 FEMA Courses, 25 members completed First Responder Courses and 7 members completed the ICS Professional Development Series.

Madison County EMA in conjunction with the Madison County Sheriff’s department have firmly establish the Project LifeSaver program with 8 certified and active Search Specialists and accrued 167.5 hours of training.

Madison County’s Voluntary Examiner group saw a significant increase in licensing requests compared to the past 4 years. In 2019, Madison County’s saw a total of 47 candidates, with 28 candidates acquiring new licenses and 16 candidates upgrading their existing licenses. Madison County’s provided an average of 5.7 hours at each testing session. Well done Gentlemen.

Tom Myers – K9TEM – Monroe Co.
It was a quiet month in Monroe County as our members celebrated Hanukkah and Christmas and prepared to celebrate the new year. Several ARES members attended the monthly Bloomington Amateur Radio Club meeting on Friday, December 6th. There were five weekly ARES Monday Night nets and a monthly county warning siren test.

The Scott County EMA Group conducted a VE Session Saturday, December 14th at the EOC. We had two candidates come in for testing. One successfully passed the Technician test and went on to take their general exam. The next testing session is scheduled for February 8th at 11:00 AM. Walk-ins are always 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 or visit www.wr9g.net/links.

73, Steve WR9G
Peter Crasher – W9DRB – Spencer Co.
4 nets analog 4 digital

No meeting took place in December. Next meeting in January. Date and time to be announced once we have location for the meeting. Meeting will cover 2020 objectives for TCARES.

A small group has started experimenting on 2 meters simplex right after the Monday night net. This has brought up "knowing your radio" instead of using software, Good and Bad coax and antenna height. There is also experimental USB SSB 2-meter net on Thursday nights at 7:30pm on 144.200.

David Ofsansky – K9DWO – Vigo Co.
We are working towards having our quarterly meeting this Friday at 7:00 PM

Official Emergency Station Reports

Vernon Austermiller – NA9L – Morgan Co.
I checked into the Morgan County, Hendricks County ARES nets. I checked into the Indiana Traffic Net. I passed Routine traffic.

Mark Thienes – KC9TYA – Vanderburg Co.
Hope everyone had a wonderful Holiday Season. Looking forward to the New Year.

Don Evilsizor – KA9QWC – Whitley Co
KA9QWC & WB8ORR provided VHF communications for the HUFF 50K run at the Chain O Lakes Park in Noble County Indiana on Saturday, December 8, 2019.

The Chain O Lakes Park has no cell phone service, so it is vital to have ham radio support at each of the many aid service areas stationed around the park in the event of emergency needs.

Another new VHF Packet Radio station John/W9WN became active in Whitley County during the month of December 145.530. This includes VHF packet stations in both Noble, Whitley & Kosciusko County EOC's. We also have good coverage to DeKalb County via KA9LCF options.
INDIANA ARES BY THE NUMBERS

Total ARES Members reported: 704
Number of reporting ARES EC's: 31
Number of reporting OES's: 4
Number of reporting DEC's: 4
Number of ARES Nets: 127
Number of Nets with NTS Liaison: 41
Number of exercises, and training sessions: 155
Person Hours: 887.83
Public Service Events: 7
Person Hours: 204.58
Emergency Operations: 0
Person Hours: 0
SKYWARN Nets: 2
Person Hours: 14

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Well everyone here we are not only at the end of another year but another decade! Hard to believe how quickly the time has gone by this past year also that I have been the Section Traffic Manager for the past 6 years! An honor I take very seriously and hope to stay able to do for some time to come. Since the holiday season has come and gone and we are now full swing into 2020. Let’s enjoy another great year together and pass some traffic together and welcome some newcomers and not so newcomers alike to our ranks and keep doing what makes NTS Indiana great! 73 until next month!

BRIAN G JENKS W9BGJ
ARRL ASSISTANT SECTION MANAGER INDIANA SECTION
ARRL SECTION TRAFFIC MANAGER INDIANA SECTION
ARRL OFFICIAL RELAY STATION
w9bgj@arrl.net

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### Stations Reporting

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North East Indiana Packet Net (NEIPN)

Report for December 2019

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

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.

QNI=47
QTC=5
QTR=300
Sessions=5

Technical Specialist Coordinators Report

Tom Busch WB8WOR
Continuing my excursion into RBDS, it has led me to review C++ programming for GNU Radio.

Dan Caesar N9IY
Antenna Changes:
OFC dipole to replace the G5RV at 33 feet.
new 80/40 dipole
Current Antenna Farm:
Homebrew 80-meter dipole
Homebrew 160-meter half-wave end fed

Ronald Cooper WB9DKL
Been a busy ARRL month at wb9dkl@aol.com
Have activated power line interference complaint with IPL
ARRL has started enforcement action
No response or results yet
Good test of Indiana frequency defense
Roger McEntarfer N9QCL

The month of December I worked with the 2020 WCARC Officers preparing for next year’s club plans.

If all goes as planned, we will start having Technician and General Class License classes again after several years without having them. We are also working on obtaining our 501(c)(3)

I’m still recovering from my knee surgery and may be going back to work January 13th?

The next Whitley County Amateur Radio Club (WCARC) General Meeting will be held on Thursday January 9, 2020 2019 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 preparations for obtaining a 501(c)(3) presented by Ed Scott K9EJS, Steve Holzinger KC9WBR and Roger McEntarfer N9QCL.

All WCARC General Meetings are open to the Public.

The next W5YI Test session will be held on Saturday January 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.

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
Mark Skowronski K9MQ
Lou Kruizinga N7BBW

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 a paragraph or two would be appreciated on a regular basis. Please forward your club notes to my email address. 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 on the ARRL website and must be kept current. 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 affiliated club:

Application for becoming an ARRL affiliated club – [http://www.arrl.org/application-for-affiliation](http://www.arrl.org/application-for-affiliation)

Affiliated club benefits - [http://www.arrl.org/affiliated-club-benefits](http://www.arrl.org/affiliated-club-benefits)

Jimmy Merry, Jr.
Affiliated Club Coordinator
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.

Follow this link for an instructional overview of how to use the editing system. (PDF) [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:**

- White County (Feb 18)
- Clinton Co (March 18)
- Ripley Co (March 18)
- Ohio Valley (June 18)
- Owen Co (Oct 18)
- Kokomo ARC (Aug 18)

**Indiana clubs that have club reports that are or about to be over 2 years since last update by, Jan 31st:**

- Hoosier Lakes (Jan 18)
- Hoosier Repeater Builders (Jan 17)
- IN Masonic Home (Jan 18)
- Porter Co (Jan 18)
- Tri County HF (Feb 17) *
- Terre Haute North HS (Dec 16) *

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

- Bloomington ARC (Jan 19)
- Columbus ARC (Jan 19)
- Marion Co ARS (Jan 19)
- 807 Club of Kokomo (Mar 19)
- Indiana Repeater Soc (Mar 19)
- Calumet ARC (Mar 19)
- Ft Wayne RC (Mar 19)
- ARC of Newton Co (Mar 19)
- Elkhart ARC (Mar 19)
- Blue River Valley (Mar 19)
- Lake Co ARC (Mar 19)
- Allen Co. ARTS (Mar 19)
- (Last club update is in parenthesis)

**Kosciusko County**

**Winter Field Day 2020** - Winter Field Day 2020 will be held on January 25 and 26, 2020, at Miller's Merry Manor in Warsaw. Set up will begin at 4:00 PM on Friday, January 24 at Miller's at 1630 S County Farm
Rd, Warsaw, IN 46580. The following message and the attached file was sent out by Brian / KD9EDR, the ARES Emergency Coordinator, yesterday. Please follow his instructions:

"Attached is the schedule for Winter Field Day. We will have one HF station and one VHF/UHF station that will need an operator for each station for the 24-hour operating period. Whatever your license class, whatever your experience (or lack of) sign-up."

"You can look at the schedule that I attached, but to keep things simple just send an email back with what shifts you will be covering. I will update the spreadsheet and send it out again until the schedule is full. Again, we have 2 stations, and each need an operator around the clock.

"Additionally, Miller's Senior Living Community's assisted living facility will be accessible for restrooms, and we will have food for Saturday afternoon/evening as well as lunch on Sunday.

"The location is behind the Miller's Senior Living Community's assisted living facility (southeast parking lot). Located at 1634 S. County Farm Road, Warsaw, IN 46580.

"If you have any questions, comments, or concerns feel free to contact me." - Brian Sexton, KD9EDR, email KD9EDR@ARRL.NET / phone (574) 377-9812

2020 Spring Spotter Training - Brian / KD9EDR sent me the following information. There will be twelve Spotter Training Sessions on February / March 2020 in northern Indiana, southwestern Michigan, western Ohio. Please go to Spotter Training Link to see the complete list, and to find one you can attend conveniently.

Armed Forces Radio History - Roy / AC9DN sent me a link to a very interesting online article about the origins of the radio network that eventually became the Armed Forces Radio Service. It's quite interesting, and probably driven by many unnamed amateur radio operators. Check it out at https://www.radioworld.com/columns-and-views/meet-the-mosquito-network.

Upcoming Comm Support Opportunities at Chain O'Lakes State Park and Fort Wayne / Whitley County - Jim / KB9WWM, the Section Emergency Coordinator and Allen County EC sent me the following dates for upcoming runs that will need Communications Support at Chain O'Lakes State Park, and the Bicycle Ride in the Fort Wayne Area. Here are the dates for the Chain O'Lakes Events:
  - Glacial Esker 40 - April 25, 2020
  - IT-100 - October 10-11, 2020
  - Huff 50K - December 19, 2020
The Three Rivers Bike Ride is July 12, 2020. I am not sure of the route for this bike ride but last year it started in Fort Wayne and then went through Whitley County.

Note: We might not get more than a couple weeks notice when volunteers are called for, so mark the above dates on the Calendar and be ready to sign up at a moment's notice. I have worked at several of these events, and they are well worth the effort - not to mention a lot of fun!

It's That Time of Year Again - 2020, new year, but the bills keep coming! Don't forget to support your local Amateur Radio Repeater! While we don't give a lot of thought to the repeaters we use throughout the year, we sure do miss them when they are down. Our two repeaters here in Warsaw are part of the K9DEW family of repeaters, and we need to do our part in supporting them. You can go to the www.k9dew.com website and click on the "Support Your Local Repeaters" tab to help keep these repeaters on the air. Your support is really important.

New Hamfest in August - www.elkharteasthamfest.com There is a new hamfest in our area that looks really interesting. It will be held on Saturday, August 8, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at the Orthwein Pavilion in Elkhart. Check out the link for more information, and "stay tuned" as updates / flyers are issued.

I hope all of you have a great week, and that I hear you on the air.

73

Mark Gregory / AB9ZA
ab9za@arrl.net
Phone (574) 312-8097

PIC Report

Jack Dold, W9OWO, DeKalb County PIO

JANUARY 2020 PIO REPORT

January 4: Another “full house” monthly meeting for the Northeastern Indiana Amateur Radio Assoc. (NIARA). 42 members and guests attended, including three prospective new hams, one of which is a 12 year-old girl. A great start for the club’s 81st anniversary year!

Current membership is a record-breaking 72. We may have to find a new venue for meetings due to growth of interest and activities.

January 9: Antenna Workshop held with discussion and demonstrations for newer amateurs and those interested in “brushing up” on antenna basics. Conducted by Vice President and newly appointed ARRL Technical Specialist, Jeff DeLucenay, KB9QG. Jeff also serves as NIARA Training Coordinator.
January 14: Technician Training classes begin. There will be six two-hour training sessions and a VE testing opportunity on February 1. These classes have been very successful.

January 18: NIARA Catered Luncheon celebrating the NIARA 80\textsuperscript{th} anniversary year, 2019.

73 to all for a great New Year!

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

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO OUR FELLOW HAMS!

Upcoming Events

January 14\textsuperscript{th}: The next W9HCA Hendricks County ARES Tuesday Night Simplex Net, will be 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 are to test our radio’s performance and capability with a Net Controller as well as Amateur’s in and around Hendricks County.

January 25\textsuperscript{th} - 26\textsuperscript{th}: Hendricks County ARES Winter Field Day 2020 will be on Saturday January 25th and Sunday January 26th of 2020. The Winter Field Day Association (WFDA) is a dedicated group of Amateur Radio Operators who 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. If you are interested in participating in Winter Field Day contact the Hendricks County ARES at kb9dja@gmail.com

February 8\textsuperscript{th}: Hendricks County HAMFEST, sponsored by Hendricks County Amateur Radio Society Club will be on February 8, 2020 from 0800 to 1300 local at the Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds and Conference Center, located at 1900 E. Main St. In Danville Indiana. Vendor set up is 1500 to 1900 pm Friday and 0600 to 0800 Saturday. For reservation of tables or more information Email the HCARS Club at (hcars46122@gmail.com) no later than Friday February 7, 2020 at 1800.
This is a pretty light report for us, but we are coming off a much-needed and appreciated holiday break. As we start off a New Year we will once again start to pick back up on our usual activities as well as explore new ones as opportunities present themselves. May we all have a blessed new year!

73,

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

2020 Indiana Hamfest Schedule

February 8 – Hendricks Co. Hamfest – Hendricks Co Fairgrounds and Conference Center
1900 E Main St Danville IN 46112

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

June 20 - East Central Indiana Hamfest
Randolph County Fairgrounds

Indiana ARRL State Convention
July 10 & 11 - Indianapolis Hamfest
7300 E Troy Ave Indianapolis - Marion Co Fairgrounds
http://www.indyhamfest.com/
August 8 – Elkhart East Hamfest – 9 am
Northern IN Event Ctr. – Elkhart, IN
http://www.elkharteasthamfest.com

August 8 – Angola Hamfest
Gateway Comm. Church – Angola

October 17 – Hamtober Fest - Lynnvile, IN
http://hamtoberfest.com/

**ARRL Central Division Convention**
November 14 - 15, 2020 – Ft Wayne Hamfest
Allen Co War Memorial Coliseum
Ft. Wayne, IN

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

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

(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.)

Use this Hamfest application to list your clubs hamfest on the ARRL Website: http://www.arrl.org/hamfest-convention-application
LOCATION: 1900 E. Main St. Danville Indiana. (Hendricks County Fairgrounds)
MORE selections, MORE parking, Kitchen, Heated BIG indoor building.
WHEN? February 8, 2020  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 !!!

SPONSORED BY:
Hendricks County Amateur Radio Society
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
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
Northern Indiana Event Center
21565 Executive Parkway
Elkhart, IN 46514