



ARRL - Indiana Section

May 2020 Newsletter

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

Remembering friends that we will miss...



William Pruitt, AB4OP, Madison, IN

Norm McKain, K9NM, Anderson, IN

Mike Stephan, KB9MDQ, Tippecanoe, IN

Kevin Carter, KB9AMU, Shelbyville, IN

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

Thoughts and prayers for their family and loved ones.

INARRL Field Services Appointments Resignations & Cancellations

Appointments:

Resignations and Cancellations:

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

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

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

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

Meet the Indiana ARRL State Section staff:

Jimmy Merry, KC9RPX, Section Manager & Affiliated Club Coordinator

Brian Jenks, W9BGJ, Asst. Section Manager & Section Traffic Manager

Thomas Busch, WB8WOR, Technical Coordinator

Jim Moehring, KB9WWM, Section Emergency Coordinator

Barry Palencer, KC9WMS, Public Information Coordinator

Andrew Murray, N9AWM, Section Youth Coordinator

Dave Spoelstra, N9KT State Government Liaison

Greetings from the Section Manager's desk...

Greetings,

Hope the month of May does not only bring us the beautiful May flowers that we all enjoy so much. But beautiful weather and band openings to get the airwaves booming, as Field Day 2020 is only a few weeks away. Field Day 2020 may not be the same this year with the current conditions with Covid-19. So just a reminder to keep all our participants safe and in accordance with the social distancing guidelines of Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb. Please stay current with Field Day rules, adaptations and guidelines for 2020:

<http://www.arrl.org/field-day>.

The Indianapolis hamfest that was scheduled in July has been canceled due to a date conflict at the Marion County fairgrounds. This was also the date for the ARRL – Indiana Section state convention.

Also, the Elkhart East hamfest scheduled for August 8th has been canceled.

On May 8, Jim Moehring, KB9WWM – Indiana Section Emergency Coordinator and Jimmy Merry, KC9RPX Indiana Section Manager was given the opportunity to meet with a panel from Purdue University's Department of Agriculture Extension Office and Indiana PRE-Pared.

We received an invitation to participate in the presentation by Shawn Ehlers, Professor of Agricultural and Biological Engineering. During our presentation, we presented about the history of ARRL and W1AW, and presented photos of ARRL headquarters. Provided the panel with information about Indiana Section of the ARRL, and A.R.E.S. – Amateur Radio Emergency Services. A topic of discussion on the agenda included how amateur radio operators could be of benefit Indiana communities, in the event of a disaster occurring in Indiana.

Also present during the presentation were county extension agents and EMA directors from across Indiana. The event went very well and everyone in attendance seemed incredibly positive about the possibilities of receiving assistance from amateur radio operators in the event of a disaster.

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Jimmy Merry Jr. - KC9RPX
Indiana Section Manager

Giving Respect & Thanks to our Elmer's

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

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

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

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

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



Section Emergency Coordinator Report

I hope this finds everyone safe and well.

It is great to see the reports from throughout the state with a significant increase in net participation as we all are sheltering in place. This has provided all of us some extra time to get out the radios and check-in to our local nets.

Also, this past month we had several SKYWARN activations. It is that time of the year with the potential of severe weather events occurring, another reason we need to verify our equipment and emergency power sources.

As I mentioned last month, there has been a new effort to increase the use of WINLINK Express in emergency communications. For those of you that have access to WINLINK, I

recommend participating in the WINLINK Wednesday net hosted by Mark, KC9TYA at KC9TYA@winlink.org. Thanks, Mark, for your work on this!

Here are some more resources for you:

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

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

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

Stay Safe and Well!

Thanks for all you do!

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

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

If you are a current EC in one of these districts, or have experience in the ARES field organization, please consider stepping up to serve your community with your hobby.

Current Open Emergency Coordinator Positions: Adams, Benton, Blackford, Carroll, Clinton, Crawford, Dubois, Elkhart, Fayette, Floyd, Fountain, Franklin, Fulton, Gibson, Greene, Huntington, Jackson, Jasper, Jefferson, Knox, LaGrange, Lake, Lawrence, Marshall, Martin, Noble, Ohio, Owen, Perry, Pike, Porter, Posey, Pulaski, Rush, Shelby, Sullivan, Switzerland, Union, Wabash, Warren, Washington and White.

EC's are the backbone of the ARES organization. I would like to fill as many of these county openings, as possible. If you are interested in filling a vacant County EC Position, please contact me at KB9WWM@arrl.net to express your interest.

Reporting DEC's (4/6)

[KA9E \(District 1\)](#), [N1LL \(District 2\)](#), [KB9WWM \(District 3\)](#),
[N9UN \(District 5\)](#), [KC9RVL \(District 6\)](#)

Reporting EC's (34 of 48)

[KB9WWM](#), [K9JAJ](#), [W9DBA](#), [KV9N](#), [KB9OIC](#)
[W9EEU](#), [K9PLG](#), [KC9ELU](#), [WD9GC](#), [KC9RVL](#)
[N9GTL](#), [KD9GHS](#), [N9CWW](#), [KB9DJA](#), [N9SIU](#)
[KD9EDR](#), [KC9GFO](#), [W9GNR](#), [WD9GIU](#), [KC9EVU](#)
[KD9BKH](#), [N9JPX](#), [KB9RZK](#), [KC9PJX](#), [WR9G](#),
[W9DRB](#), [KC9GUY](#), [W9DAC](#), [N9QVQ](#), [W9COD](#),
[K9DWO](#), [KB9ML](#), [AB9HP](#), [K9EJS](#)

Reporting Official Emergency Stations

[N1LL](#), [KC9RPX](#), [KC9TYA](#)

District Emergency Coordinator Reports

Michael Swaider – KA9E – District 1

As soon as the Corona Virus situation is over with and clubs start having meetings again, I will be visiting them to try to recruit EC's

Jim Moehring – KB9WWM – District 3

We still have 5 EC vacancies in the district: Adams, Huntington, LaGrange, Noble, and Wabash Counties. If interested, please contact me at KB9WWM@arrl.net.

It has been quiet in the District because of the Shelter in Place orders in effect.

Marv Gilliland – KC8RVL – District 6

I participated in Monthly meetings via repeater with Muncie Area ARC and EmComm ECI ARC. I also participated in 4 Muncie Area ARC weekly Nets, and 5 EmComm ECI ARC Nets.

Successfully held Indiana Welfare Net on April 18th and sent Indiana Welfare information via Winlink HF to Section EC Jim Moehring, KB9WWM.

Indiana Winlink Wednesdays have been successful, transmitting by HF.
Thanks to Mark Thienes KC9TYA for hosting this event!

Emergency Coordinator Reports

Jim Moehring – KB9WWM – Allen Co.

The COVID-19 Shelter in Place orders have limited our activities, especially Community Event support this month. April is normally a busy month with 5 Community Events, all of which were canceled. We have had good participation in our weekly ARES nets.

Jeffrey Jones – K9JAJ – Bartholomew Co.

I just want to thank all the BC-ARES members who continue in their commitment to the program through their time and participation. Thanks Guys...looking forward to the day we can once again meet face 2 face.

Scott Nelson – W9DBA – Brown Co.

During April there were 5 scheduled ARES nets conducted on 147.300 + PL 136.5 with 74 check-ins lasting for 126 minutes. On April 8th, a Skywarn net was conducted with 3 base check-ins lasting for 94 minutes

Dan McDonald – KV9N – Cass Co.

All activity this month from regular SKYWARN net. 5 events for a total of 121 minutes and a total of 52 check-ins

JW (Wes) Temple – KB9OIC – Clark Co.

Clark County ARES participated in the Welfare net. We had a total of 8 members

Gary Adams – W9EEU – Clay Co.

We participated in the statewide exercise with decent participation. We had plans for our group to be part of the INQP but the change in rules eliminated that possibility. We would have been well within the 10 person limit imposed by the state, but we will abide by the rules change and hope that by Field Day we can conduct a group effort (within guidelines and social distance practices).

Our thanks to Jim KB9WWM and those who put the statewide exercise together. That had to be a challenge given all the restrictions we face as part of the current environment.

Michael McCoy – KC9ELU – Decatur Co.

Decatur County ARES members participated in a severe weather net on 4/8/2020 and the Indiana welfare net on 4/18/2020.

Marv Gilliland – KC9RVL – Delaware Co.

Delaware County held a Welfare Net on April 18th. there were 11 check-ins, 9 from Delaware County, 1 from Madison Co, and 1 from Jay Co.

EmComm ECI ARC and Muncie ARC held their monthly meetings via repeater.

George Boaz – KD9GHS – Hancock Co.

I have been updating our Severe Weather Net Procedures and published the document on April 30th.

In addition to our weekly practice nets, Jeff K9HCA has started a Simplex group that is very active and added a couple of weekly informal nets. These are open to any amateur operator in the area.

On April 1st, the RACES Officer and I attended a status meeting with the

Director of Emergency Management.

On April 8th, we had severe storms come through our area and activated our first SKYWARN net of the year with 15 check-ins.

On April 12th, five of our members assembled and tested the Emergency AM Transmitter, at the request of the EMA Director. The exercise took about two hours and additional operators were assigned to monitor the test.

We had five Severe Weather practice nets with a total of 100 check ins.

Clark Whitehouse – N9CWW – Harrison Co.

During the Month of April there was 4 scheduled Ares Nets, conducted on 146.820 PL 103.5, off set of negative .600 with 58 check-ins lasting for 85 minutes.

Thanks 73 N9CWW/ Clark

Ron Burke – KB9DJA – Hendricks Co.

This will be my last report to you as being the EC of Hendricks County. We have a new EC, Don Somerville KD9DHJ. Don had applied for the Hendricks County EMA Director.

Don has the qualifications, certifications to be a real good Emergency Coordinator.

Don had joined our Leadership team over two (2) years ago as a PIO AEC and was heavily active in the role.

My new role in the HCARES Leadership team will be filling in as AEC in Liaison for Hendricks County.

Our past AEC Liaison became a silent Key: Jay Wright KK9L. Jay will be sorely missed as he was a cornerstone for this county in amateur radio for over 30 years.

Participated in the NVIS exercise on April 25. While the bands were terrible to the point, that we could not hear VIGO County, we did pick up several other hams. Our focus now turns to seeing if we can hear and pick up VIGO County

by trying this experiment again sometime in the winter, when the bands settle down a bit.

Our assistance of moving and setting up the County Health's AM broadcast radio station has met with great success with the county residents. Word and announcements about this informational radio station is gaining momentum.

The range of this station is now up to eight (8) miles from the radio station, roughly up to 16 miles coverage.

Right now the radio station is talking about the COVID-19 virus giving updates every three to five days.

My Final: I wish to thank all of you who assisted us over the past ten (10) years, giving us your support and especially want to thank our current SEC, Jim Moehring KB9WWM, and our Indiana Section Manager KC9RPX. Without these two giving us their support and assistance, the road ahead would be a lot more treacherous. Thanks Guys.... 73 de KB9DJA

Robert LaGrange – KB9DJA – Johnson Co.

Johnson County ARES started off the month with a Skywarn Net on April 8th. There were strong winds and severe storms in the county. There were numerous power outages and roof damages in Bargersville and Franklin. ARES members and other stations participated in a Health and Welfare Net on Saturday April 18th. We found out everyone is coping with the Pandemic COVID-19 very well and had no requests for assistance. We had 30 stations participate in the Health and Welfare Net and some ARES members used Winlink. Jack W8ISH had a short training class about Winlink on our 2-meter repeater and helped members learn how to use Winlink.

Brian Sexton – KD9EDR – Kosciusko Co.

Looking forward to summer and being able to do some fun and educational ARES/Ham training.

F. Gary Sherman – W9GNR – Madison Co.

Madison County successfully ran the Madison County Amateur Radio Club meeting and the EMA Communication Division meeting over 2m radio. Attendance rivaled in-person meetings and everyone was pleased with the results. As the “Stay at Home” restrictions are still in place as of the end of April, the Madison County Amateur Radio Club and the Anderson Repeater club meetings are scheduled to be “On The Air”™ utilizing 2m repeaters. Activity in Madison county remains at a constant level, the number of Hams dusting off their equipment is increasing. Those that would normally work 2nd and 3rd shifts are renewing old friendships. Madison County recorded four ICS courses completed during April. Stay safe, be alert and 73”™s.

Anthony Hedge – KD9BKH – Montgomery Co.

I have changed my call sign back to KD9BKH

George Edenfield – KB9RZK – Putnam Co.

During the latter part of March and all through April, KB9RZK, George, has provided AUXCOMM support to the Putnam County Emergency Operations Center by answering the non-emergency call line for county residents from Monday to Friday 10 AM to 2 PM. That has accounted for over 90 emergency operations hours reported since AUXCOMM is a part of the EOC.

Also, K9XT, John has acted as Net Control for an informal noontime “wellness” net on the RACES 147.330 repeater since most of the ARES members are hunkering down at their homes. So far for Apr 17 hams have participated in the noontime wellness net for a total of 5 hours of talk time.

Michael Anglin – KC9PJX – Saint Joseph Co.

Main repeater went down before the lockdown. Digital and alternative frequencies being used.

Steve Jewell – WR9G – Scott Co.

The Scott County EMA Amateur Radio group had cancelled the VE Testing Session that was scheduled for April 11, 2020 in Scottsburg, Indiana due to the coronavirus. Our next schedule session for June 13th is currently on hold until more guidance is available.

Peter Crasher – W9DRB – Spencer Co.

4 analog, 4 digital nets

Mark Tritch – KC9GUY – Steuben Co.

Did April ARES meeting over the air? Also did NC for Land of Lakes ARC meeting over the air. First in club history!

Len Schmitt – N9QVQ – Vanderburgh Co.

We were unable to meet due to COVID-19 restrictions. But we did recruit a new member. Chris KE9YK started a nightly H&W net for people stuck at home. Practice continues for a May 30th exercise with the Red Cross using FLMSG to create Red Cross forms and use Winlink Express (VHF/UHF/HF) to send them. Our packet BBS was modified to use Winlink Express for local EMCOMM traffic, which make the process more seamless and allows us to use attachments. I also found a way to use UZ7HO sound modem and a Tigertronics Signalink or other soundcard device as an alternative to a TNC for VHF packet. I plan to give a demonstration for TARS, which may spike more interest for other hams to join our ARES/RACES team.

David Ofsansky – K9DWO – Vigo Co.

Previously Submitted by K9DUR

Indiana ARES Exercise - April 18, 2020
Net Opened @ 12:00 EDT - Net Closed @ 12:15 EDT

The following stations checked into the net:

K9DUR Ray Andrews
K9JMA Pam Andrews
W9GWC Jerry Cockrell
W9VKD Ken Hauptli
W9KJO Walt Huyck
N9FMD Dave Littlejohn
KD9NTN Mike Morrison
K9DWO David Ofsansky
AC9NF LeRoy Sedgwick
KW0LF Kay Brentlinger
K9DLB Donnie Barlow
K9ERE Gary Wheeler

All stations reported good health & welfare status.

The following stations have WinLink HF capability: K9DUR, K9JMA, W9KJO

The following stations have WinLink packet capability: K9DUR, K9JMA

The following stations have NBEMS capability: K9DUR, K9JMA, W9VKD, W9KJO, K9DLB

Additionally, K9DUR has a 2m packet RMS gateway (K9DUR-10) on 145.050 MHz.

Approved: David Ofsansky, K9DWO Position: Vigo County EC

Calculated hours for Exercise: 0.25 hr x (12) check in's = 3 hrs.

Mike Laboyteaux – KB9ML – Wayne Co,

This has been a slow month in Wayne county given the recent health emergency. We were able to complete a Technicians class in April. There are now potentially 10 new operators just waiting on testing. We completed the training on ZOOM. It proved to be a particularly good platform to conduct the classes. We are in the planning process for a class in the fall possibly using the ZOOM platform so it would be accessible to more people.

At this point we are ramping up our Field Day planning. We should be out from

under most of the restrictions from the COVID-19 by then so we can have a good time in the outdoors with proper spacing and cleanliness. Be safe!

Ed Scott – N9EJS – Whitley Co.

Not much to report due to everything being cancelled due to COVID-19 Restrictions. Members were reminded to check their deployment kits, charge batteries, and be ready if needed. Thankfully, we still can have our weekly ARES Nets. Hope everyone is healthy and well!

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 checked into the Morgan county COVID 19 net.

I passed 1 pcs of Routine traffic.

Jimmy Merry, Jr – KC9RPX – Monroe Co.

Was NCO or liaison for several nets during the month of April. My hours totaled at approximately 12+ hours. Including Monroe Co warning siren test on 1 and a Skywarn net on 8. Also, NCO for Thursday night net in Bloomington. Assisted Owen Co ARA with 1 net and Greene Co ARA with their Tuesday night weekly net. Also, NCO for CoCoRah's nets each morning to take morning precipitation reports for NWS - Indianapolis office.

Mark Thienes – KC9TYA – Vanderburg Co.

I enjoyed the NWS webinar mini course on Tornado Extreme Risks this past week. There will be another NWS Webinar on "A Guide to Basic Radar coming up". You need to register for these mini courses on NWS website.

Indiana Winlink Wednesday is growing. We have about 15 Regular Check-ins weekly. If you are interested in learning more about Winlink please send me a message to KC9TYA at Winlink. org

With most of us home bound, for a while anyway, we have had a lot of check-ins on the Indiana Section ARES Net every Sunday at 1700 est. All stations with an interest in Emergency Communications, and Public Service are welcome to participate.

Lyle Long – N1LL – Kosciusko Co.

Nice to see the increased number of stations checking into the nets. It will soon be time to check the generators and make sure they are ready to go if needed. Several club stations around the area are secured to keep them 'clean' and ready for use if needed.

Don Evilsizor – KA9QWC – Whitley Co.

April seen many more changes in ham radio and personal activity due to restrictions created because of NOVEL COVID-19. Revised meeting, hamfests & VE testing plans are being studied with some already being conducted for club meetings in a number of local clubs. In some cases we have seen increased participation in local nets with those hams who spending more time at home from work. I am still working on VHF/UHF antennas and coax here due to deterioration over the years.

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

Total ARES Members reported: 724
Number of reporting ARES EC's: 34
Number of reporting OES's: 5
Number of reporting DEC's: 5
Number of ARES Nets: 187
Number of Nets with NTS Liaison: 4776
Number of exercises, and training sessions: 48
Person Hours: 1425.97
Public Service Events: 18
Person Hours: 37.38
Emergency Operations: 22
Person Hours: 101
SKYWARN Nets: 21
Person Hours: 252.33

ARRL SECTION TRAFFIC MANAGER INDIANA SECTION

Greetings all and hopefully the weather starts cooperating here soon It is the time of year for antenna projects and contest season is upon us! Speaking of many of us are making alternative Field Day plans this year due to the COVID issues including myself. I expect to hear many 2 person stations on the air this year. Good time to hone our traffic handling skills. I was hoping to see some of you at the Indy Hamfest this year however I have learned it was cancelled last week. In closing let us all look out for each other and take advantage of some airtime as many of us are working from home. Until next month 73!

BRIAN G JENKS W9BGJ

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INDIANA STM REPORTS APRIL 2020					
HF NETS					
NET NAME	SOURCE	QNI	QTC	QTR	SESSIONS
INDIANA SECTION ARES	KC9TYA	58	0	129	3
IDTN	K9JAJ	242	96	637	22
ITN	N1LL	2012	102	1307	60
QIN	K0TQ	110	74	284	30
INDIANA WINLINK	KC9TYA	55	0	N/A	4
TOTALS		2477	272	2357	119
NETS REPORTING	5				

INDIANA STM REPORT APRIL 2020							
PUBLIC SERVICE HONOR ROLL							
STATION	SESSIONS	MESSAGES	APPTS	PUB SVC	EMG RES	DIGITAL	TOTAL
W9BGJ	4	40	30	0	0	10	84
KA9QWC	40	40	30	0	0	10	120
K9DUR	40	4	30	0	0	20	94
AB9ZA	40	40	10	0	0	0	90
N1LL	40	40	30	5	0	20	135
W9EEU	40	6	30	5	0	20	101
TOTALS	204	170	160	8	0	80	624
STATIONS REPORTING	6						

INDIANA STM REPORT APRIL 2020
ORS AND SAR STATION REPORTS

STATION	TYPE	ORGINATED	RECEIVED	SENT	DELIVERED	TOTALS
W9BGJ	ORS	0	146	146	2	294
KA9QWC	ORS	0	18	32	4	54
AB9ZA	ORS	0	42	42	14	98
K9DUR	SAR	0	4	45	1	50
W9MGB	ORS	2	2	0	0	4
K0TQ	SAR	45	134	148	2	329
N1LL	ORS	3	185	134	2	324
NA9L	ORS	0	2	2	2	6
W9EEU	ORS	0	2	3	1	6
W9PC	ORS	0	0	5	0	5
TOTALS		51	535	512	28	1170
STATIONS						
REPORTING		9				

INDIANA STM REPORT APRIL 2020
VHF/UHF NETS

NET NAME	SOURCE	QNI	QTC	QTR	SESSIONS
BARTHOLOMEW CO ARES	K9JAJ	60	0	144	6
CASS CO ARC	KA9YBN	39	0	79	5
CLAY COUNTY	W9EEU	56	1	70	6
CROSSROADS DMR	K9NQW	108	0	139	4
D STAR NET	K9NQW	99	0	158	5
DEKALB CO ARES	WD9GC	99	0	95	5
HOOSIER HILLS ARC	WD9EWF	43	0	25	3
HUNTINGTON CO NET	K9BME	77	0	172	5
IMO NET	K9SKS	648	2	266	29
JEFFERSON CO	N9XVB	21	0	37	4
KOSCIUSKO CO EMG NET	KC9AYT	207	0	168	8
MID STATE ARC	K9DY	206	0	171	4
MONROE CO ARES	K9TEM	86	0	85	5
MORGAN CO ARES	N9JPX	129	0	170	6
SCOTT CO ARES/RACES	WR9G	74	3	83	4
SOUTH CENTRAL AREA	KA9OPL	67	0	134	5
TARS EVANSVILLE	KE9YK	409	4	683	31
TRI STATE 2 METER	W9OU	516	2	663	19
WCARC SUN NET	KA9QWC	39	4	125	4
WHITLEY CO ARES	W9NNH	55	0	146	5
21 REPEATER GROUP	KA9QWC	44	4	88	4
		3082	20	3691	163
NETS REPORTING		21			

Monthly Report for D/Star and DMR

DMR

<u>Date</u>	<u>Net Control</u>	<u>QNI</u>	<u>QTC</u>	<u>QTR</u>	<u>Time Began</u>	<u>Time Ended</u>	<u>Freq</u>
04/06/20	KC9OYW	25	0	23	20:00	20:23	442.750(+)
04/13/20	KC9OYW	22	0	52	20:00	20:51	442.750(+)
04/20/20	W9DDX	31	0	35	20:00	20:35	442.750(+)
04/27/20	K9NQW	30	0	29	20:00	20:29	442.750(+)

Sessions: 4 Total: 108 Total: Total: 139

Month of
Report: 04/20

D-Star

<u>Date</u>	<u>Net Control</u>	<u>QNI</u>	<u>QTC</u>	<u>QTR</u>	<u>Time Began</u>	<u>Time Ended</u>	<u>Freq</u>
04/02/20	K9NQW	22	0	27	20:00	20:27	443.400(+)
04/09/20	K9NQW	24	0	32	20:00	20:32	443.400(+)
04/16/20	KA9OPL	16	0	29	20:00	20:29	443.400(+)
04/23/20	KA9OPL	14	0	31	20:00	20:31	443.400(+)
04/30/20	KA9OPL	23	0	39	20:00	20:39	443.400(+)

Sessions: 5 Total: 99 Total: Total: 158

Month of
Report: 04/20

NOTE:
QNI – Total Number of
Check-ins
QTC – Total
Traffic
QTR – Total Minutes

North East Indiana Packet Net (NEIPN)

North East Indiana Packet Net (NEIPN) Sundays @ 9

PM EDT via BPQ Chat on the KA9LCF-11 BPQ Chat Node

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=54

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

Technical Specialist Coordinators Report

Jeff DeLucenay KB9QG

Due to the Convid-19 issue we have not had any technical nights or training.

Our April meeting was held on the W9OU repeater and I was the net control.

We had 30 check-ins.

The Northeastern Indiana Amateur Radio Association is still preparing for a hamfest in July. We are planning to have it at the Auburn-Cord-Duesenberg museum in Auburn Indiana. I have been working on table layouts for the event.

We have been using Zoom for are hamfest planning.

No testing or training sessions have been held in DeKalb County due to essential travel restrictions.

Passed one piece on NTS traffic to a new tech in the Auburn area.

Roger McEntarfer N9QCL

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

I finally had some time and was able to get my new Windows 10 computer set up to Run Packet, Win Link and FLDigi. Now to get FT8 set up.

The next Whitley County Amateur Radio Club (WCARC) General Meeting is scheduled for Thursday May 7, 2020, this meeting will be held an On-The-Air Meeting and via ZOOM Meeting.

Our April 25th Whitley County W5YI Test session that was scheduled for Saturday April 25, 2020 at the Peabody Library Community Room A & B, has been cancelled. Due to COVID-19 restrictions. Also, the Whitley County 4H Fairgrounds Are closed to the everyone till after July 1st which is causing us to rethink our Field Day plans.

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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.

Tom Busch WB8WOR

Fielded a question on trap dipoles I received on E-mail.

Looked at restoring a Hallicrafters receiver, but it was too far gone. Transformers were shorted, wax from capacitors had dripped all over the interior. I believe it had suffered a catastrophic smoke release at one point. I was able to salvage some nice ceramic tube sockets and a nice steel frequency dial that will probably appear in a project some time.

Mark Skowronski K9MQ

It has been a busy and stressful time at work but managed to play radio and help some people. I had someone that needed a current code plug for the Gary UHF DMR repeater and was able to provide one that was ready to go. A new ham was having issues with his new end fed antenna. Provided some suggestions on different things he could try to help improve performance and minimize RFI.

Finally took the plunge and purchased a SDRPlay receiver mostly to monitor vhf/uhf. As the Facebook page administrator for my local club, I have been using streaming software to stream the pan adapter and audio from the SDRPlay receiver to a Facebook Live stream on our page. I am hoping this will help generate some club activity during the COVID 19 situation.

No Activity to Report

Lou Kruizinga N7BBW

INARRL Affiliated Club Coordinator Report

Thanks to all clubs for reviewing the “Club Report”, aka “Annual Report” on the ARRL.org website. We still have a little work to do in getting all the reports updated with current information. As mention at least 100 times before this information is very vital. I would like to bring the Indiana Section up to 100% in the reports being current. A list of clubs that need to review the report is below. Along with a “How to Update Your Club Report”. I also would like to hear from all clubs across Indiana periodically. Just a paragraph or two would be appreciated, to let us know what is happening with clubs. Photos are always welcome to.

How to Update Your Club Report

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

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

Should two years pass without an update your club will be listed as inactive and possibly removed from the ARRL website.

Follow this link for an instructional overview -

http://www.arrl.org/files/file/Clubs/Club%20Update%20Online_20150806.pdf

Jimmy Merry, Jr.
SM and ACC

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

Daviess Co (Mar 19)

Elkhart ARC (Mar 19)

ARC of Notre Dame (April 19)

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

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

Hoosier Repeater Builders (Jan 17)
White County (Feb 18)
Ripley Co (March 18)

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

Public Information Coordinator's Report

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

Completed Events

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

The **Hendricks County ARES Monthly Hospital Nets** have been **canceled** through the end of this year. This action is due to the covid-19 situation and at the direction of the Hospital Administrators.

Portable AM Radio Station...

The Hendricks county ARES team has been hard at work maintaining the Hendricks County Health Department's AM radio station. This station is currently broadcasting up-to-date information about COVID19. The station has previously been set up in the towns of Avon, Plainfield and Brownsburg and is currently broadcasting from Danville. Be sure to tune into

1610 on your AM dial. It is great information, and it is also an interesting use of the AM station. Send signal reports to Ron Burke at kb9dja@gmail.com.

April 14th: The **Hendricks County ARES Tuesday Night Simplex Net** was held on April 12, 2020, right after the regular net with Ken Kayler KC9SQD, hosted on the 147.570 MHz Simplex. These Nets are conducted to test the performance of our radio equipment and capability with a Net Controller as well as Amateur operators in and around Hendricks County.

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

April 25th: The **Hendricks County ARES Team** e conducted a Near Vertical Incident Skywave (NVIS) event on April 25, 2020 from 1000 – 1400 local. Due to the current Covid-19 restrictions in place our team members participated from their home locations. We had five separate locations operating, four from Hendricks county and one being from Vigo county. We did not make as many contacts as we wished and will be evaluating lessons learned going forward.

Upcoming Events

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We are gearing up for summer QSY nets and will provide news on it as soon as it is available. After those we will return to our Monthly Simplex Nets. Stay tuned!

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Final Note:

This will be my final PIO report as the Hendricks County ARES PIO. I was requested and accepted to move into the Emergency Coordinators position and Ron Burke KB9DJA will take over the AEC Liaison/Logistics role. As for the PIO role that will go to Jake Stellmack KI6PKV so please give him any support he needs. I have enjoyed doing these monthly reports and everyone's support and I looked forward to my new role.

73,

Don Somerville KD9DHJ

Don.Somerville@outlook.com

Whitley County PIO Roger McEntarfer, N9QCL

I announced in the local newspapers: Columbia City Post & Mail, Churubusco News, IN Whitley County, and South Whitley The Tribune News, Local WJHS 91.5 FM (Whitley County Joint High School) radio station, Local Web based News: Columbia City Talk of the Town. HF Nets: Indiana Traffic Net and several of the local 2M and 70 CM nets around the Northern Indiana area about the cancellation of the Whitley County Amateur Radio Club (WCARC) General Meeting scheduled for April 9, 2020, the cancellation of the WCARC Board Meeting scheduled for April 23, 2020, and the cancellation of the Whitley County W5YI Test Session scheduled for April 25, 2020.

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Roger McEntarfer/ N9QCL

Whitley County Amateur Radio Club President

Whitley County Amateur Radio Club Technical Specialist
Whitley County Amateur Radio Club Public Information Officer
Whitley County W5YI CVE



ARISS News Release
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No. 20-04

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**ARISS to Attempt Second Test of New
Multipoint Telebridge Contact via Amateur Radio**

May 9, 2020—Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) is announcing a second test of its new distance-learning ARISS radio contacts with astronauts. ARISS is the group that puts together special amateur radio contacts between students around the globe and astronauts with ham radio licenses on the International Space Station (ISS).

This will be the second test of the new-style radio contact, called Multipoint Telebridge Contact via Amateur Radio. The concept was developed for distance learning when schools closed worldwide due to COVID-19. The virus eliminated all opportunities for ARISS radio contacts at education organizations. A new ARISS telebridge radio ground station will be used this time, this operated by John Sygo, amateur radio call sign ZS6JON, near Johannesburg, South Africa.

The new concept requires three things. The ARISS telebridge radio ground station--a satellite ham radio station with special equipment that an ARISS team member uses for teleconferencing, the ham astronaut on the ISS using the ARISS ham radio station, and students at their homes. The telebridge radio operator links to the astronaut at the ARISS radio mic, and each youth ties in from home via their telephones. Their families can listen along with faculty and the public from home. Each student takes a turn asking their question of the astronaut.

The youth taking part in ARISS's second test belong to the Airdrie Space Science Club in Airdrie, AB, Canada the radio contact is scheduled for May 15 at 15:10 UTC. ISS Commander Chris Cassidy, amateur radio call sign KF5KDR, will support the ARISS radio contact. Prior to COVID, the students had participated in space and radio communications lessons such as balloon launches with ham radio payloads and building model rockets to launch. Brian Jackson, amateur radio call sign VE6JBJ, is one of the five club leaders. He related, "During this pandemic, our opportunities to develop kids' interest in space has been interrupted. This ARISS contact gets them looking back up, towards the sky, and imagining themselves as an astronaut one day."

ARISS invites the public to view the livestream of the upcoming ARISS radio test at: <https://youtu.be/2mflSIShPHA>.

During the contact, youth will ask as many of the following questions as time allows:

1. How has seeing Earth from its orbit affected you, in your frame of reference when moving around the
ISS, or in your perspective of humanity as a whole?
2. What happens if you vomit in the space station? How do you clean it up?
3. How has the COVID-19 pandemic affected you while you are in space?
4. What will be your first meal when you get back to Earth?
5. What does it feel like when the rocket lifts off?
6. What does the space station smell like?
7. Was training to be an astronaut harder or easier than training to be a navy seal?
8. What experiment that you've done had the most unexpected results? What was the expected? And, actual outcome of said experiment?
9. How successful is your 3-D printer on the station?
10. We are a model rocket building club. Did you ever build model rockets when you were young?
11. What does microgravity feel like on your body?
12. Does the Earth look any clearer or less polluted now compared to when you flew in 2009 and with
Canadian Chris Hadfield in 2013?
13. Do you play any games while you are on the ISS?
14. What kind of music do you listen to?

About ARISS:

Amateur Radio on the International Space Station (ARISS) is a cooperative venture of international amateur radio societies and the space agencies that support the International Space Station (ISS). In the United States, sponsors are the Radio Amateur Satellite Corporation (AMSAT), the American Radio Relay League (ARRL), the ISS National Lab and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). The primary goal of ARISS is to promote exploration of science, technology, engineering, the arts, and mathematics topics by organizing scheduled contacts via amateur radio between crew members aboard the ISS and students. Before and during these radio contacts, students, educators, parents, and communities learn about space, space technologies, and amateur radio. For more information, see www.ariss.org.

Media Contact:

Dave Jordan, AA4KN

ARISS PR

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2020 Indiana Hamfest Schedule

July 10 & 11 - Indianapolis Hamfest **(Canceled)**

See letter on the last page of this month's newsletter from the Indianapolis hamfest committee.

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

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

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

August 15 - East Central Indiana Hamfest
Randolph County Fairgrounds – Winchester, IN

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

November 7, 2020 - Hoosier Hills Hamfest
Lawrence County 4H Fairgrounds - Bedford, IN
just off of US-50, west of SR-37
<http://www.w9gyq.org/hamfest>

ARRL - Central Division Convention

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

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

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

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

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

48th FORT WAYNE HAMFEST

Host to the
2020 ARRL CENTRAL DIVISION CONVENTION



ARRL Forum - Saturday 10:00 AM

Kermit Carlson W9XA

ARRL Central Division Director

Carl Luetzelschwab K9LA

ARRL Central Division Vice – Director

James Merry Jr. KC9RPX

ARRL Indiana Section Manager

ARRL Central Division Convention Banquet

Saturday, November 14, 5:00PM

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

Attendance limited to first 70 Registrants
\$25 Reservations Available October 1 thru November 6

- Ham Radio License Testing All Classes (\$14)
9 AM till 12 PM Saturday
- WAS & DXCC Card Checking and CQ Awards
- New & Used Ham Equipment Dealers All Indoors
- Main & Hourly Door Prizes
- 3 Rooms of Special Interest Forums All Day Saturday
SKCC * AMSAT * ARES * NTS * Indiana Repeater Council
- Youth Lounge (under 12 accompanied by adult)
- Equipment Check-out | Test Purchases on-site
- Tables: \$25 Regular, \$50 Premium, \$33 Electricity
Drive Directly to Your Table for Setup

**November
14 & 15
2020**

SAT 9 AM to 4 PM

SUN 9 AM to 2 PM

Admission: \$6 Sat & Sun

Sunday only FREE!

Children under 12 free

(with adult)

Talk-in Radio Frequency 146.880 (-)



Allen County

War Memorial Coliseum

4000 Parnell Ave

Fort Wayne, IN

73,000 sq. ft. Comfort Arena

(Coliseum Parking \$6 per vehicle)

Get the latest information at

www.fortwaynehamfest.com

www.facebook.com/FTWAYNEHAMFEST/

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

FORT WAYNE HAMFEST SPECIAL NOTICE

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

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

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

Save the Date: November 14 & 15.

The Fort Wayne Hamfest Steering Committee

East Central Indiana

HAMFest

Saturday, August 15, 2020 – 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM Eastern
Randolph County 4-H Fairgrounds
1855 US Hwy 27, Winchester, IN 47294

WD9EXZ@gmail.com - www.facebook.com/rcarcindiana



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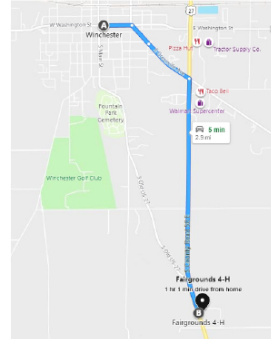
Talk-in Frequency
147.300+ MHz
PL: 110.9 Hz

Free:

- Parking
- Admission
- Indoor Spaces
- Outdoor Spaces
- Door Prizes

Also Available:

- Breakfast \$
- Lunch \$
- Camping w/Electric - \$25
- Showers
- VE Test Sessions—10 AM & 2 PM



Door Prizes Include:

- Icom ID-4100A D-Star/Analog Mobile MSRP \$329.95
- Icom ID-31A+ D-Star HT MSRP \$279.95
- Icom IC-V86 7W HT MSRP \$169.00
- Grand Prize – Icom IC-7300 HF + 6M MSRP \$1199.99

Grand Prize drawing at 3 PM—Must be present to win - see details at door

Sponsors:

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



Breakfast and Lunch provided by
Randolph Co. 4-H Shooting Sports



From the Elkhart East Hamfest "Logbook"
elkharteasthamfest.com

May 15, 2020 Update

Hello Everyone!



The Elkhart East Hamfest organizers have been monitoring COVID-19 related events over the past few months and would like to provide an update regarding Hamfest, scheduled for August 8, 2020.

If you are the type of person that is ***"Just tell me what I need to know and don't bore me with the details..."***:

Due to the unstable travel, business, and social environment created by the continuing COVID-19 pandemic, the inaugural Elkhart East Hamfest, originally scheduled for Saturday, August 8, 2020 is being postponed until Saturday August 7, 2021 (1 year later)

We hope you will adjust your calendars and we still look forward to seeing you (just a little later).

Be Our Guest on July 11, 2020 - 9 to 3

The Northeastern Indiana Amateur Radio Assoc.



AUBURN HAMFEST

*In recognition and appreciation
of your sacrifices during the
Covid 19 crisis.*

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 and FREE Parking 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 FREE 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.**

From 2020 Destination Hamfest!
Visit www.w9ou.org for more info
or
Email: w9ou@arrrl.net

This event is not affiliated with nor sponsored by the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automobile Museum



FREE Admission

6,000 SQ. FT. INDOOR DISPLAY
SPACE (Not counting the huge
Museum Area!)

FREE Parking

Supervised by the DeKalb County
ARES Team.

FREE AUBURN CORD DUESENBERG
Museum

View an amazing collection of
classic motor vehicles.

**1600 S WAYNE ST.
AUBURN, IN 46706**

Hourly Door Prize Drawings

Indoor Vendor Tables: \$10
Advance reservations guaranteed.

Outdoor Sales - Raffle ticket
purchase for each parking space.

Contact: W9OU@ARRL.NET

COVID 19 precautions: Please bring and use hand sanitizer.
Facial covering is encouraged. Maintain social distancing.
Personal responsibility is the key- a common trait of radio
amateurs. Thank you for your support!

Raffle Prizes:

- 1st- ICOM 2730A dual band xcvr and MFJ-281 external speaker
- 2nd- MFJ-4225MV 25A power supply
- 3rd- PowerpoleBag with crimp tool and 150 pcs.

Ticket Prices \$5.00 - Buy 2, get 1 Free!



The Indianapolis Hamfest

8575 N. County Rd. 650 E.
Brownsburg, In. 46112
(317) 829-6868

May 5, 2020

To all Amateur Radio Operators,

For 49 years, the Indianapolis Hamfest has provided one of the premier hamfests in the Midwest. This year was to be our golden anniversary, fifty years, and an accomplishment that few have realized. It is with great disappointment that we inform the amateur community that under an abundance of caution and our desire to follow Indiana Governor Holcomb's 5 step plan, that we will not have the Indianapolis Hamfest this year.

There were a number of factors that lead to this decision. First, the Marion County Fair board has had a change in management and they booked another event on our dates. Disregarding our over 40 year relationship with them, they refused to correct the error. We would have had to reschedule for another date which would have probably conflicted with other hamfests and meant that many of our faithful vendors would not be able to attend. We found this unacceptable.

Second, even though the Governor's plan called for large events after July 4th, it still required that social distancing rules be maintained and that all of the hamfest staff be medically evaluated. We felt that it would be nearly impossible to comply with these requirements.

Third, at this time it is still very unclear that opening up will not cause another rise in cases as people begin to resume social gatherings. We felt that we do not want to be part of the problem.

So, at this time the staff of the Indianapolis Hamfest want to extend our profound thanks to all of our loyal vendors, our flea market sellers, and to all the fellow amateurs who have supported our show for 49 years. We look forward to the 50th running of the greatest hamfest in the state of Indiana in 2021.

On behalf of the entire staff, be safe, stay healthy, and join us next year,

Mike Sercer, WA9FDO
General Chairman