



**Indiana Section
American Radio
Relay League**

Newsletter

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Friends we'll miss

For a Silent Key notice to be placed in the newsletter, and sent to the ARRL, please forward a copy of or a link to the obituary to the Bob Burns AK9R, ARRL Indiana Section Manager, at ak9r@arrl.org.

Bernard Holm K9JDF of Fort Wayne

Mark A. Ellsworth WA9SNV of New Haven

Glade N. Rogers KC9RCX of Cromwell

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Public Information Coordinator's Report

From Barry Palencer KC9WMS, Public Information Coordinator

Public Information Officers are urged to send their reports to Public Information Coordinator Barry Palencer KC9WMS (pio@inarrl.org).

DeKalb County PIO John D Maag KD9QDL

Satellite Project

John, KD9QDL and Jeff, KB9QG are putting together a Satellite Tracker. John assembled the mechanical the rotor portion while Jeff put together the electronics and programming. The project had a few hiccups but is moving along. Right now while in the house it seems to track satellites. When it warms up we plan to take it outside and give its first test.

The last month we are getting things together for field day. Checking into possibly a different location to hold it. It looks like the previous location is about the best but we will present other suggestions and go over them at our next club meeting.

We have also been putting together our flier for Hamfest. This year we have arranged 2 commercial vendors to be there.

In an effort to get the local radio club to have combined activities, the Northeastern Indiana Radio Association, Allen County Amateur Radio Club and the Fort Wayne Radio Club have a Morse Code Class on Tuesday nights from 6:30 to 8:00 PM until April 15th in Auburn. We are using the LCWO Koch method for the training.

Congratulations to the 4 new hams that passed their Tech Exam and 1 that upgraded to Extra. And thank you Jeff, KB9QG for holding classes.

Micheal Johnson – Tech – KE9CNC-Garrett

Jeff Wolf – Tech – KE9CMZ – Huntertown

Kilian Grim – Tech – KE9CNB – Avilla

Steven Betz – Tech – KE9CNT – Auburn

Sean Champion – Extra – KE9AWZ – Fremont

Whitley County PIO Roger McEntarfer N9RM

I announced in the local news media: WANE TV News, WPTA 21 Alive News, WOWO, WFFT Fox 55 Media, WJHS 91.5 FM (Whitley County Joint High School) radio station, Ink Free News, Times Union News, The Post & Mail, The Hoot News of Whitley County, Adams Radio Group, Journal Gazette. 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 February 13, 2025, the Whitley County W5YI & ARRL Virtual Remote Test Sessions every Monday at 8:00 PM, and the Whitley County Amateur Radio Club (WCARC) General Meeting on March 13, 2025.

The next WCARC General Meeting will be held March 13, 2025 @ 6:00 PM at Parkview Whitley Hospital, Lower Level Room A, with a program on Introduction to Digital Modes presented by Jackson Wingeier W2TAZ. Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83738348724?pwd=SFJ5VWc2WVJ5WThlL1dlc0h6SmNXQT09> Meeting ID: 837 3834 8724 Passcode: 243817

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The Whitley County W5YI/ARRL Amateur Radio Test Team holds weekly Virtual Test Sessions every Monday at 8:00 PM. If you need a different day or time, please let me know as we can set up testing any day of the week or time of day to fit your needs. The cost to take the test is \$14.00 for W5YI and \$15 for ARRL. To sign up for our Test Sessions visit: <https://hamstudy.org/sessions/N9RM>

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 <https://www.facebook.com/groups/445281282513824/>

Section Traffic Manager's Report

From Brian Jenks W9BGJ, Section Traffic Manager

To all Net Managers, please remember to turn in your reports to Brian Jenks W9BBJ, Section Traffic Manager, by the 6th of the month (stm@inarrl.org).

INDIANA STM REPORT FEBRUARY 2025					
HF NETS					
NET NAME	SOURCE	QNI	QTC	QTR	SESSIONS
IDTN	K9JAJ	113	22	113	18
ITN	N9TU	1366	114	1236	56
QIN	NJ9S	109	37	303	28
TOTALS					
NETS REPORTING					

INDIANA STM REPORT FEBRUARY 2025							
PUBLIC SERVICE HONOR ROLL							
STATION	SESSIONS	MESSAGES	APPTS	PUB SVC	EMG RES	DIGITAL	TOTAL
W9BGJ	25	65	30	0	0	10	125
KA9QWC	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	0
AB9ZA	36	40	10	0	0	0	86
W9EEU	40	128	20	0	0	20	208
TOTALS							
STATIONS REPORTING							

INDIANA STM REPORT FEBRUARY 2025						
ORS AND SAR STATION REPORT						
STATION	TYPE	ORGINATED	RECEIVED	SENT	DELIVERED	TOTALS
W9BGJ	ORS	3	63	63	6	135
KA9QWC	ORS	NR	NR	NR	NR	0
AB9ZA	ORS	0	35	27	10	72
W9EEU	ORS	0	60	68	0	128
W9PC	ORS	0	8	16	1	25
NT9F	ORS	1	1	1	1	4
W9MGB	ORS	2	2	3	3	10

INDIANA STM REPORT FEBRUARY 2025					
VHF/UHF NETS					
NET NAME	SOURCE	QNI	QTC	QTR	SESSIONS
CASS CO ARC	KA9BYN	71	0	118	5
CLAY COUNTY	W9EEU	68	0	85	4
CROSSROADS DMR	K9NQW	116	0	101	4
D STAR NET	K9NQW	50	0	89	4
HENDRICKS CO	KD9DHJ	77	0	28	6
IMO NET	K9SKS	589	3	381	28
JEFFERSON CO	N9XVB	14	0	27	3
MID STATE ARC	KI6QOG	158	0	157	4
SCOTT CO ARES/RACES	WR9G	48	4	89	4
SOUTH CENTRAL AREA	KA9OPL	79	0	163	4
TARS EVANSVILLE	KE9YK	73	2	68	4
TRI STATE 2 METER	W9OU	304	0	387	19
WABASH VALLEY	KC9LDJ	77	0	112	4
WHITLEY CO ARES	K9EJS	NR	0	NR	NR
14					
NETS REPORTING					

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Monthly Report for D/Star and DMR								
DMR Date	Net Control	QNI	QTC	QTR	Time Began	Time Ended	Freq	
02/03/25	KC9OYW	28	0	33	20:00	20:33	442.750(+)	
02/10/25	KC9OYW	24	0	20	20:00	20:20	442.750(+)	
02/17/25	K9NQW	33	0	21	20:00	20:21	442.750(+)	
02/24/25	KC9OYW	31	0	27	20:00	20:27	442.750(+)	
Sessions:	4	Total:	116				101	
Month of Report:	February 2025							
D-Star Date	Net Control	QNI	QTC	QTR	Time Began	Time Ended	Freq	
02/06/25	K9NQW	13	0	21	20:00	20:21	443.400(+)	
02/13/25	K9NQW	7	0	12	20:00	20:12	443.400(+)	
02/20/25	KA9OPL	13	0	28	20:00	20:28	443.400(+)	
02/27/25	KA9OPL	17	0	28	20:00	20:28	443.400(+)	
Sessions:	4	Total:	50				89	
Month of Report:	February 2025							

QIN QNU

Issue Number 012 March 2025

The Bulletin for the INDIANA CW SECTION NET of the ARRL National Traffic System
Daily on 3535 khz at (7:00 P.M CST/8:00 P.M. EST)

Net Control Assignments:

Day	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
NCS	W9PC MARK	WB9FIU RUSTY	W9BGJ * BRIAN	WB9FIU RUSTY	NJ9S BRUNO	K9LA CARL	K9LA CARL

*NJ9S alt

QIN enjoyed a good month in February. The winter weather wasn't too horrible for most of us, and the net stats were improved. Of particular note, the NCS duties were nicely shared, though it would be great to have several more net control operators available for back up. Traffic count is up a bit, and average check-ins per session are up as well. The life blood of the net are the "regulars", and we certainly depend on them, but it is also great to hear our other members as well! All of you are welcomed and necessary! With Spring just around the corner, I expect to hear from our "snow bird" folks who may be returning from Florida and other points south.

WE hams have experienced many technical advancements in this hobby through the years. The changes have been steady, sometimes stealthy, but profound. In the 1950's one would build ham equipment from scratch, or using Heathkit, Knightkit, Johnson or one of the numerous other kit vendor's products. Circuitry was basic and straight forward in design, whether receiver or transmitter, and of course using vacuum tube technology. The 1960's saw SSB assume a prominent role in ham radio, and small signal applications found transistors nudging out the tubes. The sixties saw transceivers displace discrete receiver/transmitter pairs in our stations. Hybrid rigs became the norm with solid state small signal circuitry driving vacuum tube buffer and final amplifier stages. By the 1980's there was still plenty of gear on the air running vacuum tube and hybrid technology, but solid state hf transceivers began to dominate the new gear market. Today, our ham gear is predominately factory built in countries other than the U.S.A. utilizing software controlled solid state technology. Most home brewed HF gear typically is QRP and often of single band, direct conversion or basic superhet design. The prevailing thought is that today *U.S. hams don't build gear above an elementary level of complexity*. Well, the little known truth of the matter is **some of hams do!** Please, read on:

There is a group of hams who are in the process of *building* their respective versions of a HF transceiver called the **T41-EP SOFTWARE DEFINED RADIO TRANSCEIVER (SDT)**. They discuss their challenges and solutions on-line to assist and encourage one another with the various aspects of the build. The project involves fabrication of pc board assemblies

CURRENT QIN NET ROSTER & PARTICIPATION STATS

(by geographical area served + call suffix; ie: Indiana + call suffix; Ohio + call suffix, etc.)

CALL	NAME	QTH	QNI FEBRUARY 2025	NCS FEBRUARY 2025
W9BGJ	BRIAN	HUNTINGTON, IN	5	1
WD9DWE	DENNIS	PEKIN, IN		
K9EI	MATT	ELLETTSVILLE, IN		
WB9FIU	Rusty	COLUMBUS, IN	23	8
N9IVI	IVIN	PLAINFIELD, IN		
K9LA	CARL	FT. WAYNE, IN	24	8
WD4MSM	BARRY	SOUTH BEND, IN		
N9OL	JOHN	EVANSVILLE, IN	3	
W9PC	MARK	ROSSVILLE, IN	8	4
NJ9S	BRUNO	MISHAWAKA, IN	27	8
WB8SIW	JIM	BUCHANAN, MI		
K0TQ	MIKE	N. VERNON, IN	1	
WA2USA	DENNIS	NEWBURGH, IN		
K9UT	JERRY	RICHMOND, IN		
AD8WR	DAVE	GRANGER, IN	1	
NI9Y	DAN	MISHAWAKA, IN	5	
N8AFT	LANE	COLUMBUS, OH		
KA8BJA	FRANK	COSHOCTON, OH	12	
AC8RG	WALT	DAYTON, OH		

QIN QUICK FACTS

Monthly Totals for: JULY 2024 thru JAN 2025

Month	Net Sessions Held	QNI (check-ins)	QTC (traffic passed)	QTR (minutes)
JULY 2024	30	90	23	218
AUG 2024	31	104	22	267
SEP 2024	28	91	20	235
OCT 2024	31	99	33	258
NOV 2024	29	90	43	263
DEC 2024	31	120	59	345
JAN 2025	31	120	29	323
FEB 2025	28	109	37	303

Remember, if the assigned NCS operator fails to call up his net within a few minutes, you are welcome to call-up the net, but do remember to send a net report with day/date net held, QTC, QTR and QNS to the NM by the end of the month. TNX!

Technical Specialist Coordinator's Report

From Tom Busch WB8WOR, Technical Specialist Coordinator

Technical Specialists are urged to send their reports to Technical Coordinator Tom Busch WB8WOR (tc@inarrl.org).

Jeff DeLucenay KB9QG

Feb 1 thru 13 - The Rotator antenna project continued with wiring the motors, motors drivers, 3D compass, and programming the micro controller. The Gpredict, on Windows, did not communicate with the Arduino micro controller due to a flaw in the Arduino USB port code. The project was moved to a Raspberry Pi-4 to run the Gpredict software in Linux.

Feb 11th - One of our club members was having problems with his ICOM 7300 communicating with the WSJT software. The transmit tones were working. The problem got resolved by selecting the USB on the Mode setting in the WSJT settings.

Feb 14th - The Arduino IDE software was installed on the Raspberry Pi 4. However the version of the software would not compile the Arduino code on the Debian Linux due to an earlier version. There were no version updates for the ARM processors in the Arduino IDE.

Feb 15th - After calibrating the 3-D compass, the rotator antenna project tracked the ISS as it passed overhead.

Feb 18th - In an effort to get the local radio club to have combined activities, the Northeastern Indiana Radio Association, Allen County Amateur Radio Club and the Fort Wayne Radio Club have a Morse Code Class on Tuesday nights from 6:30 to 8:00 PM until April 15th in Auburn. We are using the LCWO Koch method for the training.

Feb 22nd - I have been asked by the Columbia City club to put on a program at the May meeting on WinLink. I modified the power point file I have on the subject to focus on using VHF/UHF equipment for sending and receiving emails.

Feb 24th - I checked the antenna system on the Rotator project and found high VSWR on the VHF frequencies. A duplexer used to separate the VHF/UHF frequencies had a defective soldering job on the VHF port to the antenna. VSWR was 8 to 1. After repairs the VSWR was 1.1 to 1.

Chris Frederick KQ9Y

The radio room rewiring for the Mid-State ARC, MARC, is almost completed. Of particular interest was the grounding for the room, tower, and all operating positions. All connections were opened, burnished and reattached with a dab of conductive grease where appropriate. Ground rod earthing checked with Megger. Plans being discussed for tower maintenance, sanding rust and painting. But tower belongs to County. Hmm...

Discussions are starting for Field Day 2025.

Mark Skowronski K9MQ

An ARRL member in my county was wondering how he gets notifications of when new QST's are posted to the website, since he no longer gets the paper version in the mail. I informed him about the ARRL Current, which allows you to receive a monthly overview of the different ARRL publications that were published for that month. For those that would like to start receiving the ARRL Current, log in to the ARRL website and click on Membership at the top. Then click on Member Benefits on the left. Scroll down to E-Newsletters and click on it. Under Communication on the left, click on Opt In/Out. Sign up for The ARRL Current.

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For the month of February, I continued keeping busy with the Whitley County Amateur Radio Club and Tamiami Amateur Radio Club meetings, and VE Testing in Indiana, Venice, Florida and nationwide.

Roger McEntarfer N9RM

I continued working with the Whitley County W5YI VE Team with virtual remote testing and In Person Testing. We have formed a coalition of Test Teams, The Amateur Radio Testing Group N1ART, combining about a dozen teams across the country testing from 8AM – Midnight every day of the week just select a day and time and we will test you.

I assisted the Tamiami Amateur Radio Club ARRL Test Team with their February 1, 2025, In-Person Test Session.

I attended the Orlando HamCation with the Tamiami Amateur Radio Club. I had a great time and bought more stuff that I probably didn't need. I did run into a half dozen hams from Indiana.

I helped get the Tamiami Amateur Radio Club HF Antenna up higher on the 120-foot tower for the HF Remote station.

The Disaster Plan for my Florida HOA to include Amateur Radio is complete and was presented to the Shareholders. We are now getting the First Responder Team set up and trained.

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Affiliated Club Coordinator's Report

From Jimmy Merry KC9RPX, Affiliated Club Coordinator

Affiliated clubs across Indiana are encouraged to send a note to Jimmy Merry, ARRL Indiana Section Affiliated Club Coordinator, each month. Please include the following:

- Please be sure to send me any club news. Example: Historical events, Upcoming events, Outstanding member, etc. Include captioned photos.
- Regular updates about your club, its events, special occasions, club news, outstanding members, and other newsworthy items.

This information could let hams across Indiana know what is going on in your club. Assist hams in your area know about your club. Help membership. And assist other clubs across Indiana with ideas. Please send to kc9rpx@arrl.net.

Section Emergency Coordinator's Report

Report: Form4

Division: Central

Section: Indiana

Month/Year: February 2025

History: Reported by Brian Sexton, KD9EDR, SEC on 2025-03-09 09:59:57 UTC

Number of DECs/ECs reporting this month:	31
Total number of DECs/ECs appointed in section:	52
4. Total number of ARES members:	576
Difference in ARES members from previous month:	N/D
5. Number of ARES net sessions held:	161
6. Number of ARES net sessions held with NTS liaison:	37
7. Number of participants in nets:	2,131

	Number	Person-Hrs
8. Exercises this month:	19	75.00
9. Training events this month:	8	204.00
10. Public service events this month:	2	38.00
11. Community service events this month:	3	21.00
12. Emergency events this month:	1	6.00
13. SKYWARN events this month:	2	5.00
14. Meetings this month:	25	345.50
15. Unclassified events this month:	10	10.70

Call signs of DECs/ECs reporting:

K4BXX, K9WG, KB9OIC, KB9WWM, KC9AFE, KC9GUY, KC9RPX, KC9RVL, KC9ZAR, KD9BKU, KD9DHJ, KD9DPA, KD9FRT, KD9HIG, KD9LEY, KD9MRM, KD9PMT, N9CAD, N9CJT, N9CWW, N9GTL, N9JIN, N9UN, NM9R, W9DRB, W9MDT, W9SOX

District Emergency Coordinator Report

INDIANA DISTRICT 2-----

D2 has one at large member that is currently part of an organized group. Indiana District 2 met in person and on Zoom at the public library in Knox, Indiana. Starke County. District members discussed plans for 2025 as well as county EC discussed their activates.

DISTRICT 3-----

Total number of members is unknown to me. No D3 Nets were held in February. District 3 is preparing to support the ARES HF Net in March.

Ed Scott, K9EJS has accepted the position of Asst. DEC for District 3. I appreciate his help in filling vacant EC positions in the District.

The vacant positions include: Adams, DeKalb, Huntington, LaGrange, Noble, and Wabash Counties

DISTRICT 5-----

Checked into several ARES nets around District 5 this in February.

DISTRICT 6 DEC-----

Delaware County holds 3 Nets on Thursdays on 2 unlinked repeaters and 1 simplex frequency.

Updated Form 2 to include Henry and Grant County EC info

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NWS cancelled all in person Storm Spotter Training after February. I am attending the virtual Spotter session on March 4th.

DISTRICT 10-----

Net is wide area digital. W9ILS Digital Group System.

Emergency Coordinator Reports

Activity Reports

ALLEN-----

Nets include weekly FM and DMR training nets, Net participation involved 33 Man hours for the month.

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY-----

We meet on 146.430 simplex - the designated ARES frequency for Bartholomew County - each Friday at 7:30 p.m. for Q&A and general discussion. The number of participants shown above is the average. Actual attendance ranges from 6-9 licensees.

CLARK-----

There were no activities this month other than the nets. Clark is looking forward to working on Echolink and Winlink presentation.

HAMILTON COUNTY-----

85 ARES in nets - 179 total in nets. Net every Sunday at 2000 hours. In Person meeting on February 1st with 18 ARES attending. We had a "show and tell" with our own equipment.

DELAWARE-----

We hold 3 ARES Nets on Thursdays. One on 441.900 Repeater, another on 146.730 backup repeater, and another on 146.490 simplex. Repeaters are not linked.

FULTON COUNTY-----

We will hopefully be adding a NTS station to our nets this month.

GRANT-----

One training net other than reg. weekly net. Also routine monthly Emergency siren test.

GREENE COUNTY-----

Some snow and periods of very cold weather this month.

HANCOCK COUNTY-----

Hancock county local net

HARRISON-----

1.0 air time for the month

HENDRICKS-----

We conducted four (4) weekly Tuesday Night ARES Nets on the 145.130 MHz during the month and had good participation. We accumulated just over 31.6 man-hours of airtime.

The Hendricks County ARES Hospital Net (HRH/IU) with 2 man-hours of airtime.

HENRY COUNTY-----

We're working on trying to find a new meeting location and improving our on-line presence.

HOWARD COUNTY-----

Howard County ARES Emergency Coordinator Justin Johnson, N9JIN, attended Auxiliary Communicator (AUXC) training with 13 other hams from Indiana February 22-23 in Plainfield, IN. This 2-day, 20 hour training program prepares emergency communication leaders to assist public safety agencies in both planned events and unplanned incidents. This program brings Indiana from 0 AUXC operators to now 14 AUXC Trainees. Once their task books are completed, these individuals will be credentialed and deployable anywhere in the US as part of the Emergency Management Assistance Compact. Training was sponsored by the Indiana Integrated Public Safety Commission, and presented by the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency of FEMA.

LAWRENCE COUNTY-----

Quiet month

MARION COUNTY INDIANA-----

We resumed our monthly Connectivity Net after a short Winter hiatus. Our overall net participation is up this month.

MARSHALL COUNTY-----

Marshall County ARES conducted 4 nets in February 2025.

MONROE-----

Monroe Co weekly ARES NET (4 nets) - 65 total check-ins

Weekly ARES Simplex Net - 34 Check-ins

1 Skywarn net - 4 Check-ins at 2 am

1 Monthly Warning Siren Test Net to assist Monroe Co EMA - 6 Check-ins

We also have the daily CoCoRaHS net with 6 Check-ins daily which I am not counting in my report. (for NWS)

By a show of hands, and from email response we have 20 ARES members in Monroe Co. Trying to collect the FSD-98 forms. I have gotten about 6 so far to return the forms and will send what I have in,

OWEN COUNTY-----

normal traffic and announcements.

PORTER COUNTY-----

We did discuss Ares at the local club meeting

RANDOLPH-----

Our ARES net is combined with a local 2 meter net.

SPENCER CO.-----

4 NETS ANALOG, 4 DIGITAL

STARKE COUNTY-----

No activity

STEBEN COUNTY-----

Team focusing on NVIS within the county. All members able to check into local NVIS HF net. Working with local EMA to upgrade Amateur Radio station VHF/UHF radio and computer.

Administrative and Other Comments:

ALLEN-----

Sad to report that one of our members, Bernie Holm. K9JDF became a silent key in February.

In the process of updating the Allen County membership roster by collecting the FSD-98 forms from the members. The process is slow in completion.

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY-----

N9CJT will be giving an online program on traffic handling and the NTS on March 4th at 7:00 pm. primarily for the Jennings County Amateur Radio Association as part of their monthly online meeting, but also open to hams in Bartholomew and Brown counties.

HAMILTON COUNTY-----

We also made plans to support the Carmel Marathon as we have done every year, but we were just informed that they won't need our help this year. We will still work at the Sam Costa Marathon and later this year at the Midwest Tandem Rally.

DELAWARE-----

NWS Spotter Training for Delaware County on April 3, 2025 was cancelled. We have promoted Virtual Spotter Training on March 4th.

FULTON COUNTY-----

Working with County 911 to place a station in the 911 center. Station will be all mode with Win-Link capabilities. Also Installing a Win-Link gateway installed at our county highway departments 100ft tower. Hopefully will be up and running by the end of March.

GREENE COUNTY-----

Continue to hold monthly meeting/training sessions.

HANCOCK COUNTY-----

Monthly ARES meeting. Five members and one non-ham guest including two new members.

HENDRICKS-----

The HCARS Hendricks County Hamfest, sponsored by the Hendricks Amateur Radio Society was held on February 8, 2025, at the Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds & Conference Center, Located at 1900 E. Main St. In Danville. HCARES had a display table at the event and had many interactions with the community. Don Somerville, KD9DHJ, HCARES EC attended a meeting with the new IN SEC, Brian Sexton, to learn about his vision for HAMS in Indiana.

AUXCOMM Training: Don Somerville, KD9DHJ and Dick Click, N9THO attended two intense days of Auxiliary Communications training given by the Cyber Security & Interoperability Security Agency (CISA) at the Plainfield Fire Territory Command Center on February 22-23.

HENRY COUNTY-----

We lost our meeting location some time ago, and the EM sees no benefit to working with us. We're working on changing that; slow going though.

KNOX COUNTY-----

Tech class in MAR.

MARION COUNTY INDIANA-----

We held our quarterly volunteer meeting in February. The attendance was lower than anticipated. We hope to do better in April.

MARSHALL COUNTY-----

Marshall County ARES conducted 4 nets during the month of February. We also met in person and discussed 2025 activities and training opportunities.

MONROE-----

1 Zoom meeting, siren test, early morning sky warn net. The Skywarn net was called when the storm was moving toward Monroe Greene and Lawrence Counties but ended up going well South of Monroe Co, but good early morning practice.

I have also been assisting Owen Co. with their weekly nets once to twice a month

And helping Frank KD9FRT a little in Lawrence Co.

OWEN COUNTY-----

still working on obtaining FSD-98 ARES forms from members i will try and get that done at the next meeting. Pretty small group down here in owen county. I have been recently elected President as well as continuing my EC role. Still in a rebuilding type phase down here. Hopefully get us in the direction we need to be! thanks - KD9HIG

PORTER COUNTY-----

Met with the Porter County EMA communications Liaison about helping with siren testing this spring.

STEUBEN COUNTY-----

Local EMA is building team and is including ARES as part of the team. We will have a part in his annual county-wide exercise with Fire, Law, and Ambulance services.

Section Manager's desk

Note: Each week, I send out an Indiana Section News email for that week. If you are an ARRL member, log into your profile on the ARRL website to make sure you have "Division and Section News" selected in the "Opt In/Out" section in order to get those weekly emails. The items you see here in the "From the Section Manager's desk" section of the monthly section news are taken from the weekly emails.

We're back!

Because of the computer network incident that impacted ARRL operations, the tool that section managers used to generate emails to their members was taken off-line. That tool has been restored and we are now able to send these emails. For more information about the ARRL computer systems disruption, see <https://www.arrl.org/news/arrl-systems-service-disruption>

New Director and Vice Director

ARRL Central Division, of which Indiana Section is a part, elected a new Division Director and a new Vice Division Director last fall. Carl Luetzelschwab K9LA, who had been Central Division Director, elected to not run again. Brent Walls N9BA (n9ba@arrl.org), who had been Central Division Vice Director, was nominated for the Director position and Josh Long W9HT (w9ht@arrl.org) was nominated for Vice Director. Both candidates were unopposed and were declared elected. Congrats to Brent and Josh and thank you to Carl!

New Section Emergency Coordinator

Brian Sexton KD9EDR has been appointed Indiana Section Emergency Coordinator filling the position previously held by Mike Alley W9MSK. Brian has jumped in with both feet to improve organization, reporting, and communications within the Indiana ARES community. Congrats to Brian and thank you to Mike!

Legislation regarding radio frequency jamming devices

There are two bills making their way through the Indiana Legislature, House Bill 1155 and Senate Bill 26, that are intended to give prosecutors some leverage when communications and navigation equipment are disrupted by electronic jamming devices. HB 1155 was authored by Rep. Matt Pierce N9VKU who represents the Bloomington area. Matt tells me that for the proposed law to apply, you must have a device that is "designed to block, interfere with, or overpower wireless communication." Matt goes on to say "devices with legitimate purposes like ham radio gear or commercial communications equipment would not be considered a 'jamming device' under the bill because they were designed to communicate or test, not interfere with wireless communication." HB 1155 has been referred to the Senate Committee on Corrections and Criminal Law and SB 26 has been referred to the House Committee on Courts and Criminal Code. If you have concerns about this legislation, please contact your state representative or state senator.

<https://iga.in.gov/legislative/2025/bills/house/1155/details>

<https://iga.in.gov/legislative/2025/bills/senate/26/details>

Wilbur Wright Special Event Station

Amateur radio operators from Henry County will be celebrating Wilbur Wright's birthday on April 16 with a Special Event Station using callsign W9W. The station will operate from the parking lot of the Wilbur Wright Museum, 1525 N County Rd 750 E, Hagerstown, IN 47346. They plan to operate from about 9am to 4pm. Depending on the number of participants they will operate as many possible stations on multiple bands and modes. If they have enough equipment and operators, they might also do a POTA activation from the Wilbur Wright Fish & Wildlife area, US-4232.

FCC's "Delete, Delete, Delete" Docket

This week, FCC Chairman Brendan Carr announced a "massive deregulation initiative", DA 25-219. I've heard and read much speculation about what this might mean for amateur radio. Initially, I don't think it means a thing. This is just the opening of comments on an initiative that seems geared towards what the FCC can do to reduce regulations for corporations that use telecommunications. I don't see an immediate impact on personal radio services like amateur radio. That said, we need to be always watchful for FCC rule changes that might impact amateur radio's frequencies, modes, or equipment. You can read the FCC news release here: <https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/DOC-410147A1.pdf> And, you can find the full docket here: <https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/DA-25-219A1.pdf>

ARRL Response to FCC's "Delete, Delete, Delete" Docket

In a Public Notice titled "In Re: Delete, Delete, Delete," issued on March 12, 2025, the FCC is soliciting public input on any FCC rules in any service that members of the public believe should be deleted or modified "for the purpose of alleviating unnecessary regulatory burdens." This is the latest in a series of similar proceedings going back to 1996, when the Communications Act was amended to require the FCC to periodically review its rules.

The ARRL, through its Executive Committee and FCC Counsel, is conducting a review of the provisions in Part 97 and other related rules that apply to radio amateurs. ARRL is also soliciting feedback from its members. Rules identified as outmoded, obsolete, or that for other reasons should be repealed or modified, will be included in ARRL's filing to be submitted no later than the FCC deadline of April 11, 2025. The deadline for filing reply comments is April 28, 2025.

It is expected that the Commission will incorporate suggestions that it decides worthy of its consideration in a future Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) that could be issued later this year. There will then be an opportunity for public comment on the specific rules that the Commission proposes for deletion or modification.

You can read the FCC docket here: <https://docs.fcc.gov/public/attachments/DA-25-219A1.pdf>

ARRL form for member comment: <https://www.arrl.org/fcc-public-notice-march-2025>

Active Club Primer

The ARRL Staff has updated the Club President's Workbook and the Special Service Club Manual with new tips and ideas. The result is the ARRL Club Primer full of ideas for improving your amateur radio club. You can download a copy here:

<https://www.arrl.org/files/file/Clubs/ARRL%20Club%20Primer-rev%20March%202025.pdf>

Upcoming Hamfests in Indiana

The up-to-date hamfest listing for Indiana, and the entire U.S., can be found on the ARRL's website at: <http://www.arrl.org/hamfests/search> Note: Hamfests must be submitted to the ARRL in order to appear on the ARRL website. For more information, see: <http://www.arrl.org/hamfest-convention-application>

If your hamfest is not listed here, please contact Bob Burns AK9R, ARRL Indiana Section Manager, at ak9r@arrl.org

Spring Hamfest

Start Date: 03/22/2025

End Date: 03/22/2025

Location: Clay County 4-H Fairgrounds
6550 North State Road 59
Brazil, IN 47834

Website: https://www.w9uuu.org/hamfest/hamfest_2025.pdf

Sponsor: Wabash Valley ARA, Inc.

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-In: 146.685 pl 151.4

Public Contact: Tyler Vandevender , KD9YHO
13604 S. Geneva Hills Rd. Clinton, IN 47842
Phone: 765-505-9894

Email: KD9YHO@gmail.com

Columbus Amateur Radio Club Hamfest

Start Date: 04/05/2025

End Date: 04/05/2025

Location: Columbus North High School
1400 25th St
Columbus, IN 47201

Website: <http://carcnet.net>

Sponsor: Columbus Amateur Radio Club

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-In: 146.790 MHz, -600 kHz, PL 103.5 Hz

Public Contact: Mike Idlewine , WE8MI
4373 E. Windsor Ln. Columbus, IN 47201
Phone: 812-521-6206

Email: idlewine@comcast.net

North Central Indiana Hamfest

Start Date: 04/26/2025

End Date: 04/26/2025

Location: Miami County 4-H Fairgrounds
1029 W. 200 North
Peru, IN 46970

Website: <http://ncihamfest.com>

Sponsor: Cass County, Miami County, Kokomo County, Grant County Clubs

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-In: 147.345+ (131.8)

Public Contact: Lindsay Hamaker , KD9WAI
1604 Summerfield Drive Marion, IN 46953
Phone: 765-251-8305
Email: info@ncihamfest.com

Auburn Hamfest

Start Date: 07/19/2025
End Date: 07/19/2025
Location: Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum
1600 Wayne Street
Auburn, IN 46706
Website: <http://w9ou.org>
Sponsor: Northeastern Indiana Amateur Radio Association
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Talk-In: 147.015 with 141.3 tone
Public Contact: John Chalmers , W9GOO
1400 Davidson Court Auburn, IN 46706
Phone: 260-927-5746
Email: auburnhamfest@w9ou.org

East Central Indiana Hamfest

Start Date: 07/26/2025
End Date: 07/26/2025
Location: Jay County Fairgrounds
806 E. Votaw Street
Portland, IN 47371
Website: <https://sites.google.com/view/ecindianahamfest/home>
Sponsor: Jay County ARC, Whitewater Valley ARC
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Talk-In: 443.475+ PL. 100.0, 145.210- PL 97.4
Public Contact: Douglas Skinner , W9KED
805 Indiana Avenue Richmond, IN 47374
Phone: 765-977-1874
Email: w9ked@comcast.net

Elkhart East Hamfest

Start Date: 08/02/2025
End Date: 08/02/2025
Location: Northern Indiana Event Center
21565 Executive Parkway
Elkhart, IN 46514
Website: <http://elkharteasthamfest.com>
Sponsor: Northern Indiana K9DEW Repeater Network
Type: ARRL Hamfest
Talk-In: 147.330 / CTCSS:131.8
Public Contact: Dewey Thrash , K9DEW
53464 Baywater Place Bristol, IN 46507

February 2025

Phone: 574-370-2436

Email: elkharthamfest@gmail.com

Hoosier Hills Hamfest

Start Date: 11/08/2025

End Date: 11/08/2025

Location: Lawrence County 4H Fairgrounds
11261 US Hwy 50 West
Bedford, IN 47421

Website: <https://hoosierhillshamfest.com>

Sponsor: Hoosier Hills Ham Club

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-In: 146.73 107.2

Public Contact: Justin Elliott , KD9IGT

PO Box 891 Bedford, IN 47421

Phone: 812-896-8002

Email: hamfest@w9qyq.org

February 2025



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

2025 Hamfest & Computer Expo

with

Commercial Vendors

Saturday March 22, 2025

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 \$10.00 (12 and under free)

FREE TABLES



Hourly drawings for Door Prizes — Breakfast Served

More information: <http://w9uuu.org> or contact hamfest@w9uuu.org

40th Annual Columbus



HAMFEST

Sponsored by Columbus Amateur Radio Club

Saturday, April 5, 2025
8 a.m. to Noon

Adult General Admission \$5.00

North High School Cafeteria
1400 25th Street
Columbus, IN 47201

Food and Beverages
Available
BSA Troop 549

Flea Market Space Available

Fee: \$10 per 6 foot table (tables provided)
Set-up: 6 - 7:30 p.m. Friday or 6 a.m. Saturday
Registration: at the door or in advance

All-Indoor
Flea
Market

For registrations or more info, contact:

Mike Idlewine WE9MI | 4373 E. Windsor Lane | Columbus, IN 47201
idlewine@comcast.net | 812-521-6206

Please enclose SASE with advance exhibitor registration or general admission. Advance registrations must be prepaid and postmarked by 3/29/24. Make checks payable to: Columbus Amateur Radio Club

VE TESTING: 9 a.m. - Noon

Provided by W9BCI VE Team

Pre-Register at least 24 hours in advance by email:
David Redding N9VDT | dave@n9vdt.com | 812-341-4202

Those with passing test scores will be entered into a drawing for a \$100 DX Engineering gift certificate

Free
Parking

Hourly Door Prizes

Grand Prize: Icom ID-50a 5W Dual Band HT with D-STAR Radio (Cash awarded to non-amateur winner)



North Central Indiana Hamfest

Discover the World of Amateur Radio!



When: Saturday, April 26th, 2025
Location: Miami County 4-H Fairgrounds
1029 W. 200 North Peru, IN 46970



Time: 9:00 AM- 3:00 PM (EST)
Cost: General Admissions
\$7.00 EA (12 & Under FREE)
Vendor Tables
\$10.00 EA
(includes 1 general admission)

TESTING BY N9RM (W5WI Licensing Services)

Time: 10:00 AM- 12:00 PM
Cost: \$14.00 Register on our web site

FORUMS

POTA(Parks On The Air) - 9:30 AM- 10:30 AM
National Weather Service Seminar - 1:00 PM- 3:00 PM

Registration is strongly recommended due to limited seating for NWS Seminar. Visit our web site!

For Event Updates

please visit our web site using the QRcode or weblink below.
Questions regarding General Information, Event Details, Camping,
Prizes & Vendor Registration please visit our contact page.



ncihamfest.com



The Northeastern Indiana Amateur Radio Association

AUBURN HAMFEST

Saturday, July 19, 2025

Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum

1600 S. Wayne St. Auburn, IN 46706

OPEN 9 AM TO 2 PM • TALK-IN: 147.015 (141.3) and LOAD-IN: 7 TO 9 AM

EARLY LOAD-IN FRIDAY, 2 TO 4 PM
(unless otherwise notified)

FREE Admission & Parking

6,000 SQ. FT. INDOOR DISPLAY SPACE



FREE Admission to the:

AUBURN CORD DUESENBERG MUSEUM

View an amazing collection of classic motor vehicles.



FOOD VENDOR
(at outside sales area)

VE Testing at 10:00 AM

NEED MORE INFO?

E-MAIL: auburnhamfest@w9ou.org

Indoor Vendor Tables: \$10 ea.

Order online or by mail, info at www.w9ou.org

Outdoor Sales - Buy raffle ticket(s)

\$5/ea space (buy 2, get 1 free)

Raffle Prizes:

1st- XIEGU G90 HF 20W SSB/CW/AM/FM

2nd- C3 Electronics Band Pass Filter
(C3 Electronics is an Auburn Hamfest vendor)

3rd- Yaesu FT65

4th- \$50 Gift Certificate, DX Engineering

Raffle ticket Prices \$5.00 ea - Buy 2, get 1 Free!

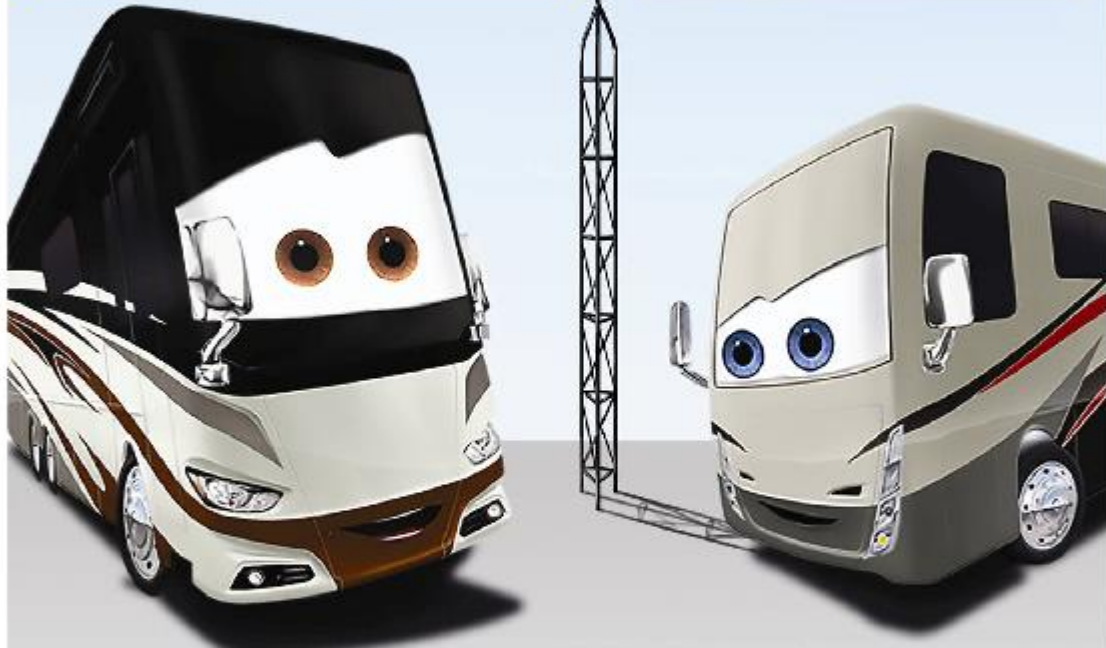
2025 ELKHART EAST HAMFEST
SATURDAY AUGUST 2, 2025
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Northern Indiana Event Center
21565 Executive Parkway - Elkhart, IN 46514

More details are available on our website
at: <https://www.elkharteasthamfest.com>.

The Northern Indiana Event Center is
a state-of-the-art convention facility
located at the MH/RV Hall of Fame in
Elkhart, Indiana. (Toll Road at Exit 96)

Questions? info@elkharteasthamfest.com



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: K9DEW Mishawaka Repeater (147.330+ 131.8 pl)

Additional Reserve Info.

info@elkharteasthamfest.com
Northern Indiana Event Center
21565 Executive Parkway
Elkhart, IN 46514

