



**Indiana Section  
American Radio  
Relay League**

# **Newsletter**

**March 2025**

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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](mailto:ak9r@arrl.org).

Bernard Holm K9JDF of Fort Wayne

Mark A. Ellsworth WA9SNV of New Haven

Glade N. Rogers KC9RCX of Cromwell

## 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](mailto:stm@inarrl.org)).

INDIANA STM REPORT MARCH 2025					
HF NETS					
NET NAME	SOURCE	QNI	QTC	QTR	SESSIONS
IDTN	K9JAJ	115	7	208	20
ITN	N9TU	1366	104	1263	62
QIN	NJ9S	106	44	296	31
<b>TOTALS</b>					
<b>NETS REPORTING</b>					

INDIANA STM REPORT MARCH 2025							
PUBLIC SERVICE HONOR ROLL							
STATION	SESSIONS	MESSAGES	APPTS	PUB SVC	EMG RES	DIGITAL	TOTAL
W9BGJ	40	65	30	0	0	20	155
KA9QWC	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	0
AB9ZA	40	40	10	0	0	0	90
W9EEU	40	72	20	0	0	20	152
<b>TOTALS</b>							
<b>STATIONS REPORTING</b>							

INDIANA STM REPORT MARCH 2025						
ORS AND SAR STATION REPORT						
STATION	TYPE	ORGINATED	RECEIVED	SENT	DELIVERED	TOTALS
W9BGJ	ORS	8	65	65	3	141
KA9QWC	ORS	NR	NR	NR	NR	0
AB9ZA	ORS	0	35	32	3	70
W9EEU	ORS	0	34	38	0	72
W9PC	ORS	0	7	13	0	20
NT9F	ORS	1	1	1	1	4
W9MGB	ORS	2	2	3	3	10

<b>INDIANA STM REPORT MARCH 2025</b>					
<b>VHF/UHF NETS</b>					
<b>NET NAME</b>	<b>SOURCE</b>	<b>QNI</b>	<b>QTC</b>	<b>QTR</b>	<b>SESSIONS</b>
CASS CO ARC	KA9BYN	72	0	123	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	NR	NR	NR	NR
JEFFERSON CO	N9XVB	15	0	27	3
MID STATE ARC	KI6QOG	200	0	214	5
SCOTT CO ARES/RACES	WR9G	44	4	76	4
SOUTH CENTRAL AREA	KA9OPL	80	1	181	4
TARS EVANSVILLE	KE9YK	115	4	570	6
TRI STATE 2 METER	W9OU	328	0	404	21
WABASH VALLEY	KC9LDJ	121	0	239	5
WHITLEY CO ARES	K9EJS	12	0	32	4
14					
<b>NETS REPORTING</b>					

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Monthly Report for D/Star and DMR								
DMR								
Date	Net Control		QNI	QTC	QTR	Time Began	Time Ended	Freq
03/03/25	KC9OWY		30	0	24	20:00	20:24	442.750(+)
03/10/25	KC9OWY		24	0	21	20:00	20:21	442.750(+)
03/17/25	K9NQW		22	0	23	20:00	20:23	442.750(+)
03/24/25	K9NQW		31	0	24	20:00	20:24	442.750(+)
03/31/25	K9NQW		24	0	23	20:00	20:23	442.750(+)
Sessions:	5	Total:	131	0	115			
Month of Rep	March 2025							
D-Star								
Date	Net Control		QNI	QTC	QTR	Time Began	Time Ended	Freq
03/06/25	K9NQW		11	0	21	20:00	20:21	443.400(+)
03/13/25	K9NQW		11	0	21	20:00	20:21	443.400(+)
03/20/25	KA9OPL		14	0	31	20:00	20:31	443.400(+)
03/27/25	KA9OPL		15	0	30	20:00	20:30	443.400(+)
Sessions:	4	Total:	51	0	103			
Month of Rep	March 2025							

# QIN QNU

Issue Number 013 April 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

**DO YOU REMEMBER** the story of the blind men describing an elephant? One grasped the tail, and declared that the elephant must be like a rope. Another grasped a leg and declared that the elephant must be like a tree; etc. Similarly, one could answer the question of what is the most important component of an amateur radio station in various ways: Many might say that the *ANTENNA* is the key component (“what can’t get out can’t be heard!”). Others might vote the *RECEIVER* as being paramount (“can’t work ‘em if you can’t hear ‘em”). Still others will vote for the use of brute *POWER!* (“blast a hole into the ionosphere!”). And more recently, the application of *COMPUTER* power to log contacts, to generate CW (electronic keyers and keyboards) and (heaven forbid!) to READ CW. Hi hi ! Obviously, all of those components are important, but the *MOST* important element in an amateur station is *YOU*, the operator.

A skilled operator can achieve great results with even a modest station, but a superb station piloted by a mediocre operator will not usually achieve similar results. The moral to the story is: “practice makes perfect”, so check-in to QIN often. . . hi hi!

March weather was like the proverbial roller-coaster: cold, then hot, then cold again! Unrelenting winds and rain created havoc with antennas, and a schizophrenic Sun toyed with our 80 meter propagation. Family, work and health issues forced our attention from things one likes to do to things mandatory. Your Net Mgr was shocked to realize that I only was a NCS for three QIN nets. My sincere gratitude to Carl K9LA, Rusty WB9FIU and Mark W9PC for keeping QIN going! Also, my thanks to the others who checked in during the month. All participation is important and appreciated!

That’s it for this month; see you on QIN!

73,

Bruno NJ9S

**CURRENT QIN NET ROSTER & PARTICIPATION STATS**

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

CALL	NAME	QTH	QNI MARCH 2025	NCS MARCH 2025
W9BGJ	BRIAN	HUNTINGTON, IN	3	1
WD9DWE	DENNIS	PEKIN, IN		
K9EI	MATT	ELLETSVILLE, IN		
WB9FIU	Rusty	COLUMBUS, IN	18	6
N9IVI	IVIN	PLAINFIELD, IN		
K9LA	CARL	FT. WAYNE, IN	29	16
WD4MSM	BARRY	SOUTH BEND, IN	1	
N9OL	JOHN	EVANSVILLE, IN		
W9PC	MARK	ROSSVILLE, IN	8	5
NJ9S	BRUNO	MISHAWAKA, IN	26	3
WB8SIW	JIM	BUCHANAN, MI		
K0TQ	MIKE	N. VERNON, IN		
WA2USA	DENNIS	NEWBURGH, IN		
K9UT	JERRY	RICHMOND, IN		
AD8WR	DAVE	GRANGER, IN	2	
N19Y	DAN	MISHAWAKA, IN	1	
N8AFT	LANE	COLUMBUS, OH		
KA8BJA	FRANK	COSHOCOTON, OH	14	
AC8RG	WALT	DAYTON, OH		

(plus 4 visitors)

**QIN QUICK FACTS**

**Monthly Totals for: JULY 2024 thru MAR 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
MAR 2025	31	106	44	296

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](mailto:tc@inarrl.org)).

## **Jeff Delucenay KB9QG**

The month of March was spent putting together a Go-Box using a Xiegu G90.

The CW class is continuing which is a joint effort between the Northeastern Indiana Amateur Radio Association, Allen County Amateur Radio Club and the Fort Wayne Radio Club.

## **Roger McEntarfer N9RM**

For the month of March, 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.

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 March 8, 2025, In-Person Test Session.

I helped provide communications for the Shark Tooth 10K Race on Saturday March 1, 2025 and the Shark Fin 5K Race on Sunday March 2, 2025 with the Tamiami Amateur Radio Club.

I helped train the Tamiami Amateur Radio Club VE team with their first Virtual test session on Monday .March 10, 2025.

I had a weak moment and offered to take over an open Board of Directors position with the Tamiami Amateur Radio Club.

The Disaster Plan Team of First Responder's are set up and trained at our Venice, FL HOA. Hopefully, we will not have any more hurricanes and will not need the plan of First responders.

The Whitley County W5YI/ARRL Test Team will be conducting In Person and Virtual Amateur Radio Test sessions through the year.

Virtual test sessions are held every Monday evening a W5YI at 8:00 PM and an ARRL session at 8:30 PM.

To register for any of these test sessions visit: <https://hamstudy.org/sessions/n9rm>

Upcoming In-Person test sessions:

The North Central Indiana Hamfest <https://ncihamfest.com/>, April 26, 2025, from 10:00 AM - Noon.

To register visit: <https://ncihamfest.com/testing>

The Auburn Indiana Hamfest <https://www.w9ou.org/2025-auburn-hamfest-scheduled-for-july-19-2025-9am-2pm-2/>, July 19, 2025, from 10:00 AM – Noon.

To register visit: <https://hamstudy.org/sessions/6779e1d3e2b2f7787ac1cc49/1>

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.

March 2025

The Amateur Radio Testing Group N1ART which my team is a part of provides all day testing to register for a session visit: <https://hamstudy.org/sessions/N1ART/all>

The next WCARC General Meeting April 10, 2025 @ 6:00 PM at Parkview Whitley Hospital, Lower-Level Meeting Room A The program for the evening will be on Parks On The AIR "POTA".

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83738348724?pwd=SFJSVWc2WVJ5WThIL1dlc0h6SmNXQT09>

Meeting ID: 837 3834 8724

Passcode: 243817

**Tom Busch WB8WOR**

At the Danville hamfest, I had a report of power line QRM in Martinsville, but so far, I have not found it. I will continue to check as weather conditions change.

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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](mailto:pio@inarrl.org)).

### DeKalb County PIO John D Maag - KD9QDL

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. Only 2 more weeks on the training.

We are progressing along with field day and procuring our site. This year we hope to have more stations in operation. We are going to hand out certificates at the end with the number of contacts the person made on each.

The club has had several zoom meetings preparing for our hamfest this year.

### 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 March 13, 2025, the Whitley County W5YI & ARRL Virtual Remote Test Sessions every Monday at 8:00 & 8:30 PM, and the Whitley County Amateur Radio Club (WCARC) General Meeting on April 10, 2025.

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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](mailto:kc9rpx@arrl.net).

# Section Emergency Coordinator's Report

From Brian Sexton KD9EDR, Section Emergency Coordinator

To all Emergency Coordinators, District Emergency Coordinators, and Official Emergency Stations, please remember to turn in your reports to Section Emergency Coordinator Brian Sexton KD9EDR.

Report: Form 4  
Division: Central  
Section: Indiana  
Month/Year: March 2025

History: Reported by Brian Sexton, KD9EDR, SEC on 2025-04-18 20:00:48 UTC

Number of DECs/ECs reporting this month: 35  
Total number of DECs/ECs appointed in section: 52  
4. Total number of ARES members: 733  
Difference in ARES members from previous month: N/D  
5. Number of ARES net sessions held: 191  
6. Number of ARES net sessions held with NTS liaison: 57  
7. Number of participants in nets: 2,698

	Number	Person-Hrs
8. Exercises this month:	41	1,755.90
9. Training events this month:	19	282.10
10. Public service events this month:	5	19.00
11. Community service events this month:	8	74.50
12. Emergency events this month:	8	433.80
13. SKYWARN events this month:	41	3,406.60
14. Meetings this month:	23	284.90
15. Unclassified events this month:	8	43.20

Call signs of DECs/ECs reporting:

AD0TY, K9EJS, K9WG, KA9AMP, KB9OIC, KB9WWM, KC9AFE, KC9GUY, KC9RPX, KC9RVL, KD9BKU, KD9DHJ, KD9DPA, KD9FRT, KD9HIG, KD9LWR, KD9PMT, KD9TFY, KP4CI, KV9N, N9CAD, N9CJT, N9CWW, N9GTL, N9JIN, N9JPX, N9LAA, NM9R, W9DRB, W9MDT, W9SOX, W9TWE, WR9G

## Activity

### District Emergency Coordinator Reports

DISTRICT 3-----

Nets were the Indiana State ARES HF Net.

DISTRICT 2-----

District 2 conducted its monthly net on 3 March 2025.

DISTRICT 6-----

Consolidated EC reports from Tipton, Delaware, Grant & Howard Counties

## Emergency Coordinators Reports

ALLEN-----

Allen County sponsors a DMR net every Tuesday evening at approximately 9:15 pm following our FM net. We invite any DMR operators to check-in. The net is held on the Brandmeister TG 31181, the Indiana Link TG,

BARTHOLOMEW-----

One NWS tornado drill; two Skywarn severe wx nets; four weekly ARES nets; one zoom-type online training session reviewing the section ARES plan.

CLARK-----

Discussion of EchoLink and who uses it. Further discussion

CLAY-----

Our net has an average of 20 per net and average of 25min per net.

HAMILTON-----

in person meeting on March 1st with 19 attendees - we had a presentation on building J-Pole antennas and a presentation on the Midwest Tandem rally that we will be helping with.

March 8th, we attended the National Weather Spotter Training - we had 19 in the class that received Spotter Training Certificates.

March 25th, we had a Hamilton County SET - everyone was asked to log into the Noblesville repeater at 1900 hours and wait for further instructions. After they were checked in, they were told to log into the Hortonville repeater (just west of us) and after Hortonville they had to log into the National Simplex frequency to check in.

DELAWARE-----

weekly ARES/Skywarn Nets held on Thursdays on Primary & backup repeaters as well as Simplex for 3 Consecutive Nets

FULTON-----

5 UHF Nets 5 Simplex Nets 5 Win-Link Nets 4 VHF Nets

2 Sky warn Activations

1 Statewide Tornado Drill

GRANT-----

Total man hrs. for nets: 26

GREENE-----

Greene County ARES Nets are held each Wednesday evening at 7:30pm local time on the Cincinnati Repeater on 147.240Mhz with a + offset using a PL tone on 103.5hz

HANCOCK-----

Hancock County net

HARRISON-----

94 Mins of air time

HENDRICKS-----

Weekly/Monthly Nets:

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 19.6 man-hours of airtime.

The Hendricks County ARES Hospital Net (HRH/IU).

The Monthly Hospital Net was held on March 15, 2025, with Ken Kayler KC9SQD hosting from Hendricks Regional Health Hospital, starting at 1030 hrs. on the 147.570 Simplex Frequency.

The Hendricks County ARES/HERO Leadership would like to welcome Eric Hutte, W9OMO as the new Hendricks Regional Health Hospital Manager. Eric has taken the reins from Verne Madden N9VAM who previously stepped down

HOWARD-----

An active weather month, Howard County had two Skywarn nets active. In preparation for those real-world nets, a tabletop exercise was held at the March KARC meeting, where members could participate and observe how a weather net is run, along with commentary.

JENNINGS-----

3 exercises to identify strengths and weakness to plan into future training.

KOSCIUSKO-----

Provided emergency communication for race, trained on radios.

LAPORTE-----

ARES members Help SKYWARN nets on the W9LY VHF repeater for the 30 Mar storms.

MARION-----

During the state wide tornado drill we held a 'check-in' net and relayed those numbers to NWS. Since this was a morning net, we held a Skywarn style net after a shortened regular ARES net in the evening to practice protocol and make sure folks have the repeaters programmed in properly.

During our monthly Connectivity net, it was low attendance but fruitful - as we found 2 stations mis-programmed for weather net repeaters and one with apparent tone issues.

MARSHALL COUNTY-----

We held 4 nets with an average of 10 check-ins per week

MONROE-----

3 Skywarn nets - Total 50 Check-ins x 7 hours

4 Weekly ARES Nets - 85 Check-ins x 2 hours

1 Monthly Warning Siren test to assist EMA - 10 Check-ins x 1 hour

4 Weekly simplex Nets - 32 Check-ins x 2 hours

OWEN-----

Normal monthly meeting held 3rd Saturday of the month at 9 am. Owen County amateur radio association

PORTER-----

We participated in the siren tests

SCOTT-----

In March, there were 4 scheduled ARES nets conducted on the Scott County EMA repeater (146.610) with 44 check-ins and a total of 76 minutes providing operators an opportunity to check and test their equipment.

SPENCER-----

10 NETS, 5 ANALOG AND 5 DIGITAL

STEUBEN-----

ARES nets are primarily VHF held weekly, but two weeks a month's we add an HF NVIS net following the VHF net.

TIPPECANOE-----

Tippecanoe County Siren test cancelled (3/1/2025). Regular Monday night nets took place. Several NCS members had to cover for other NCS. Several ARES members stepped in for severe Weather as Liaison and ANCS. They did not send in their reports and we have to discuss problem with Hams bringing information not relevant to the directive at hand. Meetings will resume soon.

TIPTON-----

Assisted Tipton County EMA with tornado siren testing during statewide tornado drill.  
We had 1 severe weather net on March 30, 2025

WHITLEY-----

Whitley County ARES Members participated in 4 weekly nets, 2 outdoor early warning siren testing,  
Statewide siren testing during Severe Weather Preparedness week, and the Indiana ARES Net

**Administrative and Other Comments**

**District Emergency Coordinators Reports**

DISTRICT 2-----

On 30 March 2025 we ran a combined net with Marshall County on the K9WZ Marshall County Repeater in support of several rounds of Severe Thunderstorms that effected West and Polk Townships. A F1 tornado was confirmed by the NWS. Members supported and passed messages.

DISTRICT 3-----

Attempting to collect the number of ARES members in the district. There are some members in counties without an EC.

**Emergency Coordinators Reports**

ALLEN-----

I am attempting to cleanup my roster for ARES members. of the 64 I currently carry on the rosters, about 30-35 would I consider "active". It has been a very difficult activity.

BARTHOLOMEW-----

Line 15 reflects our weekly ARES nets.

CASS-----

This month's activity included 4 regular nets, 1 exercise and 2 emergency events. The 4 regular nets (3/6, 3/13, 3/20, 3,27) with 59 check-ins for a total 98 minutes. On 3/11 the National Weather Service severe weather drill was conducted with 4 check-ins and 15 minutes. The 2 emergency events included 3/19 with 6 check-ins and operated for 47 minutes. On 3/30, we operated for 69 minutes with 6 check-ins.

CLARK-----

Members who could participate were standing by to send any info for Skywarn. Our county sustained very little damage. Our training consisted mainly of radio etiquette and protocol.

CLAY-----

WE PROGRAMMED SOME RADIOS AND HELPED GET UP SOME ANTENNAS THAT HAD BEEN DOWNED BY A STORM.

HAMILTON-----

March 22, we had the Sam Costa Marathon with 4 ARES members - they have decided next year they will want more radio help in the marathon, and we will probably up that number to 12 or more.  
March 30th, we had a severe storm net from 1430 to 1900 hours. We had 26 ARES joining on the Hamilton County Emergency Management storm net. Almost all of the ARES members are also Comms Group (RACES) members in Hamilton County. From the EOC they are in touch with state RACES and the NWS.

DELAWARE-----

Muncie Area ARC Club President Campbell Reed KD9GK demonstrated a Winlink app called RadioMail for cell phones. Marv Gilliland KC9RVL demonstrated a Bionics brand Baofeng radio Controller for fox hunting, as well as an Arrow Fox hunting loop and attenuator.

FULTON-----

Fulton County ARES now has a Win-Link gateway up and running on 145.530 VHF Call Is KD9PMT-10. Antenna is located on the south side of Rochester at 100ft.

GREENE-----

This month's training session was an introduction to formal traffic handling. 2 Skywarn events, March 15 and Mar30. No damage reported, hail reports ranged from pea size to a few golf ball size stones, total of 6 check-ins. I participated in the OPSF 50/50 Trail Run communication support.

HARRISON-----

94 Mins of air time

HENDRICKS-----

Training: A class for HAM Technician license was held on March 22nd from 0900-1600 and March 29th from 0900-1200 with the test at 1230. The location was the Plainfield Chapel, 2125 Reeves Road, Plainfield, IN. There were 13 people that showed up for the training and test. Five (5) people obtained their Technician license and five (5) people upgraded to their General license. Congrats to all!

Miscellaneous: The Hendricks County Medical Reserve Corp (HCMRC) is offering Citizen Emergency Response Team (CERT) will begin training in April. For more information contact Jeff Corder at [jcorder@co.hendricks.in.us](mailto:jcorder@co.hendricks.in.us).

Upcoming: The next Monthly Hospital Net will be on April 19, 2025, with Ken Kayler KC9SQD hosting from Hendricks Regional Health Hospital, starting at 1030 hrs. on the 147.570 Simplex Frequency. All Hendricks County ARES Members and all Amateurs are encouraged to participate.

IU West Hospital Mass Casualty Exercise (Tabletop) will be held on April 7, 2025 from 1000-1300 hrs. Dick Click will be our ARES representative attending that tabletop exercise.

KNOX-----

Technician Course 22&23 MAR 2025 and ARRL VE EXAM 23 MAR 2025 at the Bruceville Fire Department. Online VE Exam administered on site via ExamTools.

-Technician class instructors: KC9TFD AD9GF NM9R.

-On-site VEs: KD9USI KD9WHV N9XEM NM9R.

-Remote VE: KD9TWJ (Exam proctor)

-Successful students: KE9CWX KE9CWS KE9CXE. (KE9CWS age 10).

-80 person-hours (48 class, 32 VE Exam)

LAWRENCE-----

During Skywarn Net, had multiple exchanges with NWS on NWSChat.

MONROE CO INDIANA-----

3 Skywarn nets and activations to assist EMA - Total of 350 person hours

OWEN-----

KD9HIG -COMPLETED ANNUAL SKYWARN TRAINING X 2

KD9RCC -COMPLETED ANNUAL SKYWARN TRAINING

PORTER-----

We participated in the siren tests

SCOTT-----

The Scott County EMA Group will host a VE testing session Saturday, April 12th at 11:00 AM. Sessions are normally held on the 2nd Saturday of every even numbered month. Walk-Ins are welcome, but all new candidates must be registered in the FCC CORES system and have received their FCC Registration Number (FRN) before exam day. The testing location is at the Bacala Center, 69 E Wardell St, SE Corner of

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Courthouse Square, Scottsburg IN 47170 and is ADA accessible. For more info email: [steve@wr9g.net](mailto:steve@wr9g.net) or visit [www.wr9g.net/links](http://www.wr9g.net/links). 73, Steve WR9G

STEUBEN-----

Continuing to build capabilities focusing on HF NVIS and digital comms.

TIPPECANOE-----

1 new member with ICS 100/200/700/800. One existing member finished ARRL EC001

## 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.

### 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!

### Indiana QSO Party

The annual Indiana QSO Party will be held on May 3, 2025. This is an on-the-air contest held each year on the first Saturday of May. Stations get on the air and make contacts using CW or SSB on the 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, and 10 meter bands. The object is to contact as many Indiana counties as possible though contacts outside of Indiana also count for points. To add to the fun, the New England, 7-land, and Delaware QSO Parties are the same day. More information here: <http://www.hdxcc.org/inqp/index.html>

### Interview with ARRL CEO David Minster NA2AA

Bill Salyers AJ8B, host of The DX Mentor Podcast, recently interviewed ARRL CEO David Minster NA2AA. The interview was aired on the podcast and on the DX Mentor YouTube channel (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yxWD-qI2DJM>). The interview is lengthy, about 2 hours, and covers a lot of ground, but it is interesting hearing Mr. Minster's thoughts about the ARRL, membership, cyber-attacks, spectrum defense, Washington lobbying, and developing the next generation of amateur radio operators.

### Indiana 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>

### FCC's "Delete, Delete, Delete" Docket

On March 12, 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.

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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**

ARRL The National Association for Amateur Radio® filed comments with the Federal Communications Commission in response to its request for public input on alleviating unnecessary regulatory burdens by deleting or modifying rules, *In the Matter of Delete, Delete, Delete*. Implementing ARRL's suggestions would promote and protect the art, science, and enjoyment of amateur radio, and enhance the development of the next generation of radio amateurs.

In response to ARRL's request, over 200 members submitted suggestions that were reviewed when considering what rules should be deleted or modified. ARRL will continue to engage with members and advocate for the Amateur Radio Service.

In its filing, ARRL asked the FCC to delete or amend rules on the following topics:

- Delete the LF and VHF/UHF Symbol (Baud) Rate and Bandwidth Limitations.
- Update and Modernize Entry Level Technician Class License Privileges.
- Modernize 80/75 Meter Subband Divisions.
- Delete and Replace Obsolete Digital Code Limitations.
- Implement Changes to Third Party Rules Adopted Internationally at WRC-03.
- Delete Amplifier Drive Limitation.
- Remove Non-current Personal Information in Amateur ULS records.
- Delete Obsolete Identification Requirement for Special Call Signs
- Delete Obsolete Paper License Replacement Provision

You can read the full text of the ARRL's response here:

[https://www.arrl.org/files/file/Advocacy/ARRL%2025-133%20Comments%2004\\_11\\_2025.pdf](https://www.arrl.org/files/file/Advocacy/ARRL%2025-133%20Comments%2004_11_2025.pdf)

The FCC notice generated a lot of interest among radio amateurs, with hundreds of Amateurs submitting comments directly to the FCC as well as responding to ARRL's request for suggestions.

The FCC deadline for filing reply comments is April 28, 2025.

It is hoped that the Commission will incorporate worthy suggestions in a future Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) later this year. At that time there will be a new opportunity for public comment on the specific rules that the Commission proposes to delete or modify.

### **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>

### **Severe Weather**

We've already experienced a few bouts of severe weather in Indiana, so this is a good time to think about severe weather safety. Basically, it boils down to "have a plan". Have a plan for the safety of you and your family. Have a plan for electrical power being off for several hours or days. Have a plan for dealing with damage to your house and property. Have a plan for communicating with your family and friends.

## 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](mailto:ak9r@arrl.org)

### 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](mailto:info@ncihamfest.com)

### Bloomington Hamfest

**Start Date:** 06/14/2025

**End Date:** 06/14/2025

**Website:** <https://bloomingtonradio.club/>

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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

Phone: 574-370-2436

**Email:** [elkharthamfest@gmail.com](mailto:elkharthamfest@gmail.com)

### **Shelbyville Tailgate**

**Start Date:** 10/04/2025

**End Date:** 10/04/2025

**Location:** Shelby County Fairgrounds

500 Frank St.

Shelbyville, IN 46176

**Website:** <http://www.brvars.com>

**Sponsor:** Blue River Valley Amateur Radio Society

**Type:** ARRL Hamfest

**Talk-In:** 145.48 MHz 88.5 Hz PL

**Public Contact:** John Walker , K9SVL

302 W. Hendricks St. Shelbyville, IN 46176

Phone: 317-402-5000

**Email:** [inprinter@comcast.net](mailto:inprinter@comcast.net)

### **Hamtober Fest**

**Start Date:** 10/18/2025

**End Date:** 10/18/2025

**Location:** Lynnville Community Center

316 IN-68, Lynnville, IN 47619

Lynnville, IN 47619

**Website:** <http://hamtoberfest.com>

**Sponsor:** Tri-State Amateur Radio Society in Evansville Indiana

**Type:** ARRL Hamfest

**Talk-In:** None

**Public Contact:** John Van Vorst , N9OL

8640 Sunny Brook Drive Evansville, IN 47725-9672

Phone: 812-305-4100

Email: [n9oljohn@gmail.com](mailto:n9oljohn@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](mailto:hamfest@w9qyq.org)

**Fort Wayne Hamfest & Computer Expo**

**Start Date:** 11/15/2025

**End Date:** 11/16/2025

**Location:** Allen County War Memorial Coliseum  
4000 Parnell Ave.  
Fort Wayne, IN 46801

**Website:** <https://www.fortwaynehamfest.com/>

**Sponsor:** Allen County Amateur Radio Technical Society

**Type:** ARRL Hamfest

**Talk-In:** 146.880 (-) 141.3 Tone

**Public Contact:** ACARTS Fort Wayne , W9IWX

PO Box 10342 Fort Wayne, IN 46851

Phone: 260-579-2196

Email: [FM@ACARTS.COM](mailto:FM@ACARTS.COM)

# 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

**Award Card Checking Available!**  
Two ARRL representatives  
will be on-site to check QSL cards  
for DXCC, VUCC, WAS, WAC &  
more.

## 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](http://ncihamfest.com)

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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



VE Testing at 10:00 AM

NEED MORE INFO?

E-MAIL: [auburnhamfest@w9ou.org](mailto:auburnhamfest@w9ou.org)

**Indoor Vendor Tables: \$10 ea.**

Order online or by mail, info at [www.w9ou.org](http://www.w9ou.org)

**Outdoor Sales - Buy raffle ticket(s)**

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



**FREE** Admission to the:

**AUBURN CORD DUESENBERG MUSEUM**

View an amazing collection of classic motor vehicles.



**FOOD VENDOR**  
(at outside sales area)

**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!

# East Central Indiana HAMFEST 2025



**Jay County Fairgrounds**  
806 E Votaw Street  
Portland, Indiana 47375  
**Saturday, July 26, 2025 from 8 AM to 2 PM**

Linked Talk-in: 443.475+ PL: 100.0 and 145.210- PL: 97.4  
Listen at: Simplex 147.54 or GMRS / FRS Channel 1

## FREE

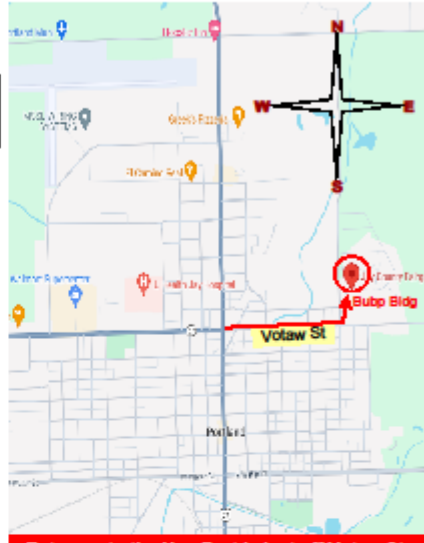
- Parking
- Admission
- Vendor Spaces\*
- Door Prize Ticket



## DOOR PRIZES



Prizes like these and hundreds of others have been given away since our first HamFest!



Entrance to the HamFest is just off Votaw St.

**FREE DOOR PRIZE TICKET  
JUST FOR CHECKING IN.  
EXTRA DOOR PRIZE  
TICKETS AVAILABLE!**



**Be sure to join our  
FOX HUNTS!**

We're known for our FABULOUS Fox Hunts and we'll try not to disappoint this year. We usually have one in the morning and another in the afternoon. The winner doesn't get a fox, but a great prize, instead!

### Also Available:

- Breakfast
- Lunch
- Camping - \$30  
*includes electric and water*
- Showers

**VE Testing Sessions:  
10:00 AM and 1:00 PM**



Use your smart phone to link to our website or enter the URL below!

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#### Hoosier Inn

1620 N Meridian St, Portland IN 47371  
Local Phone: 260-726-7113

#### Portland Inn

1147 US Hwy 27, Portland, IN 47371  
Local Phone: 260-726-8888

#### Holiday Inn Express

100 Holiday Dr, Portland IN 47371  
Book a Reservation: 1-888-465-4329  
Front Desk: 260-726-8888

**Sponsored by The Jay County Amateur Radio Club**

**Saturday, July 26, 2025  
8:00 AM to 2:00 PM Eastern**

*All scheduled events subject to change without notice.*

Reserve your selling spaces at  
[INhamfest.com](http://INhamfest.com) | [INhamfest@gmail.com](mailto:INhamfest@gmail.com)  
or call Dave at 419-733-0867

*Info and details on our website: [INHamfest.com](http://INHamfest.com).*

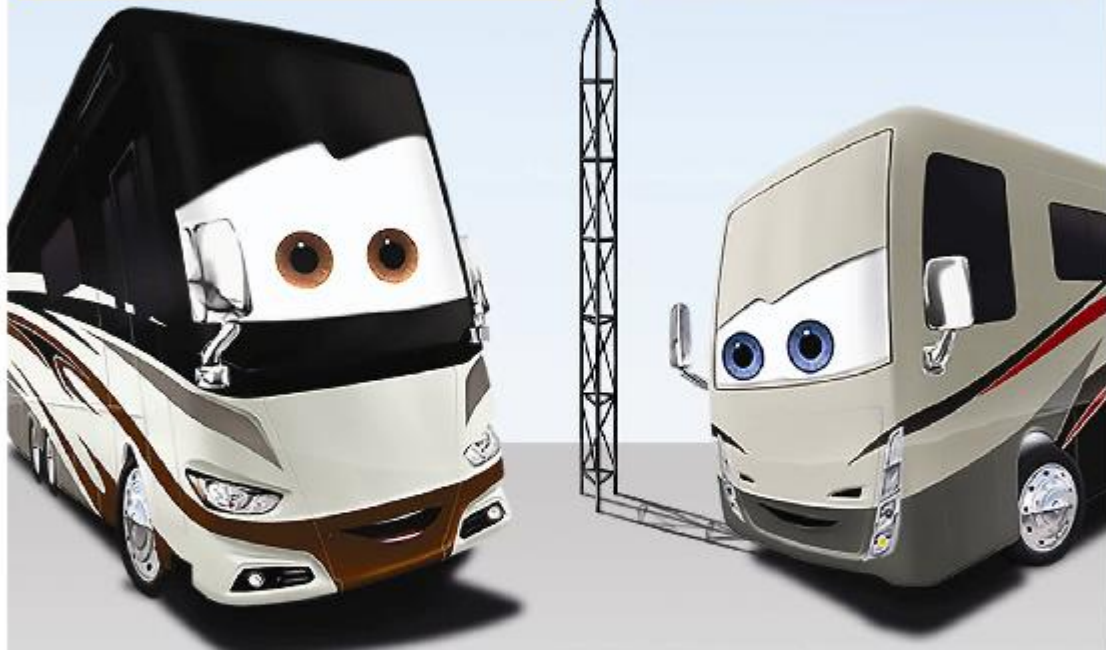
**2025 ELKHART EAST HAMFEST**  
**SATURDAY AUGUST 2, 2025**  
**9:00 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)**

**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  
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Elkhart, Indiana. (Toll Road at Exit 96)

Questions? [info@elkharteasthamfest.com](mailto:info@elkharteasthamfest.com)



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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.

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