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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.

Gerald Hill W9CZW of Noblesville

Mark Reese N9MR of Fort Wayne

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 APRIL 2025					
HF NETS					
NET NAME	SOURCE	QNI	QTC	QTR	SESSIONS
IDTN	K9JAJ	83	4	160	15
ITN	N9TU	1370	107	1278	60
QIN	NJ9S	103	46	300	30
TOTALS					
NETS REPORTING					

INDIANA STM REPORT APRIL 2025							
PUBLIC SERVICE HONOR ROLL							
STATION	SESSIONS	MESSAGES	APPTS	PUB SVC	EMG RES	DIGITAL	TOTAL
W9BGJ	40	60	30	0	0	20	150
KA9QWC	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	0
AB9ZA	40	40	10	0	0	0	90
W9EEU	40	100	20	0	0	20	180
TOTALS							
STATIONS REPORTING							

INDIANA STM REPORT APRIL 2025						
ORS AND SAR STATION REPORT						
STATION	TYPE	ORGINATED	RECEIVED	SENT	DELIVERED	TOTALS
W9BGJ	ORS	4	65	65	3	137
KA9QWC	ORS	NR	NR	NR	NR	0
AB9ZA	ORS	0	23	25	6	54
W9EEU	ORS	40	51	0	100	191
W9PC	ORS	0	7	10	1	18
NT9F	ORS	1	1	1	1	4
W9MGB	ORS	2	2	3	3	10

INDIANA STM REPORT APRIL 2025						
VHF/UHF NETS						
NET NAME	SOURCE	QNI	QTC	QTR	SESSIONS	
CASS CO ARC	KA9BYN	72	0	123	5	
CLAY COUNTY	W9EEU	81	0	100	4	
CROSSROADS DMR	K9NQW	108	0	93	4	
D STAR NET	K9NQW	61	0	103	4	
HENDRICKS CO	KD9DHJ	77	0	28	6	
IMO NET	K9SKS	558	3	451	30	
JEFFERSON CO	N9XVB	17	0	35	3	
MID STATE ARC	KI6QOG	178	0	174	4	
SCOTT CO ARES/RACES	WR9G	58	2	108	5	
SOUTH CENTRAL AREA	KA9OPL	112	0	231	5	
TARS EVANSVILLE	KE9YK	187	6	533	9	
TRI STATE 2 METER	W9OU	291	0	390	20	
WABASH VALLEY	KC9LDJ	96	0	137	4	
WHITLEY CO ARES	K9EJS	12	0	32	4	
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NETS REPORTING						

Monthly Report for D/Star and DMR								
DMR								
Date	Net Control	QNI	QTC	QTR	Time Began	Time Ended	Freq	
04/07/25	KC9OYW	30	0	26	20:00	20:26	442.750(+)	
04/14/25	KC9OYW	25	0	22	20:00	20:22	442.750(+)	
04/21/25	KC9OYW	26	0	22	20:00	20:22	442.750(+)	
04/28/25	K9NQW	27	0	23	20:00	20:23	442.750(+)	
Sessions:	4	Total:	108	93				
Month of Report:	April 2025							
D-Star								
Date	Net Control	QNI	QTC	QTR	Time Began	Time Ended	Freq	
04/03/25	K9NQW	15	0	20	20:00	20:20	443.400(+)	
04/10/25	K9NQW	9	0	17	20:00	20:17	443.400(+)	
04/17/25	KA9OPL	19	0	32	20:00	20:32	443.400(+)	
04/24/25	KA9OPL	18	0	34	20:00	20:34	443.400(+)	
Sessions:	4	Total:	61	103				
Month of Report:	April 2025							

QIN QNU

Issue Number 014 MAY 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 CONTINUES to maintain its' place in the pantheon of amateur radio traffic handling by the efforts and loyalty of our regulars. That is, **296** QIN nets were held out of a possible 300 nets during the past ten months! The remarkable thing is that this was accomplished through the combined efforts of only *five* net control operators! I salute and thank each and everyone of you! I also salute and thank all of those operators who have made the effort to check in to QIN be it one or more times during the month. You, the operators, **ARE** QIN. Without **you**, there is no net. Together, we will endeavor to improve our skills and to keep QIN alive!

9RN LIAISON: due to our current limited number of NCS operators and check-ins, it is sometimes difficult for the QIN ncs to make it to 9RN due to family obligations, etc. I am grateful for the times K9LA, WB9FIU and W9BGJ have volunteered to be the 9RN liaison for us/me. Please remember, since our current procedure is that the evening QIN ncs then becomes our liaison to that evenings 9RN, thus he would then check-in to 9RN as QNI FM QIN. If you are not the evenings QIN ncs, but you happen to QNI 9RN, common courtesy asks that you allow the designated QIN rep a chance to check-in to 9RN as the QIN rep first to minimize any confusion. TNX.

REFLECTIONS and MUSINGS of an Old Timer

I was first licensed as a novice class operator back in 1957. My Dad's '49 panel truck had a six cylinder engine, a three speed stick transmission, a manual choke and NO frills! The lawn mower was a reel type that was self propelled- MYSELF propelled that is! Mom's clothes dryer was a solar powered arrangement that we called "a clothes line" in the back yard. Life may have been simpler then, but harder as well.

The ham shack was a lot different, too. For receiving, we had an accessory called a "preselector" that was a tunable outboard rf amplifier that pushed signals into the receiver (all full of vacuum tubes). For additional selectivity, I had a Heathkit Q-

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Multiplier (\$12.95 in kit form and worth EVERY penny!) that improved the IF selectivity. And finally, between the receiver and the headphones, I had a FL-5 selective “range filter” for one last bit of audio selectivity. The range filters (FL-5 and FL8) original purpose was to pass the 1080 hz air navigation signals for our Army Air Corps, and were compliments of WW II surplus.

The transmitter was homebrewed per a Lew McCoy QST article, and built from parts donated and/or salvaged from an old tv set. It *looked* like it was built by a 13 year old with a limited work bench! The 6146 high powered (75 W. input) crystal oscillator fed an attic random wire antenna through a homebrewed L-net matching unit. Tuning was accomplished using pilot bulbs (who could afford panel meters?). Crystal current was monitored by observing the “crystal current bulb”, while plate tuning was accomplished by minimizing the “plate current” bulb brilliance. Another pilot bulb was soldered to a two turn loop that was loosely coupled to the antenna tuner coil, and the L-net was tuned for brilliance! It wasn’t pretty or ideal, but it worked.

SWR? We didn’t worry much about that- the vacuum tubes would tolerate plenty, besides, who had a SWR meter . . . ? QSK? T/R? For us novices, a good ole KNIFE switch from the local hardware store served the purpose. The more astute guys achieved QSK using an assortment of relays to mute the receiver, to switch the antenna for xmit, and to key the transmitter. All those relays got the task accomplished but it sounded like a machine gun firing! I added a homebrewed low pass filter that was built into a 1 pound coffee can, between the transmitter and the antenna tuner to attenuate the harmonics appearing in a neighboring ham’s 6 meter receiver . . . Add to all this: headphones, straight key and later a bug and one had quite a pile of gear on the operating table!

Today, all the functionality listed above plus much more can be found in a single box that can almost fit into a hip pocket! I cherish those old memories, but I would hate to give up my digital frequency readout, panadapter, electronic cw keyer, etc etc. Down the log, THESE will become our good old days!

A fair number of our net members have been conspicuous by their absence. To you, I say that *you are missed*, and I hope your absence is due to work, or travel or any of a number of good things. Rest assured that you are always welcomed to drop in on QIN to say hello and to let us know that you are well!

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 APRIL 2025	NCS APRIL 2025
W9BGJ	BRIAN	HUNTINGTON, IN	2	
WD9DWE	DENNIS	PEKIN, IN		
K9EI	MATT	ELLETTSVILLE, IN		
WB9FIU	Rusty	COLUMBUS, IN	24	9
N9IVI	IVIN	PLAINFIELD, IN		
K9LA	CARL	FT. WAYNE, IN	26	8
WD4MSM	BARRY	SOUTH BEND, IN		
N9OL	JOHN	EVANSVILLE, IN	4	
W9PC	MARK	ROSSVILLE, IN	6	4
NJ9S	BRUNO	MISHAWAKA, IN	28	9
WB8SIW	JIM	BUCHANAN, MI		
K0TQ	MIKE	N. VERNON, IN		
WA2USA	DENNIS	NEWBURGH, IN		
K9UT	JERRY	RICHMOND, IN		
AD8WR	DAVE	GRANGER, IN		
NI9Y	DAN	MISHAWAKA, IN		
N8AFT	LANE	COLUMBUS, OH		
KA8BJA	FRANK	COSHOCTON, OH	13	
AC8RG	WALT	DAYTON, OH		

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
APR 2025	30	103	46	300

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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).

Roger McEntarfer N9RM

For the month of April, 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.

Upon my return to Indiana, I found my G5RV was partially on the ground as a pulley at the 40 foot mark had broken. I climbed the tower, replaced the pulley and we are back in business.

I ran the North Central Indiana Hamfest Test session on April 26, 2025, from 10:00 AM – Noon. Test session results: 13 Tests taken by 10 Applicants, 5 Passed Technician Test with one of them also passing the General Test, 2 Additional passed their General Test, 3 Tried the technician test but did not pass, at least 2 of them plan to study more and then try at one of our upcoming virtual test sessions. And we had 2 signed up to test but did not show up. All in all was a great session. Look forward to coming back next year.

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 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.

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 May 8, 2025 @ 6:00 PM at Parkview Whitley Hospital, Lower-Level Meeting Room A The program for the evening will be on Winlink presented by Jeff Delucenay KB9QG. Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83738348724?pwd=SFJSVWc2WVJ5WThlL1dlc0h6SmNXQT09> Meeting ID: 837 3834 8724 Passcode: 243817

Mark Skowronski K9MQ

This month was all about repeater controllers. I helped the local radio club make some changes to their repeater controller. I was also contacted by another ham with the local emergency management agency. He was requesting assistance on how they can determine the firmware version that their Arcom RC-210 controller is running so they can download the appropriate programming software. On the RC-210, if you power cycle the controller, on boot up it will announce the current firmware version over whatever repeater is hooked up to Port 1.

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In the shack, I've been busy working DX. I trenched over a 100ft of RG6 cable to install a remote receive antenna that is hooked up to a DX Engineering preamp. The antenna and preamp improved reception on my Kiwisdr online receiver. As I get additional time, I will be experimenting with trying to implement a loop on the ground antenna.

Tom Busch WB8WOR

During a recent trip, I managed to rip one of the antenna connectors off of my N5BOC hotspot. After unsuccessfully trying to solder a new one back on, I came to the conclusion that I needed a new MMDVM hat. Unfortunately, N5BOC is on hiatus at the moment.

That got me thinking about open-source hardware and I'm researching how to deal with board fabrication and assembly houses.

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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

April 1st, 2025

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 April 10, 2025, the Whitley County W5YI & ARRL Virtual Remote Test Sessions every Monday at 8:00 & 8:30 PM, the In-Person test session at the North Central Indiana Hamfest, April 26, 2025, from 10:00 AM - Noon and the Whitley County Amateur Radio Club (WCARC) General Meeting on May 8, 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.

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.

Reported by Brian Sexton, KD9EDR, SEC on 2025-05-18 00:30:55 UTC

Number of DECs/ECs reporting this month:	28	
Total number of DECs/ECs appointed in section:	47	
4. Total number of ARES members:	698	
Difference in ARES members from previous month:	N/D	
5. Number of ARES net sessions held:	174	
6. Number of ARES net sessions held with NTS liaison:	42	
7. Number of participants in nets:	2,326	
	Number	Person-Hrs
8. Exercises this month:	25	321.2
9. Training events this month:	19	142.2
10. Public service events this month:	4	144.4
11. Community service events this month:	2	10
12. Emergency events this month:	0	0
13. SKYWARN events this month:	41	1,130.90
14. Meetings this month:	24	329
15. Unclassified events this month:	2	13.8

Call signs of DECs/ECs reporting:

K9WG, KA9AMP, KB9OIC, KB9WWM, KC9GUY, KC9RPX, KC9RVL, KD9BKU, KD9DHJ, KD9DPA, KD9FRT, KD9LEY, KD9LWR, KD9MRM, KD9PMT, KD9TFY, KV9N, N9CJT, N9CWW, N9GTL, N9JPX, N9LAA, NM9R, W9COD, W9DRB, W9MDT, W9SOX, WR9G

Activity Details:

DISTRICT 2-----

Activated a weather Skywarn net for severe weather; Had our regular business meeting where we also did some training on Winlink; Marshall County hosted the D2 meeting where some Slack training was had with NWS and general discussion about the recent severe weather

DISTRICT 3-----

No District wide activities

DISTRICT 6-----

reports from Grant, Delaware, Tipton and Randolph Counties

ALLEN -----

In April, the Allen County ARES Team was preparing for an Emergency Communication Drill to be held on May 3rd. Details regarding the event will be provided in the May report.

BARTHOLOMEW-----

Nets meet on 146.430 simplex at 7:30 p.m. each Friday. Seven is the average QNI per net.

CASS-----

No activity

CLARK-----

Discussed the weather and the potential. Also, some discussion on GMRS use in the area

DELAWARE-----

Three ARES Nets are held on Thursdays on 441.900 repeater, followed by 146.730 repeater, then 146.490 Simplex

FULTON -----

We have 3 nets on Mondays UHF / VHF Simplex / VHF Winlink ana 1 VHF net on Fridays.

GRANT-----

Normal nets.

GREENE-----

Regularly scheduled weekly net on April 2 was canceled due to Skywarn Net during severe weather

HAMILTON-----

Thursday April 3rd - meeting at Life Church in Noblesville starting at 1830 for a Iron sharpens Iron meeting. They wanted to learn more about Ham radio so I was invited in to speak.

There were 20 in attendance and we discussed some basic ham radio functions, how to get started, how to get a license, affordable starting radios etc. It was mostly a 2 hour Q&A session but they enjoyed it and wanted to schedule more training.

Saturday 4/5/25 - ARES CIARA meeting. Presentation on history of shortwave radio station HCJB. -Discussed Field Day - had 2 attendees from Life Church presentation show up. 15 ARES members were there from 9AM to 11AM

HANCOCK -----

SkyWarn net on 01APR2025

HARRISON-----

74 mins of air time

HENDRICKS-----

Weekly/Monthly Nets:

We conducted five (5) weekly Tuesday Night ARES Nets on the 145.130 MHz during the month and had good participation. We accumulated just over 28 man-hours of airtime.

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

The Monthly Hospital Net was held on April 19, 2025, with Jeremy Enz K9ENZ hosting from IU West Hospital, starting at 1030 hrs. on the 147.570 Simplex Frequency. We accumulated just over 4 man-hours of airtime.

JENNINGS-----

Nothing to report

KNOX-----

N/A

KOSCIUSKO-----

Ares training on Traffic reporting, Skywarn Activity

LAPORTE-----

Nothing to report

LAWRENCE -----

Busy, storm month

MARION-----

We held an ICS 100/700 review to help new and existing volunteers. We also, in preparation for the Indy 500 Festival Mini Marathon, held an on-air training to help reinforce net protocol and take questions. During our monthly Connectivity net found a couple radios needing reprogrammed for local repeaters used during Skywarn nets.

MONROE-----

1 MEETING 4 WEEKLY ARES NETS, 4 WEEKLY ARES SIMPLEX NET, 1 MONTHLY SIREN TEST TO ASSIST EMA, 4 SKYWARN NETS IN APRIL 2035

MORGAN-----

Check 2...

RANDOLPH-----

Weekly ARES Net.

SCOTT -----

In April, there were 5 scheduled ARES nets conducted on the Scott County EMA repeater (146.610) with 58 check-ins and a total of 108 minutes providing operators an opportunity to check and test their equipment.

SPENCER-----

none

STARKE -----

Attended District 2 meeting

STEBEN -----

Continue working both VHF and NVIS HF Nets. We also have a monthly Winlink Exercise to ensure familiarity with common templates.

TIPTON -----

N9LAA showed Emergency Go Box at monthly club meeting

VERMILLION-----

one SkyWarn net

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Administrative and Other Comments:

DISTRICT 3-----

Working on filling vacant EC Positions in the District.

DISTRICT 6-----

Winlink training by KC9RVL at EmComm ECI ARC in Delaware CO

N9LAA presented Emergency Go Box in Tipton Co

County Siren test in Grant Co

ALLEN -----

Quiet but busy month preparing for the Communication Drill. Still trying to complete the active member roster changes for the Allen County Team.

BARTHOLOMEW-----

Line 13 represents two separate nets on April 2. No other Skywarn severe weather nets took place in Bartholomew County even though several of our ARES members were keeping track of other storms throughout the state during the month of April through CIS nets led by N9GDR and W9NWS whenever the Scipio link was brought up.

CASS-----

All activity this month from our 4 regular nets. 60 check-ins and 108 minutes.

CLARK-----

Discussed the increasing use of GMRS users. It was decided for me and others to get a license before they may not be available anymore.

DELAWARE-----

Winlink training held at EmComm ECI Meeting on April 19th.

SKYWARN Net held on April 2nd.

The EmComm ECI ARC has confirmed Field Day will be held at Morrow's Meadow City Park in Yorktown.

FULTON -----

We now have our Winlink VHF Gateway up and running.

GRANT-----

County siren test along with reg. mtgs.

GREENE-----

Had some severe weather this month, no injuries, no damage reported. Did a simplex exercise this month. Other than that it was all quiet in Greene County.

HAMILTON-----

Former CIARA president and web manager, HCEM Communications Group member and ARES member Tim Vermande, KD5URS, passed away unexpectedly a week ago. He will be greatly missed. He helped me a lot when I was appointed EC for Hamilton County. He was a great person in the Ham community and just a good person overall.

HENDRICKS-----

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.

Skywarn was activated on April 2, 2025, at 2000 hrs. and had 19 ARES members assist. Several towns experienced damage including downed trees and power lines. There were also three (3) people trapped in a collapsed building for several hours. Hendricks County ARES experienced the destruction of one of their antennas when the tower it was on near the county fair grounds collapsed. Thanks to all those who volunteered during this emergency.

KNOX EC-----

N/A

MONROE CO INDIANA-----

1 MEETING 4 WEEKLY ARES NETS, 4 WEEKLY ARES SIMPLEX NET, 1 MONTHLY SIREN TEST TO ASSIST EMA, 4 SKYWARN NETS IN APRIL 2035

SCOTT -----

The Scott County EMA Group held a VE Testing Session Saturday, April 12th at the EOC. We had 6 new candidates come in and 6 earned their Technician licenses. We also had 2 Technician licensees get their General license. The next testing session is scheduled for June 14th at 11:00 AM. Walk-Ins are always welcome. The testing location is at the Bacala Center, 69 E Wardell St, SE Corner of Courthouse Square, Scottsburg IN 47170 and is ADA accessible. For more info email: steve@wr9g.net or visit www.wr9g.net/links. 73, Steve WR9G

SPENCER CO.-----

4 analog and 4 digital nets

STEBEN -----

SkyWarn Events are worked in conjunction with Steuben EMA and NWS in North Webster IN. Two of us on the team or EMA volunteers and we both have an NWS Chat 2.0 account.

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had one night SkyWarn event

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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.

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. For more information: <http://www.hdxcc.org/inqp/index.html>

Public Service

Service to the public is one of the basic principles of amateur radio. This service is one way that we can express our appreciation to society for giving us access to valuable radio spectrum. If you would like to volunteer your time, your talents, and your equipment for a few hours in support of a local public event, contact your ARES Emergency Coordinator or EMA Director for information. There are many events around Indiana that need amateur radio operators, so step up and lend a hand.

Welcome Net

With the dismantling of the W9WIN linked repeater system, the "Welcome (to Amateur Radio) Net" will be divided into "regional" nets. In Indianapolis, "The Welcome Net - Indy" will be held on the W9ICE 146.97 (107.2 tone required) repeater. Since the 146.97 is the host of Central Indiana Skywarn nets, in the event of a weather net on the repeater, the Welcome Net will be canceled for that evening. The Welcome Net - Indy will continue to meet weekly at 8:00 pm, Indianapolis time starting on Wednesday, April 16. The Welcome Net will continue to be a great place for new hams to get used to using their radios. While these nets are intended to help new hams, all amateurs, whether licensed 1 week or 20+ years, are welcome to check in. Welcome Nets are "conversational nets", where after initial check ins, a topic for discussion is posed by the net controller and then those that have checked in are encouraged to comment on the evening's topic. The Welcome Net thanks Dale Schieman WB9YCZ and Frank Swindler WB9OPR of the W9ICE group for their permission to use the 146.97 repeater for the Welcome Net - Indy!

Armed Forces Crossband Test

The Annual Armed Forces Day Crossband Test is coming up on May 10. This event is open to all licensed amateur radio operators and is an interoperability exercise between amateur radio operators and government stations. The basic premise of the test is that the government stations transmit on HF frequencies that they have access to and the amateur radio operators transmit on amateur radio frequencies. Through the use of the "split" feature on most HF radios, stations at both ends can hear each other. Alan Wolke W2AEW, Northern New Jersey Section Technical Coordinator, has a good explanation of split operation on his YouTube channel at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4U6pKnWQVBo> For a list of military and government stations that will be on the air:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Td_IFHw0qedkw19D4xtlGa-0VAy48j8O/view

Tuner uppers

Mark Gregory AB9ZA points out an occasional problem on HF, especially during nets. Tuning up on a frequency that others are using is rude and inconsiderate. Before you tune up, please listen to see if the

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frequency is clear. If not, think about moving up or down the band a few kilohertz to find a clear frequency. Only tune up when you are sure the frequency is clear. Your fellow hams will thank you!

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

Camp Louis Ernst Tailgate & Field Day

Start Date: 06/28/2025

End Date: 06/28/2025

Location: Camp Louis Ernst

9139 State Hwy 7

Dupont, IN 47231

Website: <https://www.camlouisernst.com/>

Sponsor: Friends of Camp Louis Ernst, Brown County Amateur Radio, Columbus Amateur Radio Club, Jennings County Amateur Radio Association, Clifty Amateur Radio Society

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-In: 146.52 Simplex

Public Contact: Dave Redding , N9VDT

7689 State Road 46 East Nashville, IN 47448

Phone: 812-341-4202

Email: dave@n9vdt.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

Phone: 574-370-2436

Email: elkharthamfest@gmail.com

Hendricks County Tailgate Fest

Start Date: 08/09/2025

End Date: 08/09/2025

Location: Avon United Methodist Church
6850 East Hwy 36
Avon, IN 46123

Sponsor: Ham Emergency Radio Operations

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-In: 145.130 MHz W9HCA Repeater 88.5 Hz

Public Contact: Kenneth Kayler , KC9SQD
3090 Clover Dr. Plainfield, IN 46168-6933
Phone: 317-874-7068

Email: kc9sqd425@gmail.com

ARANCI Hamfest

Start Date: 08/23/2025

End Date: 08/23/2025

Location: Christ Presbyterian Church
7416 E. 109th Ave.
Winfield, IN

Sponsor: ARANCI

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-In: 145.33 and 444.250. PL 131.8

Public Contact: Michael Swiader , KA9E
PO Box 215 Lake Village, IN 46349
Phone: 815-409-5070

Email: ka9e@usa.com

MARC Tailgate Hamfest

Start Date: 09/13/2025

End Date: 09/13/2025

Location: Atterbury State FWA Headquarters Parking Lot
7970 South Rowe Street
Edinburgh, IN 46124

Website: <http://www.midstatehams.org>

Sponsor: Mid-State Amateur Radio Club

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-In: 146.520 Simplex

Public Contact: James Adams , KB9JMU
15 Briar Patch Rd. Bargersville, IN 46106
Phone: 317-499-5451

Email: jkadams@aol.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

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

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

Fort Wayne Hamfest & Computer Expo

Start Date: 11/15/2025

End Date: 11/16/2025

Location: Allen County War Memorial Coliseum

4000 Parnell Ave.

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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



AMATEUR RADIO DAY At Camp Louis Ernst



9139 State Highway 7, Dupont, IN 47231
Saturday, June 28, 2025. 9am start

Enjoy a day at Camp Louis Ernst, a former Scout camp opened almost 100 years ago and now dedicated as a place to come together and create positive memories and lasting friendships!

Activities include:

ARRL Field Day Operations – Licensed Amateur Radio Operators from all over are invited to attend, set up and operate stations. Contact dave@n9vdt.com for extended day/night operation

FREE Outdoor Hamfest – Space available for tables or tailgate sales of amateur radio related items. 9am – 1pm

Learn About Amateur Radio – One of the original “digital” communication opportunities! Ham radio is a hobby that the door to supports STEM education and serves the community in times of need. Ham radio operators can communicate around the world in any situation from their homes, vehicles, on foot – anywhere! 9am – 3pm

Talk to Someone Over the Air – Take your seat at a radio and talk to someone without using a telephone or a computer – no internet, and no cost! 9am-3pm

Learn about Solar Power – See how solar panels and batteries work together to provide electricity for lights, radios, and other. 9am-3pm

For more information, contact:

dave@n9vdt.com

Supported by:

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Brown County Amateur Radio
Columbus Amateur Radio Club
Jennings County Amateur Radio Assoc.



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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

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)



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

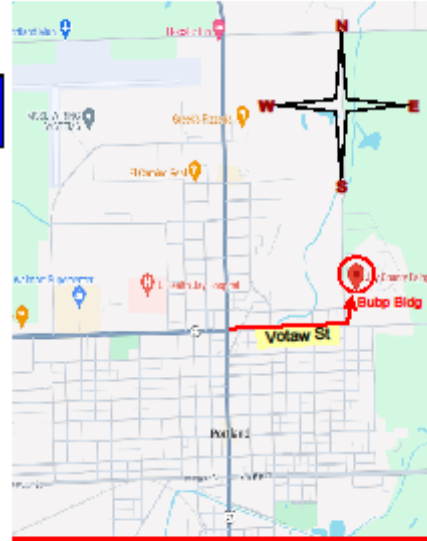
Raffle ticket Prices \$5.00 ea - Buy 2, get 1 Free!

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



Entrance to the HamFest is just off Votaw St.

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!



**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!

Local Motels

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 | INhamfest@gmail.com
or call Dave at 419-733-0867

Info and details on our website: 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
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



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Hamtober Fest 2025



Southern Indiana 7th Annual Hamtober Fest

OCTOBER 18, 2025

LYNNVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER

LYNNVILLE, IN

7:00 AM - Noon CST

GPS 38.19453 -87.30147

----->>FREE ADMISSION <<-----

DONATIONS ACCEPTED AND APPRECIATED!

**** Hamtober Fest Raffle! Drawing at Noon! ****

Fabulous prizes:

Yaesu FTM-510DRASP C4FM & Analog Mobile

Yaesu FT-70D C4FM & Analog Handheld

Ticket cost: \$5 each or 3 for \$10. Two tickets will be drawn at approx Noon at Hamtober Fest.

1st ticket drawn wins the FTM-510DRASP and the 2nd ticket drawn wins the FT-70D

Tickets available for purchase in advance or the morning of the Hamfest!

Need not be present for the noon drawing to win!

Door prize drawings throughout the event!

Must be present when prize is drawn for or we draw again!!

INDOOR TABLES \$10 EACH -- LIMITED AVAILABILITY-RESERVE YOURS NOW!!

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For more info or to reserve tables - Contact: N9OL@arrl.net (<mailto:N9OL@arrl.net>)