



**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.

Gerald Hill W9CZW of Noblesville

Mark Reese N9MR of Fort Wayne

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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).

Chris Frederick KQ9Y

Preparations are ongoing for several on-air events. ARRL FIELD DAY, ARRL Kids Day. A COMPLETE examination of the 3 wire antennae at the MARC Club Radio Room with VSWR checks made across all HF bands, readings recorded, and presently working on a GRAPH presentation to print and store in an Antenna Logbook at the radio room. These graphs will be compared to the 5 previous years graphs to determine issues, problems, aging, etc. with any of the wires. This record keeping was very useful 2 years ago when a large change in VSWR was spotted on the main OCF antenna from the previous annual measurements. Repairs were made. Great example that measurements and record keeping can be important to an Amateur Radio Club or an individual's wire or "aluminum farm." After announcing the plan at last month's membership meeting, a couple MARC members expressed interest that resulted in assisting measurements at their shacks.

Roger McEntarfer, N9RM

For the month of May, 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 worked with the Whitley County Amateur Radio Club Repeater committee, testing both Club repeaters after having issues with the 2-meter 145.270 repeater.

The 145.270 repeater is currently at my house and in process of testing it out. I believe the lightning protection may have been damaged at the repeater site. We will be checking that out soon as we are showing a 4.4/1 SWR. The 70 CM 444.550 repeater and antennas checked out ok other than we may need to get the duplexer retuned as we are losing about 7 watts of output power going through the duplexer.

I attended the 2025 Dayton Hamvention Thursday May 15 through Monday May 19 with seven other Volunteer Examiners staying in a large Air-BNB. The hamfest was great and bought many things I probably did not need but now have more things to play with. With all the VE's in one location we held many virtual and one in person test session over the weekend.

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 evenings with W5YI and ARRL session options at 8:00 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.

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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 June 12, 2025 @ 6:00 PM at Parkview Whitley Hospital, Lower-Level Meeting Room A. Field Day 2025 planning and a Round Table ham radio discussion with all members in attendance.

Mark Skowronski K9MQ

Spent most of the month of May helping a local ham get started on FT8. He had never operated any of the digital modes before nor had his computer hooked up to his radio. He was doing pretty good for a while, but every time he would go to 40m, WSJT-X would pop an error message and he would have to restart everything. After doing some basic troubleshooting, we determined that he had RFI issues going on, as when he reduced his power on 40m, his issues went away.

Jeff DeLucenay KB9QG

May 1st- The repeater exposed dipole antenna base was twisted as the result of the storms on March 30th. We have the replacement antenna and are waiting for the tower climber to schedule the climb for removing the damaged antenna and put up a new antenna.

May 12th - Connected the N3FJP logging software to the WSJT software using The Application Programming Interface (API). Also set up the trailer network to using "share" instead of "TCP". Thanks to Dan Minnick for his help.

May 15th-22nd Updated the Power Point slides for the W5YI General Class License to use in my training class starting May 20th. The training class was on Tuesdays and Thursdays during May and into June.

May 25th - Installed the N3FJP Field Day software on the computers in the trailer and confirmed the logging of the remote computers data is saved on the server computer using the "share" process.

May 30th - Did a third review of the W5YI power point files to correct errors in the descriptions and test questions and animations. Specialist Name CALLSIGN

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 MAY 2025					
HF NETS					
NET NAME	SOURCE	QNI	QTC	QTR	SESSIONS
IDTN	K9JAJ	89	2	134	15
ITN	N9TU	1413	101	1286	62
QIN	NJ9S	94	43	297	31
TOTALS					
NETS REPORTING					

INDIANA STM REPORT MAY 2025							
PUBLIC SERVICE HONOR ROLL							
STATION	SESSIONS	MESSAGES	APPTS	PUB SVC	EMG RES	DIGITAL	TOTAL
W9BGJ	40	50	30	0	0	20	140
AB9ZA	40	40	10	0	0	0	90
W9EEU	40	97	20	0	0	20	177
TOTALS							
STATIONS REPORTING 3							

INDIANA STM REPORT MAY 2025						
ORS AND SAR STATION REPORT						
STATION	TYPE	ORGINATED	RECEIVED	SENT	DELIVERED	TOTALS
W9BGJ	ORS	4	70	70	0	144
AB9ZA	ORS	0	35	28	11	74
W9EEU	ORS	0	47	50	0	97
W9PC	ORS	0	6	5	6	17

INDIANA STM REPORT MAY 2025					
VHF/UHF NETS					
NET NAME	SOURCE	QNI	QTC	QTR	SESSIONS
CASS CO ARC	KA9BYN	72	0	123	5
CLAY COUNTY	W9EEU	56	0	85	4
CROSSROADS DMR	K9NQW	107	0	88	4
D STAR NET	K9NQW	68	0	127	5
HENDRICKS CO	KD9DHJ	NR	NR	NR	6
IMO NET	K9SKS	476	3	417	31
JEFFERSON CO	N9XVB	22	0	27	3
MID STATE ARC	KI6QOG	167	0	158	4
SCOTT CO ARES/RACES	WR9G	47	4	69	4
SOUTH CENTRAL AREA	KA9OPL	89	0	177	4
TARS EVANSVILLE	KE9YK	109	4	188	6
TRI STATE 2 METER	W9OU	291	0	390	20
WABASH VALLEY	KC9LDJ	86	0	144	4
WHITLEY CO ARES	K9EJS	NR	NR	NR	NR
12					
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	
05/05/25	KC9OYW	33	0	23	20:00	20:23	442.750(+)	
05/12/25	KC9OYW	27	0	21	20:00	20:21	442.750(+)	
05/19/25	K9NQW	26	0	24	20:00	20:24	442.750(+)	
05/26/25	K9NQW	21	0	20	20:00	20:20	442.750(+)	
Sessions:	4	Total:	107				88	
Month of Report:	May 2024							
D-Star								
Date	Net Control	QNI	QTC	QTR	Time Began	Time Ended	Freq	
05/01/25	K9NQW	8	0	15	20:00	20:15	443.400(+)	
05/08/25	K9NQW	12	0	18	20:00	20:18	443.400(+)	
05/15/25	KA9OPL	17	0	29	20:00	20:29	443.400(+)	
05/22/25	KA9OPL	14	0	32	20:00	20:32	443.400(+)	
05/29/25	KA9OPL	17	0	33	20:00	20:33	443.400(+)	
Sessions:	5	Total:	68				127	
Month of Report:	May 2024							

QIN QNU

Issue Number 015 JUNE 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

Recently I received an email from our QIN friend, **Jim Wades WB8SIW**, informing us of the establishment by the Radio Relay International (RRI) of a new message traffic precedence titled “Certified”. This precedence fits between “Routine” and “Priority” in the precedence list. The email consisted of about six pages explaining the benefits and guidelines for assigning the “C” or “certified” precedence to a message. Briefly, my understanding of the purpose for this new precedence is to promote accuracy and timely delivery of that class of traffic. These are worthy goals for sure. My experience is that we hams have stressed accuracy and timeliness in message traffic handling for all message traffic regardless of precedence.

My opinion is that the most immediate need of the amateur message traffic handling world is the recruiting and training of competent operators who can (and will) originate, relay and deliver message traffic throughout the sections and at all levels of the National Traffic System. For the Indiana Section, that means traffic operators in all areas of our state. In the 1970’s and 1980’s QIN had a comprehensive coverage of the entire state with three nets per day, seven days per week. Each net had scheduled NCS and 9RN Liaison stations. As they say, times change. Today, QIN continues to function because of a dedicated few. Likewise, I salute the dedicated efforts of our Region and Area nets. I would like to see a **real** national effort to promote, recruit and to inform/train amateur traffic handling operators.

OUR WEATHER has been “fickle” this past month. Some of you have endured heavy rains, while others are dealing with drought! All of us have had to deal with high winds. My dipole has spent more time at ground level than in the air!

WE have not heard from some of you in a while. My hope is that you are all doing well. If you get the chance, check in to QIN, or send us an email to let your QIN friends know how you are doing . . .

ARE YOU RELEVANT? Amateur radio exists for the service we can provide, period! To justify having those privileges, we must demonstrate our ability to mobilize and function in time of disaster- natural or otherwise. June is traditionally the month that our amateur radio field day is held. This national field exercise is an excellent means for U.S. hams to practice and demonstrate our ability to *mobilize* to the field as well as to operate from home (Step ONE). Furthermore, field day promotes ***OPERATING*** in the field with our respective teams using most modes of emission (Step TWO). These two steps are certainly necessary components for the success of our mission; however, Step THREE is **mandatory** for us to truly achieve ***RELEVANCE***: Organization- that is, an *orderly* and *disciplined* system for moving **CRITICAL INFORMATION *QUICKLY* AND *ACCURATELY*** throughout our nation. We call this the ARRL NATIONAL TRAFFIC SYSTEM (NTS).

So my friends, I urge you to participate with your clubs and field day teams. Experience the challenges of erecting field site antennas, of integrating your radio equipment with your logging computers, of helping your team members with scoring FD points! Then, after that, return to your section net sessions, and be your community's rep for message traffic origination and delivery. Volunteer for a net control operator position and/or be a region net liaison for your section net.

. If we try, we can all be RELEVANT!

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 MAY 2025	NCS MAY 2025
W9BGJ	BRIAN	HUNTINGTON, IN	5	1
WD9DWE	DENNIS	PEKIN, IN		
K9EI	MATT	ELLETSVILLE, IN		
WB9FIU	Rusty	COLUMBUS, IN	19	6
N9IVI	IVIN	PLAINFIELD, IN		
K9LA	CARL	FT. WAYNE, IN	19	8
WD4MSM	BARRY	SOUTH BEND, IN		
N9OL	JOHN	EVANSVILLE, IN	1	
W9PC	MARK	ROSSVILLE, IN	3	2
NJ9S	BRUNO	MISHAWAKA, IN	26	13
WB8SIW	JIM	BUCHANAN, MI	2	
K0TQ	MIKE	N. VERNON, IN	2	
WA2USA	DENNIS	NEWBURGH, IN		
K9UT	JERRY	RICHMOND, IN		
AD8WR	DAVE	GRANGER, IN	4	
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 MAY 2025

<u>Month</u>	<u>Net Sessions Held</u>	<u>QNI (check-ins)</u>	<u>QTC (traffic passed)</u>	<u>QTR (minutes)</u>
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
MAY 2025	30	94	43	297

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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

May 1st, 2025

Bruce, N9DGL, did an excellent job presenting the material and providing other websites including an SDR site for listening to on-the-air code.

Northeastern Indiana Amateur Radio Association would like to thank the Fort Wayne Radio Club and Allen County Amateur Radio Technical Society for a successful collaboration between our clubs by helping members of the clubs to get into using CW on the amateur bands!

Jeff, KB9QG started general classes for ham radio operators who wanted to upgrade.

NIARA is preparing for field day. It will be held at the First Christian Church in Auburn.

Hopefully the tower climber will be able to replace our repeater antenna damaged on March 30 th storm. We are going with a dual band so we can put our DMR system up higher. Right now, the DMR is at 150 ft and when the antenna is put up it will be at 250 ft, the same as our analog.

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 May 8, 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 June 12, 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

STEUBEN-----

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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one SkyWarn net

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 2025

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

STEUBEN -----

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.

May 2025

VERMILLION-----

had one night SkyWarn event

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.

Amateur Radio in the News

Marion County Skywarn activities were highlighted in the Current which serves the northern Indianapolis suburbs: <https://youarecurrent.com/2025/05/19/eyes-in-the-skies-central-indiana-skywarn-volunteers-provide-real-time-updates-during-severe-weather/>

And, the Clifty Amateur Radio Society got a future Parks on the Air activation from Clifty Falls State Park listed on the Indiana Department of Natural Resources calendar: https://events.in.gov/event/HamRadioParksontheAir?utm_campaign=widget&utm_medium=widget&utm_source=State+of+Indiana

Indiana QSO Party

The Indiana QSO Party is behind us. The final scores can be found at: <http://www.hdxcc.org/inqp/scores.php>

Thank you to the Hoosier DX and Contest Club for sponsoring the event. Thank you to all of the participants and congratulations to the category winners.

Lewis & Clark

The Lewis & Clark Trail On The Air event is coming up on May 31 to June 15. This event recognizes the Lewis & Clark Expedition of 1803-1806 which was commissioned to explore the Louisiana Purchase and look for a "northwest passage" from the Missouri River to the Pacific Ocean. I've heard historians describe the expedition as being like putting a man on the moon in the 1960s. The difference is that the Apollo astronauts knew where they were going and could talk to people back home if they ran into trouble. Lewis & Clark had no such luxuries. The trail starts in Pennsylvania where preparations for the expedition began and runs through southern Indiana. More information about the event can be found here: <https://lctota.org/>

NBEMS Net

Narrow Band Emergency Messaging Software (NBEMS) is a software suite that allows amateur radio operators to send and receive data using just about any computer. Many local areas have NBEMS nets and including Indiana (Monday-Friday at 9:00 am Eastern Time on 3.576 or 7.080 MHz). Now, there is a transcontinental NBEMS Net that meets on Tuesdays at 9:00 pm Eastern Time on 7.068 or 14.068 MHz using the Olivia 8/500 mode. fldigi is the most commonly-used software (<https://sourceforge.net/projects/fldigi/>). And, there's a groups.io group where net activities are discussed: <https://groups.io/g/transcontinental-nbems-net> If you can make FT8 contacts with your HF radio, you can make Olivia contacts.

ARRL Foundation Club Grants

Congratulations to the Orange County Amateur Radio Club for being one of 37 clubs that benefited from the 2024 ARRL Foundation Club Grant Program. The club will use the grant to fund projects intended to educate, train, and promote amateur radio in their community. The ARRL Foundation receives support from Amateur Radio Digital Communications (ARDC). The ARRL Foundation is accepting applications for the next round of grants until June 30. More information can be found here: <https://www.arrl.org/news/arrl-foundation-accepting-grant-applications-in-june>

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.

May 2025

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:

Friends of Camp Louis Ernst
Brown County Amateur Radio
Columbus Amateur Radio Club
Jennings County Amateur Radio Assoc.



May 2025



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

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!



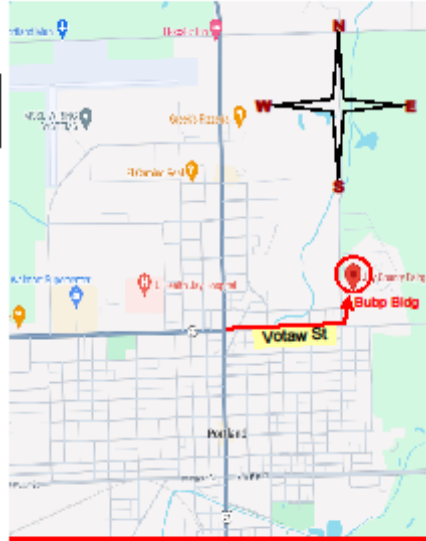
Also Available:

- 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!



Entrance to the HamFest is just off Votaw St.

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

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

**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!

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



May 2025

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!!

FREE Outdoor Flea Market, Food, Fellowship

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