



**Indiana Section
American Radio
Relay League**

Newsletter

July 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.

Laurel Short WA9RDL of Fort Wayne

Gregory E. Bantz Sr. KA9VIS of Hartford City

Timothy J. Vermande KD5URS of Indianapolis

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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 July, 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 with multiple teams and VEC's.

I continued working with the Whitley County W5YI VE Team with virtual remote testing and In Person Testing.

We held the test session at the Auburn Hamfest obtaining two new Technicians, an upgrade to General and an upgrade to Extra.

What a great hamfest, if you have not been to the Auburn Hamfest, you should put that on your plans for next year. Free hamfest and free admission to the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum.

I worked with the Whitley County Amateur Radio Club Repeater committee, continued testing the Club 2-meter 145.270 repeater finding the polyphaser was fine and the high SWR is an issue with the 4 Bay antenna. Plans are in the works to get on the hospital roof and check all the connections and check the dual band antenna that has an infinity SWR. The 145.270 repeater is back on the air and seems to be working with the high SWR. The 70 CM backup 444.550 repeater has been tested with 28 watts power output.

Need to get the team together to install the backup repeater at the repeater site at the old Whitley County Jail.

I with some help from Steve Holzinger KC9WBR, helped Don Evilsizer KA9QWC & Cathy Evilsizer WB8ORR with antenna issues. We made repairs to five of the six coax cables going from their house ham shack to various HF and UHF/VHF Antennas. The coaxes were completely chewed through by a den of racoons that made their way under the house.

We re-terminated the coaxes ran them all through a PVC conduit and reconnected them. All antennas checked out fine and Don & Cathy are back on the air on the HF and UHF/VHF nets.

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 & 8:15 PM.

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

Upcoming In-Person test sessions:

The Fort Wayne Hamfest , November 15, 2025, from 9:00 AM – Noon.

To register visit: <https://hamstudy.org/sessions/67f6bbec55ccd4f2b2800778/1>

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.

July 2025

The next WCARC General Meeting August 14, 2025 @ 6:00 PM at Parkview Whitley Hospital, Lower-Level Meeting Room A.

The Whitley County Amateur Radio Club 35th Anniversary Birthday Bash carry in dinner party is planned instead of a prog

Lou Kruizinga N7BBW

Long story made short. If you needed to add a manual antenna tuner to your HF station but tuning is very erratic, but dummy load checks okay, make sure you have disabled the automatic tuner in your fancy HF rig.



Jeff Delucenay KB9QG

July 1 & 8 - Took the W9OU trailer to Camp Chief Little Turtle. The Boy Scouts get their Radio merit badge. A total of 39 scouts got the radio Merit badge during the four sessions from June 17th through July 8th. This is the second year helping the scouts.

July 10th - Helped Kris, KD9OTF, survey his property to determine where to place his tower and wire antennas.

July 15th - During Field Day the Yaesu Ft991A and ICOM 7300 both would not run the WSJT FT8 software properly. Both radios would not have RF power output. The no power output was due to the Power Slider in the WSJT software was not moved up toward the top of the slider range. This controls the audio level coming from the audio codec. I went through and had both radios working by moving the slider and setting the mode to Digital USB for modulation.

July 18th - Don, WB8TYJ, and myself went to the National Weather Service Office at North Webster. The office has four FM 2-meter radios They have not been used for several years and have the wrong PL tones for Elkhart, Warsaw, and Fort Wayne repeaters. These have been changed to a PL of 141.3 to work with the local repeaters.

July 19th - The Auburn hamfest was held at the Auburn Cord Duesenberg automobile museum.

July 22nd and 23rd - I tested a portable vertical antenna, JPC-12 operate from 40 meters to 10 meters. With the addition of JPC-350 coil the antenna can operate on 80 meters. The antenna would tune to 1.3:1 on 80 meters and 1.6:1 on the other bands. This will be used with a Go Box using a Xiegu G90.

July 25th thru 27th - I have documented the WSJT setup for both Yaesu FT-991A and the ICOM 7300. In addition, I have documented using N3FJP logging software using the Application Programming Interface with WSJT and FLDIGI to automatically log contacts.

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 JULY 2025 | | | | | |
|------------------------------|--------|------|-----|------|----------|
| HF NETS | | | | | |
| NET NAME | SOURCE | QNI | QTC | QTR | SESSIONS |
| ITN | N9TU | 1393 | 98 | 1278 | 62 |
| QIN | NJ9S | 103 | 40 | 119 | 31 |
| TOTALS | | | | | |
| NETS REPORTING | | | | | |

| INDIANA STM REPORT JULY 2025 | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------|----------|----------|-------|---------|---------|---------|-------|
| PUBLIC SERVICE HONOR ROLL | | | | | | | |
| STATION | SESSIONS | MESSAGES | APPTS | PUB SVC | EMG RES | DIGITAL | TOTAL |
| W9BGJ | 40 | 45 | 30 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 135 |
| AB9ZA | 40 | 40 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 90 |
| W9EEU | 40 | 59 | 20 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 139 |
| TOTALS | | | | | | | |
| STATIONS REPORTING 3 | | | | | | | |

| INDIANA STM REPORT JULY 2025 | | | | | | |
|------------------------------|------|-----------|----------|------|-----------|--------|
| ORS AND SAR STATION REPORT | | | | | | |
| STATION | TYPE | ORGINATED | RECEIVED | SENT | DELIVERED | TOTALS |
| W9BGJ | ORS | 4 | 45 | 45 | 0 | 94 |
| AB9ZA | ORS | 0 | 28 | 28 | 1 | 57 |
| W9EEU | ORS | 0 | 38 | 21 | 0 | 59 |
| W9PC | ORS | 0 | 2 | 6 | 2 | 10 |
| W9MGB | ORS | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 10 |

| INDIANA STM REPORT JULY 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 | 105 | 0 | 99 | 4 |
| D STAR NET | K9NQW | 56 | 0 | 108 | 5 |
| IMO NET | K9SKS | 502 | 0 | 418 | 31 |
| JEFFERSON CO | N9XVB | 12 | 0 | 32 | 3 |
| LAKE CO | AC9EB | 5 | 0 | 30 | 1 |
| MID STATE ARC | KI6QOG | 175 | 0 | 168 | 4 |
| SCOTT CO ARES/RACES | WR9G | 58 | 9 | 88 | 5 |
| SOUTH CENTRAL AREA | KA9OPL | 105 | 0 | 215 | 5 |
| TARS EVANSVILLE | KE9YK | 115 | 2 | 127 | 5 |
| TRI STATE 2 METER | AG8O | 275 | 0 | 387 | 22 |
| WABASH VALLEY | KC9LDJ | 89 | 0 | 141 | 4 |
| WHITLEY CO ARES | K9EJS | NR | NR | NR | NR |
| NETS REPORTING | | 12 | | | |

| Monthly Report for D/Star and DMR | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|--------|-----|-----|-----|------------|------------|------------|
| DMR | | | | | | | | |
| Date | Net Control | | QNI | QTC | QTR | Time Began | Time Ended | Freq |
| 07/07/25 | KC9OYW | | 27 | 0 | 24 | 20:00 | 20:24 | 442.750(+) |
| 07/14/25 | KC9OYW | | 24 | 0 | 30 | 20:00 | 20:30 | 442.750(+) |
| 07/21/25 | K9NQW | | 24 | 0 | 20 | 20:00 | 20:20 | 442.750(+) |
| 07/28/25 | K9NQW | | 30 | 0 | 25 | 20:00 | 20:25 | 442.750(+) |
| Sessions: | 4 | Total: | 105 | | 99 | | | |
| Month of Report: | July 2025 | | | | | | | |
| D-Star | | | | | | | | |
| Date | Net Control | | QNI | QTC | QTR | Time Began | Time Ended | Freq |
| 07/03/25 | K9NQW | | 9 | 0 | 20 | 20:00 | 20:20 | 443.400(+) |
| 07/10/25 | K9NQW | | 15 | 0 | 23 | 20:00 | 20:23 | 443.400(+) |
| 07/17/25 | KA9OPL | | 11 | 0 | 24 | 20:00 | 20:24 | 443.400(+) |
| 07/24/25 | KA9OPL | | 12 | 0 | 22 | 20:00 | 20:22 | 443.400(+) |
| 07/31/25 | K9NQW | | 11 | 0 | 19 | 20:00 | 20:19 | 443.400(+) |
| Sessions: | 5 | Total: | 58 | | 108 | | | |
| Month of Report: | July 2025 | | | | | | | |

QIN QNU

Issue Number 017 AUGUST 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

AUGUST! It's been a hot summer, but summer is coming to its end. Now one has to prepare for fall: apply lawn fertilizer, harvest the garden, roast some delicious ears of Indiana sweet corn and think about what one needs to do to get his antennas ready for WINTER! In my case, I still need to plant some radials for the trap vertical and tune the traps for my favorite bands (had to wait for fall cuz the XYL's flower garden surrounds the vertical! (Heaven have mercy on anyone who disturbs her flowers!). Also, the 80 meter dipole needs a better support on one end, and the coax to both of my antennas has been in the weather for a good while- it may be time for new feedline. You may be able to identify with some or all of the above, and we both know what a pain it is to perform antenna work in a cold rain or worse in the snow!

The Elkhart East hamfest has come and gone. It is in my opinion one of the top three hamfests these days in my area along with the Fort Wayne hamfest and the Kalamazoo, MI hamfest. ARRL Central Division Director Brent Walls N9AB and ARRL Indiana Section Manager Bob Burns AK9R were in attendance at the ARRL table. No, I didn't make any great buys and my time there was short, but it was great seeing a number of familiar faces. Oh, and the weather was great!

Speaking of the weather Our QIN net stats lagged early in July, but seemed to pick up later in the month. I'm guessing summer demands plus the awful heat accounted for some of that. However, the great news is that Jerry K9UT is back with us! We have not heard lately from Mike K0TQ, Ivin N9IVI, Dennis WA2USA or Dan NI9Y. Also, John N9OL, Barry WD4MSM, and Jim WB8SIW. I hope you all are well and busy with good things. If you get a chance, QNI QIN and let us know how you are doing.

It's always great bumping into QIN alumni on the air or in person. And, it likewise is always great to work current QIN operators on the air or enjoy an "eyeball QSO" when that opportunity presents itself! There is currently a lot of distraction from our traffic handling mission, some of that is necessary of course. Some folks feel that our mode (CW)

has been superseded by SSB and digital modes not to mention the cellular phone system. I personally can understand how folks might think this way, and I attribute their misguided attitude to lack of experience and ignorance. For simplicity and ease of operation, it's hard to beat CW! No need for computers, satellites and lots of infrastructure; just a transceiver, a battery, a hunk of wire and a competent CW operator! I will admit that, of course, I am a bit biased, hi hi !!

Amateur radio exists for the service we can provide.

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 JULY 2025 | NCS JULY 2025 |
|--------|--------|----------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| W9BGJ | BRIAN | HUNTINGTON, IN | 4 | |
| WB9FIU | RUSTY | COLUMBUS, IN | 23 | 8 |
| W9PC | MARK | ROSSVILLE, IN | 5 | 4 |
| K9LA | CARL | FORT WAYNE, IN | 24 | 9 |
| AD8WR | DAVE | GRANGER, IN | 3 | |
| K9UT | JERRY | RICHMOND, IN | 10 | |
| NJ9S | BRUNO | MISHAWAKA, IN | 28 | 10 |
| N9OL | JOHN | EVANSVILLE, IN | | |
| KA8BJA | FRANK | COSHOCTON, OH | 5 | |
| W9KTP | JERRY | VALPARAISO, IN | | |
| WD4MSM | BARRY | SOUTH BEND, IN | | |
| NI9Y | DAN | MISHAWAKA, IN | | |
| WB8SIW | JIM | BUCHANAN, MI | | |
| K0TQ | MIKE | N. VERNON, IN | | |
| WA2USA | DENNIS | NEWBURGH, IN | | |
| N9IVI | IVIN | PLAINFIELD, IN | | |
| N9CJT | NOEL | CLIFFORD, IN | 1 | |

QIN CW SECTION NET QUICK STATS

| Month/Yr | Sessions | QNI | QTC Incl net reports | QTC Minus net rpts | QTR min. | |
|----------|----------|-----|----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------|--|
| MAR 2024 | 31 | 94 | 49 | 31 | 259 | |
| APR 2024 | 30 | 82 | 39 | 26 | 254 | |
| MAY 2024 | 31 | 80 | 45 | 29 | 238 | |
| JUN 2024 | 29 | 88 | 35 | | 288 | |
| JUL 2024 | 30 | 90 | 23 | 8 | 218 | |
| AUG 2024 | 31 | 104 | 22 | 6 | 267 | |
| SEP 2024 | 28 | 91 | 20 | 9 | 235 | |
| OCT 2024 | 31 | 99 | 33 | 17 | 258 | |
| NOV 2024 | 29 | 90 | 43 | 23 | 263 | |
| DEC 2024 | 31 | 120 | 59 | 41 | 345 | |
| JAN 2025 | 31 | 120 | 29 | 4 | 323 | |
| FEB 2025 | 28 | 109 | 37 | 16 | 303 | |
| MAR 2025 | 31 | 106 | 44 | 16 | 296 | |
| APR 2025 | 30 | 103 | 46 | 25 | 300 | |
| MAY 2025 | 30 | 94 | 43 | 26 | 297 | |
| JUN 2025 | 30 | 112 | 43 | 22 | 343 | |
| JUL 2025 | 31 | 103 | 39 | 18 | 319 | |

July 2025

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).

JOHN D MAAG – KD9QDL -- DEKALB COUNTY--PIO

The NIARA again this year is going to be a part of the events of the Auburn Cord Duesenburg Festival. The NIARA communications trailer is scheduled to be located near the 9th Street Brew Coffee house this Friday and Saturday.

This is an opportunity for our organization to make some contacts and outreach to the community.

Our stature has grown with the ACD Festival Committee as we are now listed on their website as one of the festival events.

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.

The Indiana Section Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES®) continues to do great things around the state because of the work of ARES® volunteers in each county.

We need to continue to do these great things, and just as important, is letting all of our partners know what we are doing and how we can help.

We tend to get wrapped up with thinking about how and what we do from a technical point of view. We are thinking about better radios, better antennas, and how the propagation is on the bands. Sometimes it is digital verse analog or data verses voice/phone.

Have you ever thought about how to “communicate”? How we communicate the - what, when, where and how, with our partners, the public, or others that we might work with?

We know what we can do with our radios and our talents. Individually we might have technical limitations based on our equipment or our skill set, but do we have what is needed to support our community and our partners? Do you know what they need? Do they know what you can do?

Over the years of working with emergency management and preparedness groups at all levels from individual small facilities to FEMA, it is common to hear that communication is the number one failure identified. This failure is rarely related to having enough or the right equipment or technical capabilities. But they continue to develop and purchase new equipment.

This year I have decided that the Indiana Section Emergency Test (SET) exercise will be focused on cooperation and collaboration. I don't care if you need to use a beam, a vertical or a wire, if it was by simplex or duplex, digital or analog. The focus is on sharing the information. Do you have the information that you need and are you providing the information that someone else needs or is asking for?

Emergency Coordinators (EC) and District Emergency Coordinators (DEC) in the Indiana Section have already received a basic exercise plan and will be receiving additional details soon. For those critical of the exercise planning, I acknowledge that this does not follow HSEEP standards, but perhaps in the future we may get to that standard.

ARES leadership at all levels need to keep your partners informed about who we are, what we do and most importantly work towards a collaborative and cooperative relationship at all levels.

Brian P. Sexton, KD9EDR
Section Emergency Coordinator
Indiana Section, ARRL

July 2025

The following information was submitted by Brian Sexton, KD9EDR, IN SEC for Indiana, July, 2025.

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| | |
| Total number of ARES members: | 704 |
| Difference in ARES members from previous month: | N/D |
| Number of DECs/ECs reporting this month: | 65 |
| Total number of DECs/ECs in section: | 48 |
| Number of ARES net sessions held: | 180 |
| Number of ARES net sessions held with NTS liaison: | 34 |
| Number of participants in nets: | 2,249 |

| | Number | Person-Hrs |
|--------------------------------------|--------|------------|
| Exercises this month: | 23 | 148.10 |
| Training events this month: | 12 | 119.00 |
| Public service events this month: | 13 | 488.50 |
| Community service events this month: | 3 | 102.00 |
| Emergency events this month: | 0 | 0.00 |
| SKYWARN events this month: | 11 | 176.00 |
| Meetings this month: | 27 | 213.30 |
| Unclassified events this month: | 5 | 67.70 |

Call signs of DECs reporting:

K9TWL, K9WG, KA9AMP, KB9OIC, KB9WWM, KC9AFE, KC9GUY, KC9RPX, KC9RVL, KD9BKU, KD9DHJ, KD9DPA, KD9EDR, KD9LEY, KD9LWR, KD9MRM, KD9PMT, KD9TFY, KE9DCG, KP4CI, KV9N, N9CAD, N9CJT, N9GTL, N9JPX, N9UN, NM9R, W9COD, W9DRB, W9MDT, W9SOX, W9TWE, WR9G

Activity Details

DISTRICT 1-----

Several members from District 1 and District 2 came together to support the LaPorte Triathlon on July 12.

DISTRICT 2-----

The remainder of Net Control roster was completed through the end of the year.

DISTRICT 3 DEC-----

No Events Scheduled

DISTRICT 4-----

SEC reporting for vacant District 4 DEC position

DISTRICT 5-----

No activity in July.

DISTRICT 6-----

Grant Co- Regular Nets held in July

Delaware Co- Regular Thursday night ARES/SKYWARN Nets held starting at 9 pm. All Amateurs within range are invited to check in on primary repeater 441.900 tone 127.3, secondary repeater 146.730 tone 127.3, and Simplex net on 146.490

DISTRICT 7-----

SEC reporting for District 7 vacant DEC position.

DISTRICT 8-----

SEC reporting for District 8 vacant DEC position.

DISTRICT 9-----

SEC reporting for District 9 vacant DEC position.

ALLEN COUNTY-----

Allen County has added training to the weekly ARES nets.

BARTHOLOMEW-----

Numbers reflect the "Simplex Fellowship Net" on 146.430 (ARES freq for our county)

BENTON-----

SEC reporting for Benton County vacant EC position. District 4 is also without DEC.

BLACKFORD-----

No EC in Blackford Co

BROWN-----

SEC reporting for Brown County vacant EC position. District 8 DEC position vacant also.

CARROLL-----

SEC reporting for Carroll County vacant EC position. District 4 DEC position vacant also.

CASS-----

No activity at this level.

CLARK-----

No activity to report

CLAY COUNTY -----

Monthly meeting team put up antenna at member's house. Trouble shooting and getting it on air. Also, Clay County had it 4H fair and we had a public awareness event. Stations on site sharing the hobby for 6 days 4pm to 9pm. I also Worked with LOCAL Jackson TWP VFD and helped them get 6 new pagers and get them programed.

CLINTON-----

SEC reporting for Clinton County vacant EC position. District 4 is also without DEC.

DEARBORN-----

SEC reporting for Dearborn County vacant EC position. District 9 DEC position vacant also.

DECATUR-----

SEC reporting for Decatur County vacant EC position. District 9 DEC position vacant also.

DELAWARE-----

Nets are held on Thursdays on the 441.900 Tone 127.3, followed by 146.730 Tone 127.3, and then on 146.490 Simplex. All Amateurs within range are invited to check into the Nets. The repeaters are located in Delaware County.

FAYETTE CO-----

Seeking EC for Fayette County vacant position

FLOYD-----

SEC reporting for Floyd County vacant EC position. District 9 DEC position vacant also.

FOUNTAIN-----

SEC reporting for Fountain County vacant EC position. District 4 DEC position vacant also.

FRANKLIN-----

SEC reporting for Franklin County vacant EC position. District 9 DEC position vacant also.

FULTON COUNTY-----

Our group held our first fox hunt this month and had a great turnout for the event. ARES participated in our county's LEPC SET. Will have the After-Action Report in August.

GRANT-----

Just reg. nets this month

GREENE COUNTY-----

The Greene County ARES Net is held each Wednesday evening at 7:30pm ET n the W9HD repeater in Cincinnati, IN, 147.240 MHz, Plus Offset and 103.5 PL Tone. All are welcome to join us.

HAMILTON-----

We had 3 ARES SET check-ins - no warning - just sent out a GroupMe and email and told everyone they had 30 minutes to check in.

First was on 7/15/25 at 1930 hours on the Noblesville VHS repeater 145.170

17 check ins

30 minutes

Second was 7/19/25 at 10 AM - sent messages on GroupMe that has 30 minutes to check in on the Hortonville repeater 443.950

11 check ins

30 minutes

Third was 7/26/25 at 1400 - sent message out on GroupMe and email that everyone has 30 minutes to check in on Noblesville UHF 443.550 -

16 check ins

30 minutes

HANCOCK COUNTY-----

Weekly county net

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 29 man-hours of airtime.

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

The Monthly Hospital Net was held on July 19, 2025, with Ken Kayler KC9SQD hosting from

Hendricks Regional Health Hospital starting at 1030 hrs. on 147.570 Simplex Frequency. We accumulated just over 1.25 man-hours of airtime.

JASPER COUNTY-----

Working on recruiting members

JEFFERSON-----

SEC reporting for Jefferson County vacant EC position. District 9 DEC position vacant also.

JENNINGS-----

Nothing to report

KNOX COUNTY-----

N/A

KOSCIUSKO COUNTY-----

Provided emergency radio communications for the LaPorte Triathlon and Kosciusko Co, 4 H fair parade.

LA PORTE-----

N/A

LAKE-----

One district-net run by Lake County ARES member

LAWRENCE-----

SEC reporting for Lawrence County vacant EC position. District 8 DEC position vacant also.

MADISON CO-----

Seeking EC for Madison Co vacant position

MARION COUNTY INDIANA-----

We took a break for July. Nothing special to report from an ARES perspective this month.

MARSHALL COUNTY-----

5 nets with 67 total participations

MONROE COUNTY INDIANA-----

4-Weekly ARES Nets on Monday

1-SKYWARN Net

1-Monthly Warning Siren Test Net to assist the Monroe County Emergency Management Agency

We also do a Wednesday Night Welcome Net - To Welcome Newly Licensed Amateur Radio Operators. Elmers and all hams are welcome to attend the net. We ask a question of the night, and also answer other questions.

Since we do not have the linked repeater system at this time. We work with Ken Bandy, KJ9B of the Indianapolis Radio Club, and simultaneously conduct the net on their repeater.

The net is overseen by Russ Ryle, N9DHX, Jimmy Merry, KC9RPX, and Ken Bandy, KJ9B. We have conducted this net for about 4.5 years with an average of 20 - 25 check-ins between Bloomington, IN and Indianapolis, IN repeaters

Welcome Net in Non-ARES, but we sometimes discuss ARES to get the Newly Licensed hams interested.

We also conduct a weekly ARES Simplex Net, and Thursday Night net for Monroe and area counties

MORGAN-----

None

NEWTON-----

Newton county is without an ARES program at this time. Reporting system does not allow for less than 1 ARES member, so the SEC is the ARES representative in Newton County.

OHIO-----

SEC reporting for Ohio County vacant EC position. District 9 DEC position vacant also.

ORANGE-----

SEC reporting for Orange County vacant EC position. District 8 DEC position vacant also.

PORTER COUNTY-----

Siren testing

RANDOLPH-----

We held our regular monthly meeting and assisted with one public service event.

RIPLEY-----

SEC reporting for Ripley County vacant EC position. District 9 DEC position vacant also.

RUSH CO-----

Seeking EC for Rush Co vacant position

SCOTT COUNTY-----

In July, there were 5 scheduled ARES nets conducted on the Scott County EMA repeater (146.610) with 48 check-ins and a total of 88 minutes providing operators an opportunity to check and test their equipment.

SPENCER CO.-----

3 ANALOG AND 3 DIGITAL NETS

ST JOSEPH COUNTY-----

Held our first weekly net on Thursday, July 31 at 19:00 hrs. Had 4 ARES members and 1 visitor.

STARKE COUNTY-----

NOTHING TO REPORT

STEBEN COUNTY-----

Our repeater still out of operation (final repairs expected to complete in August) we continue to work on nets and message handing without a repeater. NVIS HF can meet many needs, but it not a good solution during thunderstorm activity, as would be the case for a SKYWARN activation. We experimented with a crossband repeater solution, but the operator's proximity to the local airport prohibited getting antennas high enough to traverse the county.

SULLIVAN-----

SEC reporting for SEC reporting for Sullivan County vacant EC position.

District 7 DEC position vacant also.

TIPPECANOE-----

Four TC ARES Nets took place on July 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th and WIRES/WI9RES 145.370 repeater, PL 131.8. ARRL / ARRL ARES / IN ARRL events, news and others were relayed to the participants. Announcement of Septembers preparedness month as well as Octobers SET activities are being mentioned on the NET.

UNION CO-----

Seeking EC for vacant Union CO

VERMILLION-----

none

VIGO-----

SEC reporting for Vigo County vacant EC position. District 7 DEC position vacant also.

WARREN-----

SEC reporting for Warren County vacant EC position. District 4 DEC position vacant also.

WASHINGTON-----

SEC reporting for Washington County vacant EC position. District 8 DEC position vacant also.

WHITE-----

SEC reporting for White County vacant EC position. District 4 DEC position vacant also.

Administrative and Other Comments:

DISTRICT 1-----

SEC is still look to fill vacant DEC position as well as EC positions in Lake, and Newton Counties.

DISTRICT 2-----

District 2 Groups continue to learn and grow. Assisted in support of the Laporte Triathlon

DISTRICT 3 DEC-----

We are attempting to improve communication within the district.

DISTRICT 4-----

currently seeking DEC to fill vacant position in District 4.

DISTRICT 6-----

Grant Co- normal meeting and siren testing

Delaware Co- Muncie Area ARC and EmComm ECI ARC participated in the East Central IN Hamfest held on the Jay Co Fairgrounds in Portland on July 26th. IN Section Manager Bob Burns AK9R also participated.
+Randolph Co- Held regular monthly meeting and assisted in one Public Service event.

District 6 is looking for ECs for Blackford, Fayette, Madison, Rush, Union & Wayne Counties. Contact Dist 6 DEC Marv Gilliland at KC9RVL@arrl.net for information or application.

DISTRICT 7-----

Currently seeking DEC to fill vacant position in District 7.

DISTRICT 8-----

Currently seeking DEC to fill vacant position in District 8.

DISTRICT 9-----

Currently seeking DEC to fill vacant position in District 9.

BARTHOLOMEW-----

Expanded Meshtastic node network

BENTON-----

currently seeking EC to fill vacant position in Benton County.

BLACKFORD-----

Blackford Co currently has no EC

Seeking EC for Blackford Co

DIST 6 DEC reporting

BROWN-----

Currently seeking EC to fill vacant position in Brown County.

CARROLL-----

Currently seeking EC to fill vacant position in Carroll County.

CASS-----

All activity this month from our regular weekly net. 5 events with 58 check-ins - 127 minutes.

CLARK-----

Nothing to report

CLINTON-----

currently seeking EC to fill vacant position in Clinton County.

DEARBORN-----

Currently seeking EC to fill vacant position in Dearborn County.

DECATUR-----

Currently seeking EC to fill vacant position in Decatur County.

DELAWARE CO-----

EmCommECI ARC and Muncie Area ARC participated in the East Central Indiana Hamfest held on July 26th at the Jay County Fairgrounds in Portland

FAYETTE CO-----

DEC completing report

FLOYD-----

Currently seeking EC to fill vacant position in Floyd County.

FOUNTAIN-----

Currently seeking EC to fill vacant position in Fountain County.

FRANKLIN-----

Currently seeking EC to fill vacant position in Franklin County.

GRANT-----

Normal meeting and siren testing.

GREENE COUNTY-----

We have had some hot days in Greene County this month and few days of heavy rain but other than that it has been relatively quiet. Looking forward to some cooler days this fall. Everyone be safe and 73!

HANCOCK COUNTY-----

Monthly ARES meeting and training session.

HENDRICKS-----

SKYWARN: There were no activations during the month.

Community Events:

None this month.

Training:

None this month.

Exercises:

None this month.

Miscellaneous:

The Hendricks County Medical Reserve Corp (HCMRC) is looking for ARES members to join their organization. No medical experience is required. For more information Jeff Corder at jcorder@co.hendricks.in.us.

Upcoming:

The next Monthly Hospital Net will be on August 16, 2025, with Richard Dorsey KD9ECJ hosting from IU West Hospital starting at 10:30am on 147.570 Simplex Frequency. All Hendricks County ARES Members and all Amateurs are encouraged to participate. More information to follow.

CERT Training given by Hendricks County Medical Reserve Corp (HCMRC) on the following dates: September 8, 10, 16, 17, & 20. For more details, please contact Jeff Corder at jcorder@co.hendricks.in.us.

HAM Training classes will be held on the following dates and locations:

1. September 13 & 20 in Crawfordsville at the Montgomery EOC.
2. August 30 & September 6 at the LDS Church Chapel located at 200 W 46th.

For more information, please contact Verne Madden at vamadden48@gmail.com

JEFFERSON-----

Currently seeking EC to fill vacant position in Jefferson County.

KNOX COUNTY-----

Fox Hunt scheduled for 9 AUG 2025 @ 0800 EST, 530 Depot, Vincennes.

LA PORTE-----

N/A

LAKE-----

Lake County Does Not have an appointed EC. Lake County is in District 1 which does not have an appointed DEC. Lake County has one registered ARES member who has been active in area events. SEC is working to get appointments filled.

LAWRENCE-----

Currently seeking EC to fill vacant position in Lawrence County.

MADISON CO-----

DEC completed form

MARSHALL COUNTY-----

Along with meetings also served as comms support for local parade and triathlon

MONROE COUNTY INDIANA-----

1 - Skywarn event July 17 for 2 hours,

Assisted Monroe Co EMA office to monitor the Warning siren on July 11 and 25

Wide ARES Simplex test, scenario the repeater offline due to power outage in area

Mutual Aid for Owen County relay messages of Flooding report by K9MRV Marvin Campbell

MORGAN-----

No comments...

NEWTON-----

Newton County has 52 licensed amateur radio licensees and one club license that are active according to the FCC database at the time of this report. No one is currently appointed as EC and no one is registered for ARES. Newton county is in District 1, which has no DEC appointed. SEC is working to fill vacant positions.

OHIO-----

Currently seeking EC to fill vacant position in Ohio County.

ORANGE-----

Currently seeking EC to fill vacant position in Orange County.

RIPLEY-----

Currently seeking EC to fill vacant position in Ripley County.

RUSH CO-----

Report completed by DEC

SCOTT COUNTY-----

The Scott County EMA Group will host a VE testing session Saturday, August 9th 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 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

ST JOSEPH COUNTY-----

We had three members assist with the Marine Mud Run providing radio communications for four hours each before storms headed in.

STEUBEN COUNTY-----

Our local repeater is down. We believe it will be operational again in August. This is causing us defer some activities, but is also forcing us to explore simplex-across-the-county protocols.

The Extreme Heat Index on 7/24 in our area caused us to defer an outdoor exercise.

SULLIVAN-----

Currently seeking EC to fill vacant position in Sullivan County.

TIPPECANOE-----

TCARES, in conjunction with GMRS operators assisted in the monthly operational observation of our County Sirens and reported our findings to Tippecanoe County EMA.

UNION CO-----

Report completed by DEC

VERMILLION-----

summer activities has stopped any meting till sept

VIGO-----

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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.

ARRL Field Day wrap-up

I hope everyone had an enjoyable and productive Field Day. I didn't get to nearly as many Field Day sites as I had planned and, for that, I apologize.

Clubs

Is your amateur radio club taking a break for the summer? Does the club have plans for any programs or activities this fall? Is there anything you can do to help your club? Get in touch with a club officer and volunteer. And, if your club is an ARRL Affiliated Club, ask the officers if they've updated their info with the ARRL this year.

Antenna safety

A North Carolina ham was electrocuted over the Independence Day weekend while either setting up or taking down the antenna for his portable station. Apparently, his antenna came in contact with overhead power lines. Please, please be careful when putting up antennas, whether portable or permanent. Take an extra few minutes to survey the area and consider where your antenna might go as you raise it up to height or take it down. <https://qrper.com/2025/07/a-tragic-reminder-safety-must-come-first-in-the-field/>

Lightning protection

A ham I know recently sustained a nearby lightning strike and the resulting EMP damaged several electronic devices in his house including his high-end HF radio. Lightning is funny stuff and it's hard to predict what it will do. It might be good to review your station for lightning safety. Following the National Electric Code and the Motorola R56 document (available online) is a good place to start. And, check with your insurance agent to see how your homeowner's insurance will cover you in case you have damage from lightning.

Noise

Many of us deal with RF noise at our HF amateur radio stations. The noise just might be generated by something in your house and the tried-and-true method of turning off circuit breakers to narrow down which device is generating the noise can be a great help. I used this method once to track down a noise problem. As it turned out, the wall-wart power supply that was making the noise was plugged into a UPS, so I had to unplug the power supply from the UPS to prove that it was the culprit.

Noise can come from many sources and few to check are:

1. Do you own an electric car and is its charger is generating noise while parked in your garage?
2. Do you have any portable tool chargers or other devices in your garage that might be making noise?
3. LED light strips can make your ham shack brighter, but they may also be noise generators.
4. LED light bulbs can be noise generators.
5. How about the charger for your cellphone or tablet?
6. Any wall warts for various electronic devices are suspects.

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

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.
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

July 2025

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OCTOBER 18, 2025

LYNNVILLE COMMUNITY CENTER

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