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

Laurel Short WA9RDL of Fort Wayne

Gregory E. Bantz Sr. KA9VIS of Hartford City

Timothy J. Vermande KD5URS of Indianapolis

# Technical Specialist Coordinator's Report

From Tom Busch WB8WOR, Technical Specialist Coordinator

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

## Mark Skowronski K9MQ

I assisted an agency that is planning an on the air operating event in October. They were looking for feedback on their proposed operations. Assistance was also provided on obtaining a 1X1 special event callsign.

## Roger McEntarfer N9RM

For the month of August, 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.

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. Still waiting for the team to set a date to work on both repeaters.

I spent most of the month of August with the Ham Shack remodel project. All but two desks were removed from the shack as the ceiling and walls were painted and the new flooring was laid. Now I continue to get the desks moved back in place and all the ham equipment reinstalled.

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

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Upcoming In-Person test sessions:

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The cost to take the test is \$14.00 for W5YI and \$15 for ARRL.

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The program for the evening will be on Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES) presented by Jim Moehring - KB9WWM.

## Section Traffic Manager's Report

From Brian Jenks W9BGJ, Section Traffic Manager

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

INDIANA STM REPORT JULY 2025					
HF NETS					
NET NAME	SOURCE	QNI	QTC	QTR	SESSIONS
ITN	N9TU	1307	90	1160	62
QIN	NJ9S	132	32	359	31
<b>TOTALS</b>					
NETS REPORTING					

INDIANA STM REPORT AUGUST 2025							
PUBLIC SERVICE HONOR ROLL							
STATION	SESSIONS	MESSAGES	APPTS	PUB SVC	EMG RES	DIGITAL	TOTAL
W9BGJ	40	45	30	0	0	20	135
AB9ZA	39	40	10	0	0	0	89
W9EEU	40	86	20	0	0	20	166
<b>TOTALS</b>							
STATIONS REPORTING		3					

INDIANA STM REPORT AUGUST 2025						
ORS AND SAR STATION REPORT						
STATION	TYPE	ORGINATED	RECEIVED	SENT	DELIVERED	TOTALS
W9BGJ	ORS	4	45	45	0	94
AB9ZA	ORS	0	25	15	5	45
W9EEU	ORS	0	43	43	0	86
W9PC	ORS	0	5	6	2	13
W9MGB	ORS	2	2	3	3	10

INDIANA STM REPORT AUGUST 2025					
VHF/UHF NETS					
NET NAME	SOURCE	QNI	QTC	QTR	SESSIONS
CASS CO ARC	KA9BYN	72	0	123	5
CROSSROADS DMR	K9NQW	110	0	93	4
D STAR NET	K9NQW	42	0	96	4
IMO NET	K9SKS	513	2	411	31
JEFFERSON CO	N9XVB	11	0	21	3
INDIANA SECTION ARES	KD9EDR	2499	94	2036	180
MID STATE ARC	KI6QOG	211	0	216	5
SCOTT CO ARES/RACES	WR9G	46	2	67	4
SOUTH CENTRAL AREA	KA9OPL	77	0	139	4
TARS EVANSVILLE	KE9YK	99	3	95	4
TRI STATE 2 METER	AG8O	303	0	521	21
WABASH VALLEY	KC9LDJ	112	0	176	5
WHITLEY CO ARES	K9EJS	NR	NR	NR	NR
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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
08/04/25	KC9OYW		29	0	22	20:00	20:22	442.750(+)
08/11/25	KC9OYW		19	0	20	20:00	20:20	442.750(+)
08/17/25	KC9OYW		32	0	25	20:00	20:25	442.750(+)
08/25/25	K9NQW		30	0	26	20:00	20:26	442.750(+)
Sessions:	4	Total:	110	0	93			
Month:	August 2025							
D-Star								
Date	Net Control		QNI	QTC	QTR	Time Began	Time Ended	Freq
08/07/25	K9NQW		12	0	27	20:00	20:27	443.400(+)
08/14/25	K9NQW		8	0	20	20:00	20:20	443.400(+)
08/21/25	KA9OPL		11	0	27	20:00	20:27	443.400(+)
08/28/25	K9NQW		11	0	22	20:00	20:22	443.400(+)
Sessions:	4	Total:	42		96			
Month:	August 2025							

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## Public Information Coordinator's Report

From Barry Palencer KC9WMS, Public Information Coordinator

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

### **DeKalb County PIO John D Maag – KD9QDL**

The NIARA again this year is going to be a part of the events of the Auburn Cord Duesenberg 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.

### **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 August 14, 2025, the Whitley County W5YI & ARRL Virtual Remote Test Sessions every Monday at 8:00 & 8:15 PM, and the Whitley County Amateur Radio Club (WCARC) General Meeting on September 11, 2025.

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## Affiliated Club Coordinator's Report

**From Jimmy Merry KC9RPX, Affiliated Club Coordinator**

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

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

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

## Section Emergency Coordinator's Report

**From Brian Sexton KD9EDR, Section Emergency Coordinator**

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

Reporting is getting much better across Indiana with more communication between the Section and the counties. Several ECs have reached out to me with questions as well as comments about what they are doing. We still have a few ECs that are struggling to get reports in, and we will be looking at what can be done to make sure those reports are submitted. All county reports should be completed no later than the 3<sup>rd</sup> of the month with the DEC reports following as soon as possible after that.

Many counties have no ARES registrations or certifications submitted to the Section. The task book assigns responsibility to the Section for maintaining a database of the ARES participants and training. This can only be done if it is submitted to the Section.

We need to look at what the requirements of the task book are and why they are there. It is often missed that the EC must complete Level 3 Advanced within 1 year of appointment. With the database still not complete and not all ECs reporting many do not meet the requirement. Another requirement in the task book is that all FEMA courses are the current version. Some of you have not had an ICS class in many years. Do you know about ICT? What is it and where does it fit in NIMS? It is newer and it is important. One other important thing to look at is net participation. Quarterly net participation is required for Level 2. If you are not regularly participating in a reported net you may be dropped from Level 2 to Level 1 if you haven't checked-in in a while.

We need to be professional at all times; we need to have the current knowledge and capabilities to provide the best public service possible. Technology is growing rapidly. New policies, techniques and strategies are ever evolving and we need to keep up to date. Changes internationally as well as nationally can have major impacts on us locally.

Moving into the future we are working to improve our cooperation and collaboration. Working with PIOs and with our NTS field organization, we will provide better public service and improvements to our Public Relations. Messages sent to all stakeholders before and after events and during an incident if necessary.

Each of us in our own communities need to identify our community partners that we will work with to expand the whole community approach to incident management. We will continue to bridge the gap between those with a need and those who can help, those with information and those that need the information.

Year to date, in Indiana, we have already participated in 847 events contributing 19,613 hours with an estimated value of \$682,336.27. This helps emergency management when they seek federal assistance.

**Report: Form4**

Division: Central

Section: Indiana

Month/Year: August 2025

History: Reported by Brian Sexton, KD9EDR, SEC on 2025-09-28 20:23:50 UTC

Number of DECs/ECs reporting this month:	35
Total number of DECs/ECs appointed in section:	48
4. Total number of ARES members:	836
Difference in ARES members from previous month:	N/D
5. Number of ARES net sessions held:	202
6. Number of ARES net sessions held with NTS liaison:	37
7. Number of participants in nets:	2,789

	Number	Person-Hrs
8. Exercises this month:	35	311.50
9. Training events this month:	17	398.50
10. Public service events this month:	13	176.70
11. Community service events this month:	9	237.70
12. Emergency events this month:	0	0.00
13. SKYWARN events this month:	7	132.80
14. Meetings this month:	28	320.70
15. Unclassified events this month:	3	7.70

**Call signs of DECs/ECs reporting:**

K4BXX, K9EJS, K9TWL, K9WG, KA9AMP, KB9OIC, KB9WWM, KC9AFE, KC9GUY, KC9RPX, KC9RVL, KD9BKU, KD9DHJ, KD9DPA, KD9EDR, KD9LEY, KD9LWR, KD9MRM, KD9PMT, KD9TFY, KP4CI, KV9N, N9CAD, N9CJT, N9CWW, N9GTL, N9JPX, N9LAA, NM9R, W9COD, W9DRB, W9MDT, W9SOX, W9TWE, WR9G

## District 1

### **Activity Details:**

Huge thank you to Michael Vidimos, W1MCV for running the District 1 Nets.

### **Administrative and Other Comments:**

District 1 DEC position is vacant currently. With the increase in activity and registrations throughout the district I believe we will have interest for a DEC soon. Michael Harney, KE9DCG as EC is developing an ARES program in Jasper County, Jacob Wiese, KD9LWR as EC in La Porte County is tracking along, and John Welch, KC9AFE in Porter County is continuing to work on the ARES program. Lake County now has 9 new registered ARES members and I am hopeful that they will have an EC of their own soon. Newton County is the sole county in District 1 without ARES, but I believe that with the increase in ARES involvement elsewhere in District 1 we will be drawing some interest in Newton County soon.

**Jasper County** No report.

### **LaPorte County**

#### **Activity Details:**

On the first Saturday of the month we report if sirens are working or malfunctioning during the county's outdoor warning siren test.

### **Lake County**

#### **Activity Details:**

Lake County continues to redevelop the ARES program and is building the roster quickly. Soon a more organized team will have activities and events to report about. Several registered ARES members are participating in events and activities elsewhere.

#### **Administrative and Other Comments:**

The Emergency Coordinator position is vacant in Lake County but there is a drastic increase in interest in ARES and I believe we will have an EC in the next few months.

### **Newton County**

#### **Activity Details:**

No activities this month. System will not allow a report with zero members. With no EC or DEC any ARES activities would be coordinated by the SEC.

#### **Administrative and Other Comments:**

Newton County does not have anyone registered for ARES and no EC appointed. With only approximately 49 licensed hams. I am looking at working with hams in and outside of Newton County to hold license classes to stir interest and develop a team.

### **Porter County**

#### **Activity Details:**

The Ogden Dunes Amateur Radio Club / Ogden Dunes ARES is supporting radio communications training of new Ogden Dunes CERT unit members.

Porter County Amateur Radio / Porter County ARES via Lowell Black ran an outdoor emergency warning siren net to ensure reliable operations.

#### **Administrative and Other Comments:**

The Ogden Dunes Amateur Radio Club / Ogden Dunes ARES is supporting radio communications training of new Ogden Dunes CERT unit members.

## District 2

### **Activity Details:**

The District Conducted a monthly net.

### **Administrative and Other Comments:**

DEC attended local COTA event.

### **Elkhart County**

#### **Activity Details:**

The County is being monitored by DEC

#### **Administrative and Other Comments:**

There is currently no EC in Elkhart County.

### **Fulton County**

#### **Activity Details:**

Weekly nets are Mondays at 19:00 ARES Skywarn net 442.700 K9RCR repeater, ARES Simplex net on 146.535 and the ARES Winlink net KD9PMT-10 Gateway 145.530. Friday Skywarn net is on the KB9WSL repeater, 146.805 At 19:00.

### **Kosciusko County**

#### **Activity Details:**

Participated in Kosciusko Co. LEPC SET this month. Some members participated in Campgrounds on the Air

### **Marshall County**

#### **Activity Details:**

Weekly Nets

#### **Administrative and Other Comments:**

Started planning and testing for a 15k foot race then was told we were not needed

### **Pulaski County**

#### **Activity Details:**

The County is being monitored by DEC

#### **Administrative and Other Comments:**

There is currently no EC in Pulaski County or an organized ARES group.

### **St. Joseph County**

#### **Activity Details:**

We held 3 weekly nets during August.

#### **Administrative and Other Comments:**

Working with the local RACES group in St Joseph County to combine resources and have dual membership. Had two training sessions this month 2 hours each with antenna building and soldering.

**Starke County** No report.

## District 3

### **Activity Details:**

Preparing to support the IT-100 in October. This is a 30 Hour event and has ARES members from Whitley, Noble, Allen and Dekalb Counties at this time.

**Administrative and Other Comments:**

Met with Ed Scott, K9EJS, the Asst DEC for D3 to formalize a plan to find EC candidates in the counties not covered by an EC at this time.

**Adams County** No report.

**Allen County**

**Activity Details:**

Allen County Held its quarterly meeting in August. The topics included our participation in upcoming events this fall. These events include: In Fort Wayne, the Fort 4 Fitness Fall Festival Half Marathon and the Allen County Safety Fair on September 13. In October we will participate in the "10-4" Day in Whitley County as well as the IT-100 Trail Run ay Chain O'Lakes State Park. We will also support the Ignite Trails Marathon/Half Marathon in December.

**Administrative and Other Comments:**

The County Staff has been busy preparing for the Fall Events. Have been working on getting the members to complete their Task Books.

**Dekalb County** No report.

**Huntington County** No report.

**Lagrange County** No report.

**Miami County** No report.

**Noble County** No report.

**Steuben County**

**Activity Details:**

Met with Deputy EMA director. Steuben County EMA office is moving and we are getting our our radio room. Planning Tech license class with EMA director for interested county employees. May need a second testing event for interested persons not available during the day. Planning for 10-4 Day and Statewide SET. Also will attend Steuben County Public Safety Day on Sept 6.

**Administrative and Other Comments:**

Added one new member. Working on getting all members registered. K9HD 147.210 pl 97.4 repeater operational again with reduced power. EMA Station appears to have a bad VHF antenna. Working quote for replacement. Still working on county-wide NVIS. Intermittently successful. May be atmospheric, may be antennas.

**Wabash County** No report.

**Wells County** No report.

**Whitley County**

**Activity Details:**

WCARES Members participated in two of the weekly nets

**Administrative and Other Comments:**

Whitley County ARES Members attended their quarterly meeting and started to discuss and plan upcoming requests and SET

## District 4

### Activity Details:

No activities reported from District 4.

### Administrative and Other Comments:

District 4 DEC position is currently vacant. Benton, Carroll, Clinton, Fountain, Warren, and White Counties are without an appointed EC. Starting next year Indiana Homeland Security will be starting a new training cycle involving cybersecurity and communication outages. This should help us get some support from our public safety partners.

### Benton County

#### Activity Details:

No activities this month.

#### Administrative and Other Comments:

With a population of under 9,000 and only approximately 23 licensed amateur radio operators it is a struggle to get an ARES program going but a flyer campaign is planned to take place this fall. Mailers will be sent select individuals and organizations.

### Carroll County

#### Activity Details:

No activity to report this month.

#### Administrative and Other Comments:

Like other counties in District 4 there is no appointed EC and no DEC for the district. Carroll county has approximately 40 licensed amateur radio operators. A flyer campaign is planned for this fall.

### Cass County

#### Activity Details:

No activity at this level.

#### Administrative and Other Comments:

All activity this month from our regular weekly net. 4 events - 52 check-ins - 106 minutes.

### Clinton County

#### Activity Details:

no activities to report for this month.

#### Administrative and Other Comments:

Like other counties in District 4 there is no appointed EC and no DEC for the district. Clinton county has approximately 70 licensed amateur radio operators. The county has more than one club that I will be reaching out to about ARES.

### Fountain County

#### Activity Details:

No activities to report this month.

#### Administrative and Other Comments:

Like other counties in District 4 there is no appointed EC and no DEC for the district. Fountain County has approximately 28 licensed amateur radio operators. A flyer campaign is planned for this fall.

**Montgomery County** no report.

## **Tippecanoe County**

### **Activity Details:**

TCARES had four nets (Every Monday night at 20:00 local time.) Here we give announcements for the month, upcoming Tailgate or Haamfest in the state. The Community Service is the Monthly Tippecanoe County Siren Test. TCARES and other hams support TEMA in the observation of the operation of the sirens in the county.

### **Administrative and Other Comments:**

TCARES is looking for a location to have their meetings. We will discuss upcoming activities including October SET.

## **Warren County**

### **Activity Details:**

No activities to report this month.

### **Administrative and Other Comments:**

Like other counties in District 4 there is no appointed EC and no DEC for the district. Warren County has approximately 19 licensed amateur radio operators. A flyer campaign is planned for this fall.

## **White County**

### **Activity Details:**

No activities to report this month.

### **Administrative and Other Comments:**

Like other counties in District 4 there is no appointed EC and no DEC for the district. White County has approximately 43 licensed amateur radio operators. A flyer campaign is planned for this fall.

## **District 5**

No report.

**Boone County** no report.

## **Hamilton County**

### **Activity Details:**

We had a Hamilton County SET using Simplex only, everyone had to check in from home base. We all had grade sheets to mark off each person checking in including net control.

5 perfectly readable

4 readable with some difficulty,

3 readable with a lot of difficulty

All reports were turned into Matthew KD9WFK and he is putting it all together in a single report. I can share once I have it to anyone interested.

This was at 2000 hours on 8/26/25 on 146.460

### **Administrative and Other Comments:**

8/1/25 in person meeting - Robert KD9MAK from the Hamilton County Comms group gave a presentation on Emergency Communications using a ham radio. This was more about what to say and what not to say during an emergency.

8/16/25 - Storm Net - 940 - 11PM 11 ARES members on Web EOC for storm watch - 14.63 hours

## **Hancock County**

### **Activity Details:**

County ARES net

**Administrative and Other Comments:**

Monthly ARES meeting cancelled due to vacations and summer activities.

**Hendricks County**

**Activity Details:**

Weekly/Monthly Nets: We conducted four (4) weekly Tuesday Night ARES Nets on the 145.130 MHz during the month and had good participation. We accumulated just over 21man-hours of airtime.

The Hendricks County ARES Hospital Net (HRH/IU): The Monthly Hospital Net was held on August 16, 2025, with Richard Dorsey KD9ECJ hosting from IU West Hospital starting at 1030 hrs. on 147.570 Simplex Frequency. We accumulated just over 1.25 man-hours of airtime.

**Administrative and Other Comments:**

Community Events: The Hendricks County Hamfest, sponsored by Ham Emergency Radio Operations was held on August 9, 2025, at the Avon United Methodist Church located at 6850 East Hwy 36 in Avon In. Talk in was on the 145.130 MHz W9HCA Repeater with a PL-Tone of 88.5 Hz. We had 56 people attend this year's events.

Training: HAM Training/Testing classes were held on August 30 & September 6 at the LDS Church Chapel located at 200 W 46th. We gained 12 new Technicians, 2 General and 1 Extra (this individual took Tech., General and Extra on the same day)!

**Johnson County** no report.

**Marion County**

**Activity Details:**

This month we held an after-net exercise, primarily focusing on changing frequencies from repeater to simplex, checking signals and returning to the repeater.

**Administrative and Other Comments:**

(none)

**Morgan County**

**Activity Details:**

Bud Gilbert KE9CBU expressed interest in helping with the weekly ARES net.

**Administrative and Other Comments:**

Hoping to find someone interested in helping with the Morgan County EC duties that I can no longer handle. No luck yet.

**Shelby County** no report

**District 6**

**Activity Details:**

Grant Co set up at Fly-in/Cruise-in at Marion IN

Tipton Co had a booth set up at Mid America Threshing and Antique show with a Special Event Station

Randolph Co had an ARES training exercise

Delaware Co 441.900 repeater is down due to loss of tower location. Repeater owner K9NZF is looking for new location

**Administrative and Other Comments:**

Grant Co had standard monthly meeting and siren test

Delaware Co had a booth at the Gaston Lions Club Fair for 4 days, with radios on display and demonstrations. Information was also handed out.

**Blackford County**

**Activity Details:**

Seeking EC for Blackford Co

**Administrative and Other Comments:**

Report completed by DEC

**Delaware County**

**Activity Details:**

The 441.900 repeater is out of service due to loss of tower location. Repeater owner K9NZF is working to secure a replacement location

**Administrative and Other Comments:**

The Muncie area ARC hosted a table at the Gaston Lions Club Fair for 4 days, with 3 operators staffing. Radios were on display and demonstrated to the public. Information about Amateur radio was also handed out.

**Fayette County**

**Activity Details:**

Seeking EC for Fayette Co VACANT position

**Administrative and Other Comments:**

Report completed by DEC

**Grant County**

**Activity Details:**

Set up at Fly/In Cruise/In - Marion, Indiana for 6 hrs of Amateur Radio demo. (8/30/25) Usually do special events station, but this year just did demo for people onsite.

**Administrative and Other Comments:**

Standard monthly meeting and siren testing were done this month.

**Henry County**

**Activity Details:**

We will be implementing a Discord server in order to hold meetings while we continue our search for a regular meeting location.

**Administrative and Other Comments:**

Nothing to report.

**Howard County** no report

**Jay County** no report

**Madison County**

**Activity Details:**

Seeking EC for Madison Co vacant position

**Administrative and Other Comments:**

Report completed by DEC

**Randolph County**

**Activity Details:**

We held a very good exercise in August with great turn out and a couple of guest. Also gained a couple new members this month.

**Administrative and Other Comments:**

(none)

**Rush County**

**Activity Details:**

Seeking EC for Rush Co vacant position

**Administrative and Other Comments:**

Report completed by DEC

**Tipton County**

**Activity Details:**

We had a booth set up at the Mid America Threshing and Antique Show. We had a special event station where we made several contacts. We took the opportunity to promote Amateur Radio and ARES.

**Administrative and Other Comments:**

(none)

**Union County**

**Activity Details:**

Seeking EC for Rush Co vacant position

**Administrative and Other Comments:**

Report completed by DEC

**Wayne County**

**Activity Details:**

Seeking EC for Rush Co vacant position

**Administrative and Other Comments:**

Report completed by DEC

**District 7**

**Activity Details:**

none

**Administrative and Other Comments:**

District 7 is without a DEC leaving it up to the SEC to coordinate ARES in the District. 6 of the 8 counties in the district have an EC with only 2 reporting this month. I will be directing greater attention to training and education in district 7.

**Clay County** no report

**Greene County**

The Greene County ARES NET is held each Wednesday evening at 7:30pm ET on the Cincinnati repeater W9HD on 147.240Mhz, 103.5hz PL Tone. All licensed amateurs are welcome to join.

**Administrative and Other Comments:**

Worked on developing a web page for our group (recruitment), planning for a POTA type event at a local city park(recruitment/training), otherwise quiet month in Greene County.

**Owen County** no report

**Parke County** no report

**Putnam County** no report

**Sullivan County**

**Activity Details:**

none

**Administrative and Other Comments:**

No ARES members are registered in Sullivan County. With no DEC appointed to District 7, the SEC is responsible for ARES activities in Sullivan County. District 7 including Sullivan County will be my focused geographical area of the section following the SET in October.

**Vermillion County**

**Activity Details:**

Most of are members where gone this summer

**Administrative and Other Comments:**

none

**Vigo County**

**Activity Details:**

none

**Administrative and Other Comments:**

No ARES members are registered in Vigo County. With no DEC appointed to District 7, the SEC is responsible for ARES activities in Vigo County. District 7 including Vigo County will be my focused geographical area of the section following the SET in October.

## District 8

**Activity Details:**

none

**Administrative and Other Comments:**

District 8 is without a DEC leaving it up to the SEC to coordinate ARES in the District. 3 of the 7 counties in the district have an EC with only 2 reporting this month. I will be directing greater attention to training and education in district 8.

**Bartholomew County**

**Activity Details:**

Five regular weekly nets; one severe weather net; one team meeting (see below)

**Administrative and Other Comments:**

Our ARES team met to review plans for October 2025's SET and to recruit a PIO.

**Brown County**

**Activity Details:**

none

**Administrative and Other Comments:**

No ARES members are registered in Brown County. With no DEC appointed to District 8, the SEC is responsible for ARES activities in Brown County. I will be focusing on District 8 including Brown County following the SET in October.

**Jackson County** no report

**Lawrence County**

**Activity Details:**

none

**Administrative and Other Comments:**

Five ARES members are registered in Lawrence County. With no EC appointed to the county and no DEC to District 8, the SEC is responsible for ARES activities in Lawrence County. I will be focusing on District 8 including Lawrence County following the SET in October.

**Monroe County**

**Activity Details:**

4 Monroe County ARES Nets on Monday evenings, 4 Monroe County ARES Simplex Nets on Monday evenings, 1 Monthly net to assist the Monroe County Emergency Management office to check the area warning sirens in Monroe County. 1 Skywarn event. 1 monthly ARES / Club Meeting 25 attended.

**Administrative and Other Comments:**

1 Skywarn net. 10 monitored for 2 hours. Assist Monroe Co. EMA with the Monthly warning of severe weather sirens in the county.

**Orange County**

**Activity Details:**

none

**Administrative and Other Comments:**

No ARES members are registered and no EC is appointed to the county. No DEC is appointed to the district leave ARES responsibilities to the SEC. This area will be focused on after the SET in October.

**Washington County**

**Activity Details:**

none

**Administrative and Other Comments:**

No ARES members are registered and no EC is appointed to the county. No DEC is appointed to the district leave ARES responsibilities to the SEC. This area will be focused on after the SET in October.

**District 9**

**Activity Details:**

none

**Administrative and Other Comments:**

No DEC is appointed to district 9 at this time. 5 of the twelve counties in the district have an appointed EC. The SEC will be providing focused training and education with the ECs and an outreach approach to various contacts in the district to improve the ARES program in District 9.

**Clark County**

**Activity Details:**

Discussed Burningham swap meet, upcoming Louisville Hamfest, tune up connectors and other things for winter, upcoming JOTA for Boy Scouts, ARES 10-4 day and ARES SET. Discussed the upcoming Radio Tech class starting for licensing on Zoom, I'm stepping down and someone else will take over

**Administrative and Other Comments:**

Training at the local state park on the speed of setup and take down, working inside your vehicle to accommodate having to move because of conditions.

**Dearborn County**

**Activity Details:**

none

**Administrative and Other Comments:**

Dearborn County is without an appointed EC and without a DEC in District 9, ARES activities are the responsibility of the SEC. I will be using outreach contacts and support from ARES members in nearby counties for support until an ARES program is developed in the county.

**Decatur County**

**Activity Details:**

none

**Administrative and Other Comments:**

Just like other several other counties Decatur does not have an EC or a DEC so the SEC is directly responsible for ARES activities and will be relying on support from others until the ARES program can be developed in the county.

**Floyd County**

**Activity Details:**

none

**Administrative and Other Comments:**

Just like the several other counties Floyd does not have an EC or a DEC so the SEC is directly responsible for ARES activities and will be relying on support from others until the ARES program can be developed in the county.

**Franklin County**

**Activity Details:**

none

**Administrative and Other Comments:**

Just like the several other counties Franklin does not have an EC or a DEC so the SEC is directly responsible for ARES activities and will be relying on support from others until the ARES program can be developed in the county.

**Harrison County**

**Activity Details:**

80 Mins of air time

**Administrative and Other Comments:**

(none)

**Jefferson County**

**Activity Details:**

none

**Administrative and Other Comments:**

Just like the several other counties Jefferson does not have an EC or a DEC so the SEC is directly responsible for ARES activities and will be relying on support from others until the ARES program can be developed in the county.

**Jennings County**

**Activity Details:**

Preparing for 10-4 and Set exercises.

Trying to get those interested to work on task books.

**Administrative and Other Comments:**

(none)

**Ohio County**

**Activity Details:**

none

**Administrative and Other Comments:**

Just like the several other counties Ohio does not have an EC or a DEC so the SEC is directly responsible for ARES activities and will be relying on support from others until the ARES program can be developed in the county.

**Ripley County**

**Activity Details:**

none

**Administrative and Other Comments:**

Just like the several other counties Ripley does not have an EC or a DEC so the SEC is directly responsible for ARES activities and will be relying on support from others until the ARES program can be developed in the county.

**Scott County**

**Activity Details:**

In August, there were 4 scheduled ARES nets conducted on the Scott County EMA repeater (146.610) with 46 check-ins and a total of 67 minutes providing operators an opportunity to check and test their equipment.

**Administrative and Other Comments:**

The Scott County EMA Group held a VE Testing Session Saturday, August 9th at the EOC. The next testing session is scheduled for October 11th 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](mailto:steve@wr9g.net) or visit [www.wr9g.net/links](http://www.wr9g.net/links). 73, Steve WR9G

**Switzerland County** no report

**District 10**

No report

**Crawford County** no report

**Daviess County** no report

**Dubois County** no report

**Gibson County** no report

**Knox County**

**Activity Details:**

Fox Hunt 9 AUG 2025 with 12 participants, most of them first-time fox hunters.

**Administrative and Other Comments:**

YTD 38 nets with 671 participants.

**Martin County** no report

**Perry County** no report

**Pike County** no report

**Posey County** no report

**Spencer County**

**Activity Details:**

4 analog, 4 digital nets

**Administrative and Other Comments:**

(none)

**Vanderburgh County** no report

**Warrick County** no report

## 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 DXCC Trident Award

The DXCC Trident Award is a new award for amateur radio operators who have confirmed contacts with at least 100 DXCC entities on phone, CW, and digital. If you've been chasing DX since November 1, 1976, you may be close to qualifying for this new award. More information can be found here:

<https://www.arrl.org/news/new-arrl-dxcc-trident-plaque-honors-100-confirmed-entities-on-three-modes>

### Proposal from satellite communications company to use 70cm band

AST & Science, LLC, has filed a petition with the FCC to use the 430-440 MHz band for telemetry, tracking, and command. The ARRL, as well as other amateur radio groups around the world, has filed comments with the FCC objecting to this proposal. Keep in mind that amateur radio is secondary in this band to U.S.

radiolocation services. More info here: <https://www.arrl.org/news/arrl-files-comments-to-protect-70-centimeter-amateur-band>

### ARRL Field Day entries

As of August 11, 2025, 4,383 entries had been submitted to the Field Day upload site. Entries are now closed. There were 4,319 entries last year. Expect the results to be published in November.

### License plates

Several hams have talked to me recently about Indiana's amateur radio callsign license plates. There seem to be two lines of thinking: 1. Indiana hams would like for the Indiana BMV to make the amateur radio plate more distinctive. The current plate is just a regular Indiana plate with your callsign and no indication that you have your amateur radio license. 2. Indiana hams would like to use Indiana's new "blackout" plate for their callsign plate.

What are your thoughts? Would you like to see a more distinctive Indiana amateur radio plate? Would you like to use the "blackout" plate? I can't make any guarantees that we can influence state government, but please let me know.

### Hamfest planning

If your club or group usually has a hamfest in the winter or spring, I hope you are well into the planning for your event. Now's the time to form your committees, finalize site arrangements, and draw up your flyer.

Most importantly, list your hamfest with the ARRL so folks will know about your event. The ARRL has a primer for hamfest and convention organizers that you can download here:

<https://www.arrl.org/files/file/Hamfest/ARRL%20Conventions%20and%20Hamfest%20Primer.pdf>

## Upcoming Hamfests in Indiana

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

If your hamfest is not listed here, please contact Bob Burns AK9R, ARRL Indiana Section Manager, at [ak9r@arrl.org](mailto:ak9r@arrl.org)

### **Hoosier Hills Hamfest**

**Start Date:** 11/08/2025

**End Date:** 11/08/2025

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

**Website:** <https://hoosierhillshamfest.com>

**Sponsor:** Hoosier Hills Ham Club

**Type:** ARRL Hamfest

**Talk-In:** 146.73 107.2

**Public Contact:** Justin Elliott , KD9IGT

PO Box 891 Bedford, IN 47421

Phone: 812-896-8002

**Email:** [hamfest@w9qyq.org](mailto:hamfest@w9qyq.org)

### **Fort Wayne Hamfest & Computer Expo**

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

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

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

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

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

**Type:** ARRL Hamfest

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

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

PO Box 10342 Fort Wayne, IN 46851

Phone: 260-579-2196

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

August 2025

**WVARA Turkeyfest**

**Start Date:** 11/29/2025

**End Date:** 11/29/2025

**Location:** Clay County 4-H Fairgrounds

6550 North State Road 59

Brazil , IN 47834

**Website:** <https://www.w9uuu.org/hamfest.php>

**Sponsor:** Wabash Valley ARA, Inc.

**Type:** ARRL Hamfest

**Talk-In:** 146.685 pl 151.4

**Public Contact:** Kevin Berlin , K9HX

308 W. 4th St. Clay City, IN 47841

Phone: 812-239-9140

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

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Electronics Flea Market - Ham Radio Fun - License Testing

**NOVEMBER 8th, 2025 - 8AM to 1PM Eastern**

**LAWRENCE COUNTY 4-H FAIRGROUNDS - BEDFORD, IN**

**11265 US Highway 50 West, Mitchell, IN 47446**

<p><b>ADMISSION</b></p> <p><b>\$5</b></p> <p>Children 12 and under FREE!</p>	<p><b>FLEA MARKET VENDOR INFO</b></p> <p>Indoor 10'x10' Space \$10 (Plus admission) (Building available for early setup at 6:00 AM) Outdoor Tailgating Space \$5 (Plus admission) <b>HAM RADIO CLUBS GET A BOOTH FREE! COME ADVERTISE YOUR CLUB!</b></p>
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**Interested in Ham Radio? Not sure where to start? Come chat with members of HHHC at the club table to learn more about our hobby!**

[WWW.HOOSIERHILLSHAMFEST.COM](http://WWW.HOOSIERHILLSHAMFEST.COM)

### ARRL VE TESTING at 10AM

If testing for a new license, please obtain an FCC FRN prior to hamfest. Email [kb9sml@w9qyq.org](mailto:kb9sml@w9qyq.org) for more information.



Talk-in: 146.73 (-) PL 107.2  
Questions? Call (812)675-2450  
or email [hamfest@w9qyq.org](mailto:hamfest@w9qyq.org)  
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# 53<sup>rd</sup> FORT WAYNE HAMFEST & Computer Expo

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**Brent Walls N9BA**  
ARRL Central Division Director

**Josh Long W9HT**  
ARRL Central Division Vice Director

**Bob Burns AK9R**  
ARRL Indiana Section Manager

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9 AM till 12 PM Saturday

WAS & DXCC Card Checking and CQ  
Awards

Youth Lounge (under 12 accompanied by adult)

New & Used Ham Equipment Dealers  
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2 Rooms of Special Interest Forums All Day  
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Talk-in Radio Frequency 146.880 (-) PL 141.3

Tables: Starting at \$35 Regular, \$55 Premium, \$40  
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SUN 9 AM to 2 PM

Admission: \$10 Sat &  
Sun (Weekend)  
\$5 Sun only  
Children under 12 free  
(with adult)

Allen County  
War Memorial Coliseum  
4000 Parnell Ave  
Fort Wayne, IN  
73,000 sq. ft. all indoors  
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# Wabash Valley Amateur Radio Association, Inc.

# 2025 TurkeyFest

with

## Commercial Vendors

## Saturday November 29, 2025

Indoor Event – Rain or Shine!

## 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM EST

Vendor setup begins at 6:00 AM

## Clay County 4-H Fairgrounds

### 6550 North State Road 59 – Brazil, IN

(39° 29' 03" N, 87° 07' 30" W)

Talk-In: K9IKQ/R – 146.685 MHz – PL 151.4 Hz

Admission \$10.00 (12 and under free)



# Free Tables



Hourly drawings for Door Prizes — Breakfast Served

More information: <http://w9uuu.org> or contact [hamfest@w9uuu.org](mailto:hamfest@w9uuu.org)

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