



**Indiana Section  
American Radio  
Relay League**

# Newsletter

January 2026

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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).

## 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 JANUARY 2026					
HF NETS					
NET NAME	SOURCE	QNI	QTC	QTR	SESSIONS
ITN	N9TU	1422	132	1503	62
QIN	NJ9S	121	56	351	62
<b>TOTALS</b>					
NETS REPORTING					

INDIANA STM REPORT JANUARY 2026							
PUBLIC SERVICE HONOR ROLL							
STATION	SESSIONS	MESSAGES	APPTS	PUB SVC	EMG RES	DIGITAL	TOTAL
W9BGJ	40	40	30	0	0	20	130
AB9ZA	40	40	10	0	0	0	90
W9EEU	40	157	20	0	0	20	237
<b>TOTALS</b>							
STATIONS REPORTING		3					

INDIANA STM REPORT JANUARY 2026						
ORS AND SAR STATION REPORT						
STATION	TYPE	ORGINATED	RECEIVED	SENT	DELIVERED	TOTALS
W9BGJ	ORS	0	44	44	5	93
AB9ZA	ORS	0	42	38	37	117
W9EEU	ORS	0	80	77	0	157
W9PC	ORS	1	14	18	2	35

INDIANA STM REPORT JANUARY 2026					
VHF/UHF NETS					
NET NAME	SOURCE	QNI	QTC	QTR	SESSIONS
CASS CO ARC	KA9BYN	76	0	133	5
CROSSROADS DMR	K9NQW	126	0	104	4
CLAY COUNTY ARES	W9EEU	58	2	85	5
D STAR NET	K9NQW	49	0	108	4
IMO NET	K9SKS	357	0	290	24
JEFFERSON CO	N9XVB	19	0	37	3
MID STATE ARC	KI6QOG	176	0	166	4
SCOTT CO ARES/RACES	WR9G	41	5	70	4
SOUTH CENTRAL AREA	KA9OPL	48	0	94	4
TARS EVANSVILLE	KE9YK	81	2	77	4
TRI STATE 2 METER	AG8O	328	0	522	22
WABASH VALLEY	KC9LDJ	86	0	147	4
12					
NETS REPORTING					

Monthly Report for D/Star and DMR								
DMR Date	Net Control		QNI	QTC	QTR	Time Began	Time Ended	Freq
01/05/26	KC9OYW		38	0	26	20:00	20:26	442.750(+)
01/12/26	KC9OYW		30	0	28	20:00	20:28	442.750(+)
01/19/26	K9NQW		30	0	27	20:00	20:27	442.750(+)
01/26/26	K9NQW		28	0	23	20:00	20:23	442.750(+)
Sessions:	4	Total:	126	0	104			
Month of Report:	January 2026							
D-Star Date	Net Control		QNI	QTC	QTR	Time Began	Time Ended	Freq
01/01/26			<b>No Net – New Years Day</b>					
01/08/26	K9NQW		14	0	24	20:00	20:24	443.400(+)
01/15/26	KA9OPL		11	0	27	20:00	20:27	443.400(+)
01/22/26	KA9OPL		10	0	25	20:00	20:25	443.400(+)
01/29/26	KA9OPL		14	0	32	20:00	20:32	443.400(+)
Sessions:	4	Total:	49	0	108			
Month of Report:	January 2026							

# QIN QNU

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The Bulletin for the INDIANA CW SECTION NET of the ARRL National Traffic System  
Evenings Daily on 3535 khz; alternate freq. is 1810 khz at (7:00 P.M CST/8:00 P.M. EST);  
Mornings Mon-Fri : to be announced after 01/01/2026

**Net Control Assignments:**

Day	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
0100Z NCS	W9PC MARK	NJ9S BRUN0	WB9FIU RUSTY	NJ9S BRUNO	WB9FIU RUSTY	K9LA CARL	K9LA CARL
Time t.b.a. NCS		W9BGJ BRIAN	W9BGJ BRIAN	W9BGJ BRIAN	W9BGJ BRIAN	W9BGJ BRIAN	



A typical NEW YEARS DAY as we remember them!

## HAPPY NEW YEAR QIN!

**Can you believe it? Another year has flashed by and we are now into 2026!** It's customary to review the past year and also some previous ones as well. All in all, I am pleased with our QIN performance in 2025. We met almost 100% of our scheduled net commitments and our roster of loyal operators has shown a positive trend! I am especially appreciative of how our people filled-in and covered for one another when needed to keep QIN operational. Is there room for improvement? Of course! But, we can be proud of our current gang of brass pounders – WELL DONE !

**I also dug out** some copies of the QIN newsletter from back around 1980- some forty-six years ago- to compare QIN *then vs now*. No question about it, there has been great change. The QIN roster from 1980 showed some 70 cw operators versus about 18

operators today. Why the disparity? Most of those 1980 folks were WW II and Korean War military radiomen (and women!). Most of them are SK now. That was also before that blessing (and curse) we know of as the cell phone. Traffic counts as a consequence were higher then as well. Also, the military has de-emphasized the CW mode and the FCC has dropped the CW requirement for amateur radio operators.

**In 1980**, the QIN net schedule listed *fourteen nets per week*- seven early eve QIN and seven late QIN nets! *Each net* had an assigned **NCS** and an assigned **9RN liaison** operator! Today the QIN NCS usually doubles as the 9RN liaison. Due to necessity, this has become standard QIN procedure.

**However, there is GOOD NEWS:** - thanks to the CWOps club, the Long Island CW club and other CW clubs, many NEW CW operators are being trained! Most of them are evidenced through the activity heard during the many contests on the bands. Hopefully, we can attract some of them to the world of traffic handling, QIN, the NTS and emergency traffic handling.

***A REVIEW of QIN STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES:***

1. QIN is a DIRECTED NET. This means that the Net Control station runs the net. If a station seeks to check in, list traffic or has any other request, he must work through the net control station.
2. The Net Control Station is automatically assigned the 9RN liaison duty UNLESS the NCS assigns that duty to another net operator for that session.
3. If 3535 khz is busy, the NCS should QSY the net UP 2 khz or in any case to a clear channel close to 3535 khz to conduct the net.
4. If 80 Meters propagation is poor or if the QRM on 80 Meters is too intense to conduct the net, the NCS may at his discretion announce on 3535 khz, then QSY his QIN net to 1810 khz on 160 Meters.
5. If the assigned NCS operator does not call up his assigned QIN net within three minutes of normal net time, any QIN net member may assume the NCS duty for that session and may call up the net.
6. All Net Control Station operators are required to originate a radiogram net report for their respective net session to be sent to the QIN Net Manager in a timely manner but no later than two days past the end of the respective month.
7. The net report should contain: the date and time of the net session, the calls of stations checked including the call of the NCS (QTS), the number of messages handled (QTC), and the number of minutes of net time expended (QTR).

**Amateur radio exists for the service we can provide.**

73,  
Bruno NJ9S

PS – My sincere thanks to Carl K9LA and Rusty WB9FIU for covering my NCS duties while my ankle sprain (and XYL) kept me out of the ham shack; THANKS GUYS!!!

**CURRENT QIN (EVE) NET ROSTER & PARTICIPATION STATS**

CALL	NAME	QTH	QNI DEC 2025	NCS DEC 2025
W9BGJ	BRIAN	HUNTINGTON, IN	7	
WB9FIU	RUSTY	COLUMBUS, IN	30	11
W9PC	MARK	ROSSVILLE, IN	7	3
K9LA	CARL	FORT WAYNE, IN	29	9
AD8WR	DAVE	GRANGER, IN	4	
K9UT	JERRY	RICHMOND, IN		
NJ9S	BRUNO	MISHAWAKA, IN	23	8
N9OL	JOHN	EVANSVILLE, IN	1	
KA8BJA	FRANK	COSHOCTON, OH	12	
WD4MSM	BARRY	SOUTH BEND, IN		
NI9Y	DAN	MISHAWAKA, IN		
WB8SIW	JIM	BUCHANAN, MI	2	
K0TQ	MIKE	N. VERNON, IN	2	
WA2USA	DENNIS	NEWBURGH, IN		
N9IVI	IVIN	PLAINFIELD, IN		
WD9DWE	DENNIS	PEKIN, IN		
NA9F	RON	COLUMBUS, IN		
N8AFT	LANE	COLUMBUS, OH		

**EVENING QIN + QIN/E CW SECTION NET QUICK STATS**

Month/Yr	Sessions	QNI	QTC Incl net reports	QTC Minus net rpts	QTR min.	
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	
AUG 2025	31	132	32	7	359	
SEP 2025	29	117	36	26	314	
OCT 2025	35	134	37	25	373	
NOV 2025	39	117	66	55	412	
DEC 2025	31	118	73	65	378	

# 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 a local amateur with setting up his radio in "split" mode so he could work KP5/NP3VI Desecheo Island.

## Roger McEntarfer N9RM

For the month of January, 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.

I lead the Tamiami Amateur Radio Club In-Person Test session on January 10, 2026 at the Venice Library from 10AM to noon. We had three applicants at the session with two upgrading to General and one upgrade to Extra.

I lead the Tamiami Amateur Radio Club In-Person Test session on January 23, 2026 at the Pine View School from Noon to 3:00 PM. We had six sixth grade applicants at the session with two upgrading to General and passing their Technician test and obtaining a new license. We will be holding another Pine View Test session February 20, 2026.

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

**ATTENTION: Free Student Testing!! W5YI Licensing Services now offers free testing for students 25 years of age or younger! Yes, you read that correct! Testing fees are covered for all 3 licenses classes, and for Technician applicants, they will also cover the \$35 application fee! Subject to valid student ID verification. If you are a student registering to test, after completing registration, please send an email to [rlmcen56@gmail.com](mailto:rlmcen56@gmail.com), with your name and Student Applicant, so your registration is confirmed. If you register at the Fort Wayne Hamfest, show your Student ID to the Volunteer Examiners.**

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

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

## Upcoming In-Person test sessions:

The Auburn Hamfest , July 18, 2026, from 10:00 AM – Noon.

To register visit: <https://hamstudy.org/sessions/n9rm>

If you need a different day or time, please let me know as we can set up testing any day of the week or time of day to fit your needs.

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

The next WCARC General Meeting will be held on February 12, 2026, starting at 6:00 PM at the Parkview Whitley Hospital, Lower-Level Meeting Room. Program is TBD.

January 2026

**Jeff DeLucenay KB9QG**

Jan 8th - ICOM 7300MK2 arrived.

Jan 18th - Ordered Harness kit for a Sinclair Duplexer. The 40 year old harness has a Tee connection coming apart. The new harness will upgrade the duplexer using N-Connectors in instead of UHF.

Jan 22-23 Worked on getting the ICOM RS-BA1 and Remote Utility software to control the ICOM 7300MK2 using a USB cable.

Jan 24th Used the RS-BA1 and Remote Utility software to control the ICOM 7300MK2 over the internet with a computer.

Jan 28th Reserved the K9A call sign for the ACD Festival Special Event Station for the August - September time frame.

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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)).

### 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 January 8, 2026, 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 February 12, 2026.

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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

Report: Form4

Division: Central

Section: Indiana

Month/Year: January 2026

History: Reported by Brian Sexton, KD9EDR, SEC on 2026-02-26 11:37:25 UTC

Number of DECs/ECs reporting this month:	35
Total number of DECs/ECs appointed in section:	48
4. Total number of ARES members:	689
Difference in ARES members from previous month:	N/D
5. Number of ARES net sessions held:	163
6. Number of ARES net sessions held with NTS liaison:	45
7. Number of participants in nets:	2,361

	Number	Person-Hrs
8. Exercises this month:	36	599.70
9. Training events this month:	33	499.20
10. Public service events this month:	2	144.00
11. Community service events this month:	5	788.00
12. Emergency events this month:	5	67.70
13. SKYWARN events this month:	13	281.00
14. Meetings this month:	27	207.70
15. Unclassified events this month:	7	61.50

### Call signs of DECs/ECs reporting:

K9WG, KA9AMP, KB9WWM, KC9GUY, KC9JAV, KC9RPX, KC9RVL, KC9VRA, KD9BKU, KD9DHJ, KD9DPA, KD9PMT, KP4CI, KV9N, N1PJ, N9CJT, N9CWW, N9GTL, N9JPX, N9LAA, NM9R, W9COD, W9DRB, W9EEU, W9SOX, WR9G

**Activity Details:**

DISTRICT 3-----

We are currently planning to initiate a District wide net in the near future.

DISTRICT 6-----

District 6 currently has vacant EC positions in Blackford, Fayette, Jay, Madison, Rush, Union and Wayne Counties. If you are interested in this position for your county, please contact Section Emergency Coordinator Brian Sexton at: brian.sexton89@gmail.com

ALLEN-----

The Allen County ARES Team held a Simulated Emergency Teat on Saturday, January 17th. The scenario was an ice storm affecting power and communications. During the SET we worked with our partner hospitals to provide communications/ The SET went well with both the shared partners and the team reporting success.

BARTHOLOMEW-----

The net section reflects the Simplex Fellowship Net held each Friday on the county's ARES simplex frequency of 146.430 MHz.

BLACKFORD-----

EC position is vacant

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CASS-----

No activity in this area

CLARK-----

Weekly nets for training

CLAY-----

Group celebrated New Years Day on Jan 1 with a POTA activation in US-4217 Owen-Putnam State Forest. Total of 3 stations completed the activation requirements of POTA.

Group participated in Winter Field Day setting up 3 stations at a community center.

Currently conducting a Technician license class which will conclude with a testing session in March.

DEKALB-----

Net Topics covered :Emergency Food Storage, Communications Guidelines, Wide Area Communications Outage and Major Emergency Event Preparedness

DELAWARE-----

Three weekly nets held on 441.900 primary repeater, 146.730 backup repeater, and 146.490 simplex

Total time was 85 minutes

FAYETTE-----

EC position is vacant

FULTON-----

Our ARES Meeting for January 2026 was held the first Saturday and members received Winlink training. Fulton County ARES group devoted the Saturday before winter field day to organize our new comms room at Fulton County EMA. The new room gives us much more space that we desperately needing. We hosted our winter field day at the EMA and had a great turnout. Among the guests were our 911 director, Commissioner's, Council members, EMA officials and the general public.

Our antenna project at the EMA has been put on hold due to the weather.

We have started up a Thursday evening 10-meter net on 28.385 at 19:00. We have had average around 10 to 12 check-ins a week. Join us to get 10-meters active again. We don't run it on the 2nd Thursday because of the Fulton County Amateur Radio Clubs monthly meeting.

GRANT-----

Even though we still don't have great coverage over the entire county, we've established our primary and backup repeaters thru a linking controller that does give us much better county coverage. Hopefully, that will increase our activity shortly county wide. Before, we had many operators that could not even get into the repeater.

HAMILTON-----

on 1/25 we had a severe weather net from 0700 to 1900 through Hamilton County Emergency Management. Everyone checked in at the top of each hour and gave a report on snowfall totals, power outages and if their road has been plowed, also road conditions if they were out in the storm. We had an average of 10 check ins from ARES members per hour. Hard to gauge actual time spent on radio and checking conditions.

HANCOCK-----

Local ARES net

HARRISON-----

had two weather net over snow fall

HENDRICKS-----

Weekly/Monthly Nets:

We conducted four (4) weekly Tuesday Night ARES Nets on 145.130 MHz during the month and had good participation. We accumulated just over 18.5 man-hours of airtime.

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

The Monthly Hospital Net was January 17, 2026, starting at 10:30 am on the 147.570 Simplex Frequency with Jeremy Enz K9ENZ Hosting from IU West Hospital. We accumulated just over 1.2 man-hours of airtime.

JAY-----

EC position is vacant

JENNINGS-----

Training on HF antennas.

Training on construction of a J Pole antenna.

Training on two repeater operation.

Skywarn training and refreshers.

Winter storm exercises with ICS.

KNOX-----

Attempting to form a SKYWARN team.

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KOSCIUSKO-----

We participated in Jan SkyWarn Event

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MADISON-----

EC position is vacant

MARION-----

Members of Marion County ARES supported the Frozen Morgan Monroe Forest Fun Run, running exclusively off of battery power and campfire heat we tracked runners as they passed aid stations and provided general communications in temperatures in the mid 20's. The following week volunteers from Howard County, Marion County and Vermillion County Illinois with help from the Purdue Amateur Radio Club supported the annual Purdue Outing Club Adventure Race - a 48 hour race in Yellowwood State Forest. Temps reached negative windchills and winds made things exciting overnight Sunday. One of our shelters blew apart in the early morning and hams scrambled to hold things together.

MONROE-----

4 weekly ARES nets

4 weekly ARES Simplex nets

1 Skywarn net

Monthly meeting w club

Daily Wet Net to report precip to NWS

MORGAN-----

none

PUTNAM-----

1) We had 4 Tuesday Evening ARES 2 meter Nets with 5 persons participating.

2) We had our Putnam County AUXCOM Meeting second Thursday at 6:15pm, January 8th 2026, with 4 members attending the meeting.

3) Virtual Tech class in March 2026, And June 2026 before Field Day June 27th 2026. Going to try to have 3 Tech classes this year.

4) Had CPR class January 20th 2026 had 10 students participate.

5) INPAA Indiana Pipeline Training in Danville 4-H Fairgrounds Community Building 6 Members attending.

RANDOLPH-----

Four check in Nets, and one Stormwatch net

RUSH-----

EC position is vacant

SCOTT-----

In January, there were 4 scheduled ARES nets conducted on the Scott County EMA repeater (146.610) with 41 check-ins and a total of 70 minutes providing operators an opportunity to check and test their equipment.

SPENCER-----

4 ANALOG AND 3 DIGITAL NETS

STEUBEN-----

ARES Team conducted two training events for new hams to help get them on the air. Also we did a one-day Winter Field Day event with the local Scouting organization. This is opening doors for us for future collaborations.

TIPPECANOE-----

County Siren Test was cancelled due to Temperatures.

Monday night nets took place at 20:00hr. On the Last Monday of the month, the question "did you loose commercial power during the snow storm?" was asked. No one had lost power, compared to other locations in Indiana.

January meeting took place on January 22nd. Those attendees were asked to submit new forms and updated information. Photos were taken for new id cards. Calendar of activities and training for 2026 were reviewed. Start of Digital training.

TIPTON-----

We had no ARES activities this month.

UNION-----

EC position is vacant

VERMILLION-----

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WAYNE-----

EC position is vacant

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

DISTRICT 3-----

N9PAP, Dan Ungemach has accepted the appointment as Assistant DEC for District 3. We welcome Dan in this new role.

DISTRICT 6-----

Grant Co: Cancelled this months meeting due to extremely cold weather and snow. Should be able to pick back up next month. Siren test still proceeded.

Even though we still don't have great coverage over the entire county, we've established our primary and backup repeaters thru a linking controller that does give us much better county coverage.

Randolph Co: Four check in Nets, and one Stormwatch net

Normal meeting sessions and one sky net

Delaware Co: Three weekly nets held on 441.900 primary repeater, 146.730 backup repeater, and 146.490 simplex, Total time was 85 minutes

Tickets for Dayton Hamvention are discounted @ \$26 prior to March 1st, when the price will be \$30

Tipton Co: At our monthly club meeting a discussion was had about what people wanted to do in terms of ARES trainings and activities. The members of the club expressed interest in doing trainings and activities. I will be working on these.

ALLEN-----

The Allen County ARES Team received a private donation and we are in the process of constructing 3 additional go-kits.

BARTHOLOMEW-----

Training reviewed the county's ARES Winter Storm Plan in person on 1/3. Emergency events included three nets collecting weather/road/etc information during a 14" snow storm lasting two days -- 1/24 and 1/25 -- with \_informal\_ monitoring between that covered a 30 hr period. The county's PIO, Travis W9ZMK, included this article in the local newspaper: <https://www.therepublic.com/2026/01/06/letter-amateur-radio-emergency-service-helps-in-emergencies/>

BLACKFORD-----

Seeking EC for Madison County

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Seeking EC for Blackford County. If interested, please contact Brian Sexton at [brian.sexton89@gmail.com](mailto:brian.sexton89@gmail.com)

CASS-----

All activity in this report comes from our 5 regular weekly nets. There were a total of 76 check-ins and 133 minutes for the 5 nets.

CLARK-----

10+ inches of snow in the area monitored frequencies for emergency traffic. We Lucked out no power outages or emergencies in the area

DELAWARE-----

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FAYETTE-----

Seeking EC for Fayette County. If interested, please contact Brian Sexton at [brian.sexton89@gmail.com](mailto:brian.sexton89@gmail.com)

FULTON-----

ARES members received Winlink training and we are working with San Diego ARES group to get out of our normal area and include different ideas and ways to use Winlink for emergency operations.

GRANT-----

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HAMILTON-----

for the exercise this month we asked members to send over any updates on their capabilities, we had 19 respond with updates and or confirming what they had. I used 15 minutes per person to get the hours.

HANCOCK-----  
none

HARRISON-----  
112 MINS ON AIR TIME

HENDRICKS-----  
HAM Training/Testing classes were held January 24th and 31st at Stop 11.

JAY-----  
Seeking EC for Jay County. If interested, please contact Brian Sexton at [brian.sexton89@gmail.com](mailto:brian.sexton89@gmail.com)

JENNINGS-----  
HF radio at EMA identified as antenna problem and alternative antenna options being explored.

KNOX-----  
N/A

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N/A

MADISON-----  
Seeking EC for Madison County. If interested, please contact Brian Sexton at [brian.sexton89@gmail.com](mailto:brian.sexton89@gmail.com)

MARION INDIANA-----  
January was busy with 2 events with amateur radio support coordinated by Matthew W9SOX. We ended the month with RF & Chili event to kick off Winter Field Day, bringing together the Indy Radio Club, Marion County ARES and hosted by Indiana Division (Salvation Army) SATERN as a laid back social event and getting on the radio. The severe weather and temperatures at the end of the month was monitored and discussed among ARES leadership but no nets were called up for this event.

MONROE-----  
1 - Skywarn net NCO KC9RPX - We had about 16 inches of snow the weekend of the Jan 23 to 25. KC9RPX took reports for NWS. Monroe Co was snow in with snow emergency (EMA). Reports were from area hams from their QTH.

No Siren test due to freezing temps.

4 Weekly nets that avg 20 checkins

4 Weekly Simplex Nets

Wet Net Net hosted daily to report daily to NWS by KC9RPX

PUTNAM-----  
I think we can count these two training events.

- 1) CPR Class 10 members attended
- 2) INPAA- Indiana Pipeline Training 6 Members attended

RANDOLPH-----

Normal meeting sessions and one sky net

RUSH-----

Seeking EC for Rush County. If interested, please contact Brian Sexton at [brian.sexton89@gmail.com](mailto:brian.sexton89@gmail.com)

SCOTT-----

The Scott County EMA Group will host a VE testing session Saturday, February 14th 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](mailto:steve@wr9g.net) or visit [www.wr9g.net/links](http://www.wr9g.net/links). 73, Steve WR9G

SPENCER-----

4 ANALOG AND 3 DIGITAL NETS

STEUBEN-----

Planning for 2026. Schedule to be published soon. We are building a relationship with the local Scouting organization.

TIPPECANOE-----

Contact other members registered to update information and take photos for id cards.  
Contact key people in the county for permissions, training and other information.

TIPTON-----

At our monthly club meeting a discussion was had about what people wanted to do in terms of ARES trainings and activities. The members of the club expressed interest in doing trainings and activities. I will be working on these.

UNION-----

Seeking EC for Union County. If interested, please contact Brian Sexton at [brian.sexton89@gmail.com](mailto:brian.sexton89@gmail.com)

WAYNE-----

Seeking EC for Wayne County. If interested, please contact Brian Sexton at [brian.sexton89@gmail.com](mailto:brian.sexton89@gmail.com)

## 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.

### W1AW/9 Indiana activation

During 2026, ARRL will celebrate the USA semiquincentennial by holding a year-long America250 Worked All States operating event. W1AW/portable will operate from each state on two different weeks. Indiana's weeks are Wednesday through Tuesday starting February 4 and July 15. Several hams have contacted me to volunteer, but we'll need more to operate W1AW/9 IN during those weeks. If you are interested, please contact me. More details to follow.

### The MARCONI Program

The MARCONI Program was developed by the Meriden (CT) Amateur Radio Club as part of a grant awarded through the ARRL Club Grants Program beginning in September 2022. The project is designed to assist clubs to become more active and engaged with their members and their local community. The name MARCONI references both an early innovator in radio communications, and is an acronym for "Motivating Amateur Radio Clubs to Open New Initiatives."

You can find out more about the MARCONI Program and learn what your club can do to engage and involve your members here: <https://www.arrl.org/marconi-program>

### ARRL Service Awards

Amateur radio is filled with many talented hams who serve their club, their community, or amateur radio as a whole. Excellence abounds in our ranks whether through instructing prospective new hams, exploring technical ideas and techniques, or spreading the good word about amateur radio. The ARRL seeks your help in honoring the outstanding work done by hams through the ARRL Service Awards. Take a look at the list of awards and think about the hams around you who provide noteworthy service to amateur radio. If you find a fit, make a nomination. <https://www.arrl.org/arrl-award-nominations>

### Let Congress know how you feel

You can ask your Congressional representatives to support S.459 and H.R.1094 by pointing your browser to <https://send-a-letter.org/hoa/>, enter your amateur radio callsign, and click the "Send My Letters" button. The form will fill in your address information from the FCC license database and use your ZIP Code to determine the correct Senate and House members. That's all there is to it.

### Hendricks County Hamfest and ARRL Indiana Section Convention

Mark your calendars for the Hendricks County Hamfest and ARRL Indiana Section Convention coming up on February 7 at the Hendricks County 4-H Fairgrounds and Conference Center in Danville. Admission is \$7.00 with kids under age 10 free. Doors open to the public at 9:00 am.

Hamfest talk-in will be on the 147.015 MHz repeater (+600 kHz with 88.5 Hz tone).

In addition to commercial and flea market vendors, the hamfest will feature many door prizes, on-site food vendors, amateur radio license testing, and forums.

January 2026

For more information, email [hamfest@n9hc.org](mailto:hamfest@n9hc.org). If you'd like to reserve a vendor table, contact Bill Pfaffenberger AE9R at [ae9r@arrl.net](mailto:ae9r@arrl.net).

See you there!

### **Thinking of hosting a hamfest?**

A reminder to all clubs and groups who are thinking about hosting a hamfest this year, please submit your application to be an ARRL-sanctioned hamfest. There's no cost to apply and your hamfest will be listed on the ARRL website and in QST. The ARRL also provides door prizes for sanctioned hamfests. More information can be found here: <https://www.arrl.org/arrl-sanctioned-events>

Also, please check the hamfest calendar to see if there are other hamfests near you:  
<https://www.arrl.org/hamfests-and-conventions-calendar>

## 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)

### **LaPorte Cabin Fever Hamfest**

**Start Date:** 02/28/2026

**End Date:** 02/28/2026

**Location:** LaPorte County Fairgrounds  
2581 State Road 2  
LaPorte, IN

**Website:** <http://www.lpcarc.org>

**Sponsor:** LaPorte County Amateur Radio Club

**Type:** ARRL Hamfest

**Talk-In:** 146.610 131.8

**Public Contact:** Richard Oberle , KC9DJP  
1978 E 500 S LaPorte, IN 46350  
Phone: 219-448-0090

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

### **Dugger Hamfest**

**Start Date:** 02/28/2026

**End Date:** 02/28/2026

**Location:** Community Building  
Dugger Park  
834 S Hicum St  
Dugger, IN

**Sponsor:** Dugger Amateur Radio Club

**Talk-In:** 146.775, 136.5

### **Columbus Amateur Radio Club Hamfest**

**Start Date:** 03/28/2026

**End Date:** 03/28/2026

**Location:** Columbus North High School  
1400 25th St.  
Columbus, IN 47201

**Website:** <http://carcnet.net>

**Sponsor:** Columbus Amateur Radio Club

**Type:** ARRL Hamfest

**Talk-In:** 146.79

**Public Contact:** Mike Idlewine , WE9MI  
4373 E Windsor Lane Columbus, IN 47201  
Phone: 812-521-6206

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

### **Wabash Valley Amateur Radio Association, Inc.**

**Start Date:** 03/28/2026

**End Date:** 03/28/2026

**Location:** Clay County 4-H Fairgrounds  
6550 North State Road 59  
Brazil, IN 47834

**Website:** <http://W9UUU.org>

**Sponsor:** Wabash Valley Amateur Radio Association, Inc.

**Type:** ARRL Hamfest

**Talk-In:** 146.685 MHz – PL 151.4 Hz

**Public Contact:** Chuck Procarione , W9COD

444 South 4th St. Clinton, IN 47842

Phone: 812-239-8061

**Email:** [Hamfest@w9uuu.org](mailto:Hamfest@w9uuu.org)

#### **RCARC Tailgate Event**

**Start Date:** 04/25/2026

**End Date:** 04/25/2026

**Location:** Veterans Memorial Park, Parker City, IN

**Sponsor:** Randolph County Amateur Radio Club

#### **RV Radio Network Rally**

**Start Date:** 05/09/2026

**End Date:** 05/13/2026

**Location:** Follow the River RV Resort

12273 Markland Town Rd.

Florence, IN 47020

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

**Sponsor:** RV Radio Network

**Type:** ARRL Convention

**Talk-In:** 147.520

**Public Contact:** Michelle Sack , N3YRZ

PO Box 1182 Waldorf, MD 20604

Phone: 301-932-8133

**Email:** [msack@verizon.net](mailto:msack@verizon.net)

#### **Auburn Hamfest**

**Start Date:** 07/18/2026

**End Date:** 07/18/2026

**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 Maag , KD9QDL

5501 Bear Creek Pass Auburn, IN 46706

Phone: 260-438-6588

**Email:** [jdmaag6101@gmail.com](mailto:jdmaag6101@gmail.com)

#### **Elkhart East Hamfest**

**Start Date:** 08/01/2026

**End Date:** 08/01/2026

**Location:** Northern Indiana Event Center  
21565 Executive Pkwy  
Elkhart, IN 46514  
**Website:** <http://www.elkharthamfest.com>  
**Sponsor:** Northern Indiana K9DEW Repeater Network  
**Type:** ARRL Hamfest  
**Talk-In:** 147.330 PL 131.8  
**Public Contact:** Dewey Thrash , K9DEW  
53464 Baywater Place Bristol, IN 46507  
Phone: 574-370-2436  
**Email:** [elkharthamfest@gmail.com](mailto:elkharthamfest@gmail.com)

**Hendricks County Tailgate Fest**  
**Start Date:** 08/08/2026  
**End Date:** 08/08/2026  
**Location:** Avon United Methodist Church  
6850 East Hwy US 36  
Avon, IN 46123  
**Website:** <http://kc9sqd425@gmail.com>  
**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](mailto:kc9sqd425@gmail.com)

**The Hoosier Hills Hamfest**  
**Start Date:** 10/10/2026  
**End Date:** 10/10/2026  
**Location:** Lawrence County 4H Fairgrounds  
11265 US-50  
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  
4470 W. Walnut Ridge Rd. Salem, IN 47167  
Phone: 812-896-8002  
**Email:** [kd9igt@w9qyq.org](mailto:kd9igt@w9qyq.org)

# LAPORTE COUNTY CABIN FEVER HAMFEST

**FEBRUARY 28, 2026  
7 AM TO 1 PM**

**LaPorte County Fairgrounds  
2581 IN-2 LaPorte, IN 46350**

**\$8.00 ENTRY FEE**

**TALK-IN: 146.970 / 146.610 PL 131.8**

- VE TESTING • DOOR PRIZES
- FOOD

**EMAIL: CABINFEVER  
HAMFEST@GMAIL.COM**



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LaPORTE COUNTY AMATEUR  
RADIO CLUB**



*Dugger Amateur Radio Club  
Dugger, Indiana*



# 2026 HAMFEST

Radio – Electronics – Computers – Flea Market

## Saturday Febuary, 28th

Indoor Event – Rain or Shine

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

(or, until all visitors are gone)

Vendor Setup Begins at 6:00 AM

Confirmed Vendor

Free V.E. Testing from 9am until 11am

Location:

Community Building in

Dugger Park

On State Road 54, westside of Dugger

Talk-in: KC9AK Repeater, 146.775 MHz, PL 136.5

Admission \$5.00, Tables are free

**Commercial Venders welcome,  
with free admission and tables.**

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# HAMFEST 2026

Saturday, March 28, 2026  
8am to Noon

North High School Cafeteria  
1400 25th Street, Columbus, IN 47201

Adult General Admission \$5.00, Under 18 Free

All-Indoor Flea Market      Hourly Door Prizes  
Flea Market Space Available      Free Parking  
Food & Beverages for purchase  
from BSA Troop 549      VE Testing

Sponsored  
by  
Columbus  
Amateur  
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Wabash Valley Amateur  
Radio Association, Inc.

# 2026 Hamfest

## Saturday March 28, 2026

**9:00 AM to 1:00 PM EST**

Vendor setup begins at 7:00 AM

Clay County 4-H Fairgrounds

6550 North State Road 59 – Brazil, IN

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

Admission \$10.00 (12 and under free)

**Advance Table Reservations - \$5 (Non-Refundable)**

**Free Tables (First Come-First Serve)**

Hourly drawings Breakfast Served

More information: <http://w9uuu.org>

Or contact [hamfest@w9uuu.org](mailto:hamfest@w9uuu.org)

Randolph County Amateur Radio Club

# Ham Radio Tailgate Event!



**What to Expect:**

- New & used equipment
- Free vending & admission
- Free parking
- No tables provided
- 50/50 Drawing (must be present to win)
- Door prizes - TBD

**Date & Time:**  
April 25, 2026  
8:00 AM to 1:00 PM

**Location:**  
At the northeast corner of  
Main street & US32 in  
parking lot east of the ball fields.  
Parker City, IN

Pulled pork sandwiches  
for sale by  
Randolph Co 4-H  
Shooting Sports.

**Contact for Questions:**  
Gene Hackler, KB9JSN  
Email: [WD9EXZ@outlook.com](mailto:WD9EXZ@outlook.com)



The Northeastern Indiana Amateur Radio Association

# AUBURN HAMFEST

## Saturday, July 18, 2026

### Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum

1600 S. Wayne St. Auburn, IN 46706

OPEN 9 AM TO 2 PM • TALK-IN: 147.015 (141.3) 7:00 AM • LOAD-IN: 7 TO 9 AM

**FREE** Admission

6,000 SQ. FT. INDOOR DISPLAY



**FREE** AUBURN CORD DUESENBERG  
**Museum**

View an amazing collection of classic motor vehicles.

**FREE** Parking

More Parking and Handicap Spaces available this year.



FOOD VENDOR

On the parking lot. Provided by Dave K9TZ

NEED MORE INFO?

**VE Testing starting at 10:00 AM**

Early load in, Friday 2pm to 4pm

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

PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE AT [W9OU.ORG](http://W9OU.ORG)

**NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN**

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

Order online now at [www.w9ou.org](http://www.w9ou.org)

**Outdoor Sales - One raffle ticket purchase for each parking space.**

Contact: [auburnhamfest@w9ou.org](mailto:auburnhamfest@w9ou.org)

Raffle Prizes:

1st-YAESU FT 891

2nd-XIEGU G90 HF 20W SSB/CW/AM/FM

3rd- ICOM IC-T10 Handheld

And more drawing prizes

Ticket Prices \$5.00 - Buy 2, get 1 Free!

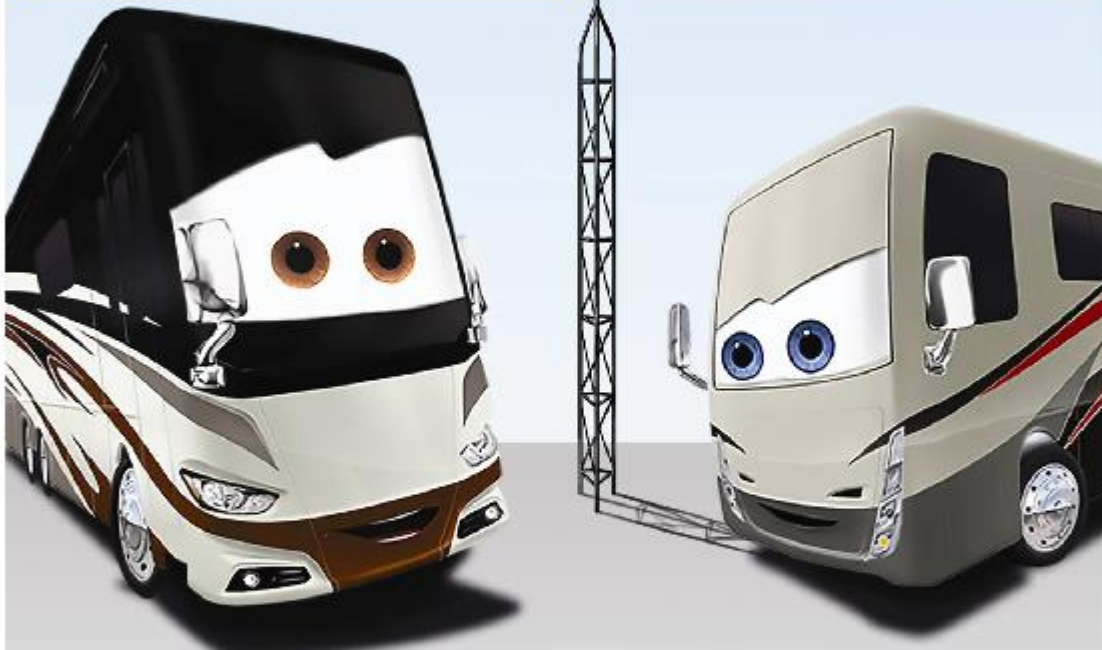
**2026 ELKHART EAST HAMFEST**  
**SATURDAY AUGUST 1, 2026**  
**9:00 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)**

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



## Welcome and Join us!

Indoor 20,000 sq ft of Amateur Radio, Hobby Electronics, and More Convention.  
150 table flea market of retail and consumer vendors, HAM radio license exams for all classes.  
\$9.00 admission includes discounted admission to the RV Hall of Fame

\$15.00 per table (\$20 the day of event)  
Includes 120v/220v electric service.

One free admission per vendor / children under 14 free.

Talk-In: K9DEW Mishawaka Repeater (147.330+ 131.8pl)

**Additional Reservation Info: [elkharthamfest@gmail.com](mailto:elkharthamfest@gmail.com)**  
Northern Indiana Event Center - 21565 Executive Pkwy - Elkhart, IN 46514

