



**Indiana Section
American Radio
Relay League**

Newsletter

February 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.

James M. "Jimmy" Rogers KD9BMG of Sullivan

Howard Wayne Pence WB9GAT of Montpelier

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).

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 also 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, 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.

Jeff DeLucenay KB9QG

Jan 8th - ICOM 7300MK2 arrived.

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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 fame.

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 FWBRUARY 2026 | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|--------|------|-----|------|----------|
| HF NETS | | | | | |
| NET NAME | SOURCE | QNI | QTC | QTR | SESSIONS |
| ITN | N9TU | 1215 | 123 | 1316 | 56 |
| QIN | NJ9S | 112 | 59 | 352 | 28 |
| TOTALS | | | | | |
| NETS REPORTING | | | | | |

| INDIANA STM REPORT FEBRUARY 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 | 143 | 20 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 223 |
| TOTALS | | | | | | | |
| STATIONS REPORTING 3 | | | | | | | |

| INDIANA STM REPORT FEBRUARY 2026 | | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|------|-----------|----------|------|-----------|--------|
| ORS AND SAR STATION REPORT | | | | | | |
| STATION | TYPE | ORGINATED | RECEIVED | SENT | DELIVERED | TOTALS |
| W9BGJ | ORS | 0 | 25 | 0 | 0 | 25 |
| AB9ZA | ORS | 0 | 43 | 37 | 8 | 88 |
| W9EEU | ORS | 0 | 67 | 76 | 0 | 143 |
| W9PC | ORS | 0 | 19 | 18 | 5 | 42 |

| INDIANA STM REPORT FEBRUARY 2026 | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|--------|-----|-----|-----|----------|
| VHF/UHF NETS | | | | | |
| NET NAME | SOURCE | QNI | QTC | QTR | SESSIONS |
| CASS CO ARC | KA9BYN | 62 | 0 | 180 | 5 |
| CROSSROADS DMR | K9NQW | 108 | 0 | 92 | 4 |
| CLAY COUNTY ARES | W9EEU | 48 | 2 | 85 | 4 |
| D STAR NET | K9NQW | 53 | 0 | 92 | 4 |
| IMO NET | K9SKS | 373 | 0 | 277 | 24 |
| JEFFERSON CO | N9XVB | 15 | 0 | 30 | 2 |
| MID STATE ARC | KI6QOG | 164 | 0 | 178 | 4 |
| SCOTT CO ARES/RACES | WR9G | 47 | 3 | 89 | 4 |
| SOUTH CENTRAL AREA | KA9OPL | 57 | 0 | 98 | 4 |
| TARS EVANSVILLE | KE9YK | 75 | 2 | 65 | 4 |
| TRI STATE 2 METER | AG8O | 297 | 0 | 517 | 20 |
| WABASH VALLEY | KC9LDJ | 91 | 0 | 154 | 4 |
| 12 | | | | | |
| NETS REPORTING | | | | | |

| Monthly Report for D/Star and DMR | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------|--------|-----|-----|-----|------------|------------|------------|
| DMR | | | | | | | | |
| Date | Net Control | | QNI | QTC | QTR | Time Began | Time Ended | Freq |
| 02/02/26 | KC9OYW | | 30 | 0 | 24 | 20:00 | 20:04 | 442.750(+) |
| 02/09/26 | KC9OYW | | 24 | 0 | 20 | 20:00 | 20:00 | 442.750(+) |
| 02/16/26 | K9NQW | | 25 | 0 | 23 | 20:00 | 20:23 | 442.750(+) |
| 02/23/26 | K9NQW | | 29 | 0 | 25 | 20:00 | 20:25 | 442.750(+) |
| Sessions: | 4 | Total: | 108 | | 92 | | | |
| Month of Report: | February 2026 | | | | | | | |
| D-Star | | | | | | | | |
| Date | Net Control | | QNI | QTC | QTR | Time Began | Time Ended | Freq |
| 02/05/26 | K9NQW | | 14 | 0 | 20 | 20:00 | 20:20 | 443.400(+) |
| 02/12/26 | K9NQW | | 6 | 0 | 12 | 20:00 | 20:12 | 443.400(+) |
| 02/19/26 | K9NQW | | 16 | 0 | 20 | 20:00 | 20:20 | 443.400(+) |
| 02/26/26 | KA9OPL | | 17 | 0 | 40 | 20:00 | 20:40 | 443.400(+) |
| Sessions: | 4 | Total: | 53 | | 92 | | | |
| Month of Report: | February 2026 | | | | | | | |

QIN QNU

Issue Number 024 March 2026

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);

Net Control Assignments:

| Day | SUN | MON | TUE | WED | THU | FRI | SAT |
|--------------|--------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|
| 0100Z NCS | W9PC MARK | NJ9S BRUNO | WB9FIU RUSTY | NJ9S BRUNO | WB9FIU RUSTY | K9LA CARL | K9LA CARL |

FEBRUARY! WHAT A ROLLER-COASTER MONTH!

It snowed; it rained; it melted! - Then, all over again! Whew!
Mother Nature showed us that she was in charge and she kept us in suspense!

I may have mentioned that I was in the midst of a massive ham shack and workshop clean up. In that process, I ran across some typical QIN stats from 1980 that I thought you would find interesting:

| DATE | TIME | QNI | QTC |
|-------------|-------------------|-----|-----|
| 20 JAN 1980 | 0400Z (late eve) | 7 | 3 |
| 03 FEB 1980 | 0100Z (early eve) | 16 | 14 |

As you can see, things on QIN were really popping those forty-six years ago! In past newsletters, I've discussed my thoughts as to the reasons for the diminishing QNI and QTC counts. Today, let me just state that there are *MANY* new CW operators being minted out there. You and I hear them perusing the many CW contests almost daily. I believe the reason they don't QNI our QIN and the other traffic nets is that they are **unaware and uninformed** as to **who, what and why** we exist!

I know that to some extent, I am "preaching to the choir", but we – "the choir" – need to do our part in getting the word out at our club meetings and hamfests. And, my hope is that the various CW and message traffic oriented groups redouble their efforts to support the CW traffic nets and National Traffic System by educating their folks as to the importance of participating in the local and section traffic nets.

Amateur Radio exists because of the service we can perform!

CURRENT QIN (EVE) NET ROSTER & PARTICIPATION STATS

| CALL | NAME | QTH | QNI FEB 2026 | NCS FEB 2026 |
|--------|--------|----------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| W9BGJ | BRIAN | HUNTINGTON, IN | 2 | |
| WB9FIU | RUSTY | COLUMBUS, IN | 26 | 7 |
| W9PC | MARK | ROSSVILLE, IN | 11 | 4 |
| K9LA | CARL | FORT WAYNE, IN | 24 | 8 |
| AD8WR | DAVE | GRANGER, IN | 2 | |
| K9UT | JERRY | RICHMOND, IN | | |
| NJ9S | BRUNO | MISHAWAKA, IN | 26 | 9 |
| N9OL | JOHN | EVANSVILLE, IN | 2 | |
| KA8BJA | FRANK | COSHOCTON, OH | 13 | |
| WD4MSM | BARRY | SOUTH BEND, IN | | |
| NI9Y | DAN | MISHAWAKA, IN | | |
| WB8SIW | JIM | BUCHANAN, MI | 1 | |
| K0TQ | MIKE | N. VERNON, IN | 3 | |
| WA2USA | DENNIS | NEWBURGH, IN | | |
| N9IVI | IVIN | PLAINFIELD, IN | | |
| WD9DWE | DENNIS | PEKIN, IN | 2 | |
| N8AFT | LANE | COLUMBUS, OH | | |

EVENING QIN + QIN/E CW SECTION NET QUICK STATS (corrected 2/2026)

| 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 | 36 | 412 |
| DEC 2025 | 31 | 118 | 73 | 50 | 378 |
| JAN 2026 | 31 | 121 | 56 | 33 | 351 |
| FEB 2026 | 28 | 112 | 59 | 50 | 352 |

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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).

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 February 12, 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 March 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.

Section Emergency Coordinator's Report

From Brian Sexton KD9EDR, Section Emergency Coordinator

Report: Form4

Division: Central

Section: Indiana

Month/Year: February 2026

History: Reported by Brian Sexton, KD9EDR, SEC on 2026-03-28 13:33:38 UTC

| | |
|---|-------|
| | |
| Number of DECs/ECs reporting this month: | 24 |
| Total number of DECs/ECs appointed in section: | 24 |
| 4. Total number of ARES members: | 486 |
| Difference in ARES members from previous month: | N/D |
| 5. Number of ARES net sessions held: | 136 |
| 6. Number of ARES net sessions held with NTS liaison: | 36 |
| 7. Number of participants in nets: | 1,945 |

| | Number | Person-Hrs |
|--|--------|------------|
| 8. Exercises this month: | 33 | 326.30 |
| 9. Training events this month: | 21 | 159.00 |
| 10. Public service events this month: | 3 | 51.80 |
| 11. Community service events this month: | 1 | 19.00 |
| 12. Emergency events this month: | 2 | 41.30 |
| 13. SKYWARN events this month: | 11 | 244.80 |
| 14. Meetings this month: | 24 | 264.00 |
| 15. Unclassified events this month: | 4 | 26.50 |

Call signs of DECs/ECs reporting:

KA9AMP, KC9AFE, KC9JAV, KC9RPX, KC9RVL, KC9VRA, KD9BKU, KD9DHJ, KD9DPA, KD9MRM, KD9PMT, KP4CI, KV9N, N1PJ, N9CJT, N9CWW, N9GTL, N9JPX, N9LAA, NM9R, W9DRB, W9EEU, W9SOX, WR9G

Activity Details:

BARTHOLOMEW -----

ARES Net each Friday evening on the county's ARES simplex frequency.
Training on Feb 7th included reporting 6 stations to NWS as freshly trained spotters.
SKYWARN numbers reported to NWS at end of tornado warning February 19th.

CLARK-----

Several weather events were observed and ARES activation wasn't necessary

DEKALB -----

The ARES NET covered the following topics: Communicating During an Emergency, Emergency Operations Deployment, Lightening Protection and Tornado Preparedness,

DELAWARE -----

Three weekly Nets 441.900, 146.730 repeaters and 146.490 Simplex
119 Minutes total for all Nets

FULTON -----

Fulton county ARES group spent some time at EMA this month working on are comm room.

GRANT-----

Routine weekly Sunday night nets. Attendance is improving due to linked repeaters in county. Still limited coverage for each repeater, but linking is helping coverage and quality.

HAMILTON-----

John W9KD gave a presentation on antennas during out in person meeting.
Dallas N9DAM is working on getting volunteers for the March Sam Costa Marathon.

HARRISON-----

69 mins of air time

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 16 man-hours of airtime.

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

The Monthly Hospital Net was February 21, 2026, at 1030 am on the 147.570 Simplex Frequency with Eric Hutte W9OMO Hosting from Hendricks Regional Health Hospital. We accumulated just over 1. man-hours of airtime.

JENNINGS-----

Weather spotter trainings
Preparation drill completed
Scipio site training and upgrades started

KNOX COUNTY -----

On 24 FEB 2026, four Old Post Amateur Radio Society members completed Basic SKYWARN Spotter Training Course.

KOSCIUSKO -----

4 members completed Skywarn training. Started ARES level one training

MARION -----

We resumed our monthly 'Connectivity' net, whose purpose is to test and exercise served agency and facility owned radio equipment as well as provide a day time net for folks who do not get into our weekly evening nets in Marion County. Participation was low being the first one of the year but we have leads to get into another facility to help test their installation going forward.

MONROE -----

Monday Night ARES Nets (4) 71 participants

Monday Night Simplex Net (4) 34 participants

Skywarn Net (Feb 19) 12 participants

EF 2 Tornado West-side of Monroe Co. Airport area to locations just east of I-69 along IN 45, IN 48, W 3rd St. Damages at airport. 5/3rd bank, Menards and a housing development and Humane Society

I assisted NWS on February 19 in passing traffic and messages to Owen, Greene Sullivan, Daviess, Knox, Martin, Lawrence on other counties during Skywarn event. To let them know NWS is requesting them to monitor Central IN Skywarn, along with relay of messages to those that could not hear NWS from Indianapolis

Assisted with Net on Indiana Linked South Network

No Monthly warning siren test due to temps

MORGAN-----

One SkyWarn net 2/19/26.

PORTER -----

planning for skywarn season

PUTNAM -----

Tuesday Evening ARES Net at 8:00 pm to 8:12 pm

RANDOLPH -----

Four Net Check-ins no other activities

SCOTT-----

In February, there were 4 scheduled ARES nets conducted on the Scott County EMA repeater (146.610) with 47 check-ins and a total of 89 minutes providing operators an opportunity to check and test their equipment.

SPENCER-----

vhf nets 4
analog
and 4 digital c4fm

TIPPECANOE-----

In the month of February, TCARES had four Monday night training nets. Numbers have ranged consistently at 24 participants. Our Monthly meeting took place February 19th at the Franciscan Community room starting at 7 pm. We only had 8 people in attendance. We had requested to all ARES people signed up previously to please sign up again for 2026 and get photos taken. Several have not responded. Several members got their ID card for 2026. Training ~ Talk about Packet and Winlink took place. Because of cold temperatures, TEMA did not have a siren test.

TIPTON-----

we held a simplex test exercise during our regular net.

Administrative and Other Comments:

BARTHOLOMEW-----

Local ham club authorized purchase of Meshtastic beacon/node and client handheld for East Columbus Independent Fire Dept. on Feb 12th. EC met with fire chief on 16th. Equipment ordered on 17th. Permission to install beacon/node on south side of FD tower now pending.

CASS-----

Most activity this month was from the 4 regular weekly nets with 61 check-ins over 105 minutes total. On 2/19 we had a late night emergency net for sever weather - 1 check-in and 75 minutes.

CLAY-----

Our monthly meetings have been suspended during our Technician licensing class. The class continues to do well with potentially 6 new hams at its conclusion.

DELAWARE-----

Regular Monthly EmComm ECI Meeting held

GRANT-----

One Auxcomm training net along with monthly severe weather siren test confirmation net.

HAMILTON-----

We are moving our in-person CIARA ARES meeting to the Noblesville starting in March. Hamilton County Parks and Rec decided to start charging us for the meeting room and we really don't have the funds for that. We will try the library and see how that works out.

HARRISON-----

69 mins of air time

KNOX COUNTY-----

Tentative plan for technician class this spring administered by Old Post Amateur Radio Society, details TBA.

MARION -----

February is a slow month but we had plenty to plan during our monthly planning meeting with March and all thing weather coming up including hosting Skywarn Spotter training from the NWS

PORTER -----

planning for skywarn season

RANDOLPH -----

Four Net check-ins

SCOTT-----

The Scott County EMA Group held a VE Testing Session Saturday, February 14th at the EOC. The next testing session is scheduled for April 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 or visit www.wr9g.net/links. 73, Steve WR9G

TIPPECANOE-----

Continue contacting other hams to see if they will update and or continue with TCARES.

TIPTON COUNTY-----

we held a simplex test exercise during our regular net. We had one participant participate in skywarn training

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.

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.

The ARRL Forum will be at 10:00am, ARES Forum at 11:00am, and Indiana Repeater Council meeting at 12:00noon.

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

See you there!

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. We now have a scheduling tool in place so you can reserve a time to operate as W1AW/9. We have several operators signed up, but there's room for more. If you are interested in operating, please contact me.

Indiana Amateur Radio License Plate

The Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles says that the new design Indiana Amateur Radio License Plate will be available for order starting February 12. You will have to go to a BMV branch with a copy of your FCC-issued amateur radio license in order to apply. There's more information about getting the new plate here:

<https://inarrl.org/news/indiana-amateur-radio-license-plate>

60m band changes

As of February 13, FCC-licensed amateur operators holding General Class or higher licenses may operate on a secondary basis anywhere between 5351.5 and 5366.5 kHz, subject to a maximum bandwidth of 2.8 kHz and maximum transmit power of 9.15 watts ERP (effective radiated power). For the purpose of computing ERP, the transmitter PEP (peak envelope power) is multiplied by the antenna gain relative to a half-wave dipole antenna. A half-wave dipole is presumed to have a gain of 1 (0 dBd).

The existing 60-meter channels centered on 5332, 5348, 5373, and 5405 kHz remain as secondary amateur allocations with maximum power of 100 watts ERP. However, the old channel at 5358.5 kHz is eliminated as it is now part of the new 5351.5-5366.5 kHz sub-band and subject to the lower power limit.

The downloadable ARRL frequency band charts have been updated to reflect these changes to the 60m band: <https://www.arrl.org/graphical-frequency-allocations>

FCC requires that contact information be updated within 10 days

The FCC recently made a revision to Part 1 of their rules that applies to amateur radio operators. Holders of an FCC Registration Number (FRN) are now required to update their contact information (postal and email addresses) in CORES within 10 business days of a change. The FCC has a tutorial on updating your FRN information here: [https://apps.fcc.gov/cores/html/Update FRN Information.htm](https://apps.fcc.gov/cores/html/Update_FRN_Information.htm) If you need further assistance, call the FCC FRN Help Desk at 877-480-3201 8:00 am to 6:00 pm Eastern Time.

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.

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

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

Monroe County (IN) Hamfest

Start Date: 06/13/2026

End Date: 06/13/2026

Location: Monroe County Fairgrounds -Community Building
5700 W. Airport Rd.
Bloomington, IN 47401

Website: <http://bloomingtonradio.club>

Sponsor: Bloomington ARC, Inc.

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-In: 146.64 MHz PL 136.5

Public Contact: Thomas Henderson , W9YW

644 W. Ladd Av. Bloomington, IN 47403

Phone: 317-250-4646

Email: w9yw@arrl.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

LaPorte Tailgate Hamfest

Start Date: 07/18/2026

End Date: 07/18/2026

Location: Outdoor venue

3354 W. Shultz Rd.

LaPorte, IN

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

Sponsor: LaPorte County Amateur Radio Club

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-In: 146.970 repeater, 131.8 pl

Public Contact: John Phillips , KA9PGC

625 Esther St. LaPorte, IN 46360

Phone: 219-878-3543

Email: ka9pgc@arrl.net

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

Burning Ham!

Start Date: 08/01/2026

End Date: 08/01/2026

Location: American Legion

412 N New Albany St.

Sellersburg, IN 47172

Website: <https://www.clarkcountyar.org/>

Sponsor: The Clark County Amateur Radio Club

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-In: 146.85- no tone

Public Contact: Dan Evans , K9ZF

5028 Tunnel Mill Road Charlestown, IN 47111

Phone: 812-786-9410

Email: k9zf@yahoo.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

ARANCI Hamfest

Start Date: 08/15/2026

End Date: 08/15/2026

Location: Christ Presbyterian Church

7416 E. 109th Ave.

Winfield , IN

Website: <http://aranciradio.com>

Sponsor: Amateur Radio Association of Newton County Indiana

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-In: 145.33 PL 131.8 and 444.250 PL 131.8

Public Contact: Michael Swiader , KA9E

PO Box 215 Lake Village, IN 46349

Phone: 815-409-5070

Email: ka9e@usa.com

February 2026

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



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.

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More Parking and Handicap Spaces available this year.



FOOD VENDOR

On the parking lot. Provided by Dave K9TZ

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Early load in, Friday 2pm to 4pm

E-MAIL: auburnhamfest@w9ou.org

PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE AT W9OU.ORG

NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN

Indoor Vendor Tables: \$10 ea.

Order online now at www.w9ou.org

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

Contact: 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

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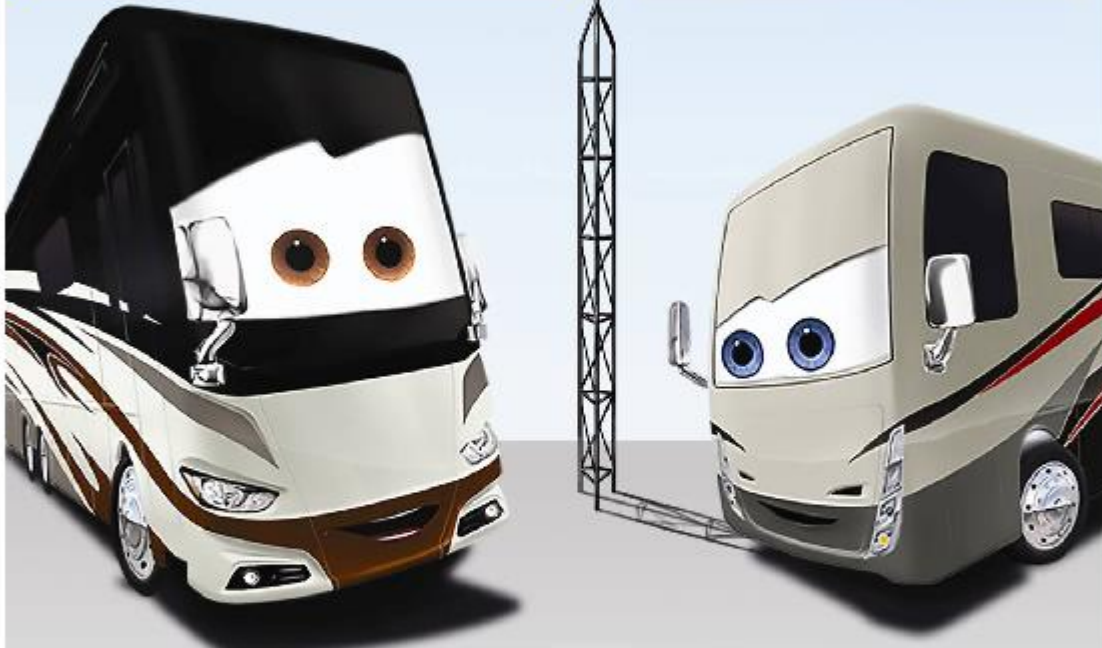
2026 ELKHART EAST HAMFEST
SATURDAY AUGUST 1, 2026
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Northern Indiana Event Center
21565 Executive Parkway - Elkhart, IN 46514

More details are available on our website
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Questions? elkharthamfest@gmail.com



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

Additional Reservation Info: elkharthamfest@gmail.com
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