



**Indiana Section
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From the 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.

Bartholomew County EC Appointment

Join Indiana Section Emergency Coordinator Jim Moehring KB9WWM, District 8 Emergency Coordinator Alan Scott N9KL, and myself in congratulating Noel Taylor N9CJT who was recently been appointed as Bartholomew County ARES Emergency Coordinator. Congratulations to Noel and thank you to Jeff Jones K9JAJ for his years of service in that position.

LaPorte County EC Appointment

Join Indiana Section Emergency Coordinator Jim Moehring KB9WWM, District 1 Emergency Coordinator Allen Bottorff AC9EB, and myself in congratulating Jacob Wiese KD9LWR on his new appointment as LaPorte County ARES Emergency Coordinator. Thank you, Jacob, for volunteering for this position.

Club Meeting Appearances

I would be happy to attend your club meeting to give a short talk about the ARRL, the ARRL Field Organization, and the section manager position. I can also connect with your club through a video conference call. Just let me know when and where.

Upcoming Event Publicity

Does your organization or club have an upcoming event that you'd like to publicize? Is your organization supporting a bike ride or is your club hosting a special event station? Let me know and I'll help publicize it.

Club Station

Have you seen the "Club Station" column in QST? It's a new feature dedicated to ham radio clubs so they can share specific and practical ideas that have contributed to their success. Club Station articles are written by clubs, for clubs. Not only is the Club Station column a means for your club to blow it's own horn, but the ideas that worked for your club might work for others. The August 2022 QST explained the purpose of the Club Station column and laid out the guidelines. The Club Station column in the September 2022 QST describes how the York County (South Carolina) Amateur Radio Society, which was in financial trouble and almost inactive, changed the culture of their club, grew their membership, and laid a solid foundation for the club's future. If you think your club has a good story to tell, check out the guidelines for Club Station columns at: <http://www.arrl.org/qst-club-station-guidelines-and-profile-form>

Speakers Bureau

Should we assemble a list of potential speakers for club programs? While digging back through old versions of the Indiana ARRL website on the Internet Wayback Machine, I found a web page that listed people from around the state who could be contacted to speak at club meetings or other ham radio gatherings. Would such a list be useful to club and event planners?

Indiana VOAD

Indiana Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) is an organization promoting cooperation, communication, coordination, and collaboration among disaster relief organizations. Thanks to Bert Williams KC9TQA from the Salvation Army I was able to attend an exercise last week in conjunction with Indiana Department of Homeland Security. The intent of the exercise was to expose IDHS to the various relief and assistance organizations within VOAD and how those organizations can assist IDHS in an emergency. It was good to meet some of the leadership from the various VOAD organizations and help them understand what amateur radio can do for them. Also, big thanks to Matthew Bechdol W9SOX, Marion County ARES Emergency Coordinator, for his assistance with the exercise. The exercise was a reminder that there are many disaster relief organizations that amateur radio could help...not just the local emergency management agency.

Club Commissions

If your club is an ARRL Affiliated Club, your club can earn commissions for each new ARRL member that they recruit. The commission is \$15.00 per new ARRL member and \$5.00 per ARRL member renewal. The process is described at <http://www.arrl.org/affiliated-club-benefits> under the Club Commission Program tab.

New Amateur Report

If your club has been downloading the New Amateur Report from the ARRL website and using it to recruit new members to your club, you'll be happy to know that the IT issues have been resolved and the process is working again. This resource is available to ARRL Affiliated Clubs and is accessible by club presidents, club newsletter editors, or the designated club contact.

ARES Emergency Response Plans

ARES volunteers, are you familiar with your ARES team's emergency response (or emergency communications) plan? This plan should lay out how your team is organized, activated, mobilized, and demobilized in the event that amateur radio emergency communications are requested. ARES ECs and DECs, have you reviewed your plan recently to make sure it's up to date? One item that your team should keep in mind is that you might need to communicate with stations outside your county. How would your team get a message to an adjacent county, your DEC, the SEC, or myself? For reference, the Indiana Section ARES plan can be found here:

https://inarrl.org/images/Indiana_Section_ARES_Emergency_Response_Plan_Working_Update_April_2017.pdf

Public Service Events

Think of public service events, marathons, walkathons, bike rides, parades, etc., as opportunities for you to exercise your skills as an amateur radio operator and, more importantly, show the public what we can do. I was one of several amateur radio volunteers for the Hancock Flat 50 bike ride this past Saturday. We had hams in direct contact with the ride organizers and public safety leaders, hams at each of the rest stops, and hams monitoring the locations of first and last riders in the event. It was a pretty quiet event and we all did our part to let the public know one of the many things amateur radio can do.

Friends we'll miss

Richard A. Fontaine KC9ST of Attica

Dan Mulford KM9X of Osgood

Steven McMillin KD9GNN of Indianapolis

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.

Section Traffic Manager's Report

From Brian Jenks W9BGJ

Greetings everyone and welcome to August. Hope everyone survived a rather warm July and is doing well. I'm pleased to report that most nets have submitted this month. Your hard work is appreciated. Traffic count remains steady and we are still the front runners for most sections in the country. That's truly an outstanding effort! Thanks again everyone for your efforts. Until next month 73,

BRIAN G JENKS W9BGJ

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Net Reports

INDIANA STM REPORT JULY 2022					
HF NETS					
NET NAME	SOURCE	QNI	QTC	QTR	SESSIONS
INDIANA SECT ARES	KB9WWM	29	0	80	4
IDTN	K9JAJ	134	29	245	21
ITN	N1LL	1773	109	1256	62
QIN	K0TQ	111	31	245	31
TOTALS		2047	169	1826	118
NETS REPORTING	4				

INDIANA STM REPORT JULY 2022							
PUBLIC SERVICE HONOR ROLL							
STATION	SESSIONS	MESSAGES	APPTS	PUB SVC	EMG RES	DIGITAL	TOTAL
W9BGJ	1	10	30	0	0	10	51
KA9QWC	40	40	30	0	0	10	120
AB9ZA	40	40	10	0	0	0	90
N9TU	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	0
N1LL	40	40	30	0	0	20	130
W9EEU	40	93	30	0	0	20	183
TOTALS	161	223	130	0	0	60	574
STATIONS REPORTING	6						

INDIANA STM REPORT JULY 2022						
ORS AND SAR STATION REPORTS						
STATION	TYPE	ORIGINATED	RECEIVED	SENT	DELIVERED	TOTALS
W9BGJ	ORS	0	14	12	0	26
KA9QWC	ORS	0	13	39	6	58
AB9ZA	ORS	0	43	33	14	90
K0TQ	SAR	NR	NR	NR	NR	0
N9TU	SAR	NR	NR	NR	NR	0
N1LL	ORS	2	45	2	2	51
NA9L	ORS	1	4	1	4	10
W9EEU	ORS	0	45	48	0	93
W9PC	ORS	0	8	13	0	21
W9MGB	ORS	2	2	3	3	10

INDIANA STM REPORT JULY 2022

VHF/UHF NETS

NET NAME	SOURCE	QNI	QTC	QTR	SESSIONS
BARTHOLOMEW CO ARES	K9JAJ	29	0	59	4
BLOOMINGTON ARC THUR NET	KC9RPX	56	21	69	4
CASS CO ARC	KA9BYN	72	0	123	5
CLAY COUNTY	W9EEU	63	0	80	7
CROSSROADS DMR	K9NQW	61	0	79	4
D STAR NET	K9NQW	57	0	84	4
DEKALB CO ARES	WD9GC	27	0	41	3
DISTRICT ONE ARES	AC9EB	61	1	315	6
HUNTINGTON CO NET	K9BME	90	0	239	5
HENDRICKS CO	KD9DHJ	79	6	33	5
IMO NET	K9SKS	531	1	368	31
JEFFERSON CO	N9XVB	13	0	22	3
LAWRENCE CO ARES	KD9FRT	NR	NR	NR	NR
MID STATE ARC	K9DY	317	0	245	5
MONROE CO ARES	KC9RPX	71	14	290	8
MORGAN CO ARES	N9JPX	64	0	78	4
NORTHEAST IN PACKET NET	KA9QWC	24	5	95	5
SCOTT CO ARES/RACES	WR9G	53	6	64	4
SOUTH CENTRAL AREA	KA9OPL	29	0	66	3
SOUTH CENTRAL IN SIMPLEX NET	K9MRV	20	0	56	4
SIMPLEX FELLOWSHIP NET	N9CJT	48	0	63	4
TARS EVANSVILLE	KE9YK	125	2	234	11
TRI STATE 2 METER	W9OU	259	0	348	21
VIGO CO ARES	K9DWO	0	0	0	0
WCARC SUN NET	KA9QWC	57	5	136	5
WELCOME NET	KC9RPX	69	8	188	4
WHITLEY CO ARES	K9EJS	28	0	94	4
21 REPEATER GROUP	KA9QWC	37	4	51	4

2340 73 3520 167

NETS REPORTING

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Monthly Report for D/Star and DMR									
DMR									
Date	Net Control	QNI	QTC	QTR	Time Began	Time Ended	Freq		
07/04/22	KC9OYW	17	0	18	20:00	20:18	442.750(+)		
07/11/22	KC9OYW	19	0	18	20:00	20:18	442.750(+)		
07/18/22	K9NQW	15	0	20	20:00	20:20	442.750(+)		
07/25/22	K9NQW	10	0	23	20:00	20:23	442.750(+)		
Sessions:	4	Total:	61	Total:		Total:	79		
Month of Report:	July 2022								
D-Star									
Date	Net Control	QNI	QTC	QTR	Time Began	Time Ended	Freq		
07/07/22	K9NQW	13	0	22	20:00	20:22	443.400(+)		
07/14/22	K9NQW	12	0	15	20:10	20:25	443.400(+)		
07/21/22	KA9OPL	17	0	30	20:00	20:30	443.400(+)		
07/28/22	KA9OPL	15	0	17	20:00	20:17	443.400(+)		
Sessions:	4	Total:	57	Total:		Total:	84		
Month of Report:	July 2022								

Public Information Coordinator's Report

From Barry Palancer KC9WMS

DeKalb County PIO John D Maag, KD9QDL

HAMs to unveil new trailer this week

BY SUE CARPENTER

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AUBURN — Members of the Northeastern Indiana Amateur Radio Association (NIARA) will unveil their new communication trailer during Labor Day festivities this week.

The 7-foot by 14-foot unit was purchased through a \$30,000 grant that included costs for materials and labor to customize it for educational purposes,

according to NIARA President John Chalmers.

The trailer will be set up on the south side of the Community Foundation of DeKalb County at 700 S. Main St., Auburn, from Friday, Sept. 2 through Sunday, Sept. 4 and will be open for visitors from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. People are invited to tour the trailer at no cost during the event

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SUE CARPENTER

Local operators are shown in their new communication trailer that will be open for visitors during the ACD Festival this week. Seated are NIARA members Dave Southern and Jeff DeLuconay. Standing is John Maag.

HAMS: The group has nearly 100 members

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to learn more about HAM radio communication.

NIARA members will be making contacts throughout the United States and internationally honoring the festival through shortwave radio using call sign K9A. Modes of operation will be voice, digital and Morse code during the event.

In the past, area HAM radio operators have promoted ACD events and activities from individual stations at their homes. HAMS — the name radio operators call themselves — began in 1908 using the initials of the original amateur wireless station operators of the Harvard Radio Club — Albert Hymen, Bob Almy and Poogie Murray.

The new trailer includes three stations for as many as six operators and loggers who can use different frequencies at the same time. Amenities include a solar roof panel to charge the battery-operated antenna, table and three chairs, white board cupboard doors that also serve as message center, storage, masks, emergency supplies, water jugs, coffee maker and a cooler.

"It's for educational purposes so we can take it to schools. That's the main thing, to show other people how amateur radio works," said club member Dave Southern, "but we could also use it as an emergency communication center if there was ever a disaster."

Locally, they use VHF mode and have conducted simulated tests with Homeland Security to ensure contacts, member



DEE CARPENTER

Members of the local NIARA are shown with their new communication trailer that will be on display in Auburn this week. From the left are John Maag, Dave Southern and Jeff DeLucenay.

Jeff DeLucenay said.

Plans are to take the trailer to a school or other organizations to promote interest and familiarity with the radios — and to show they are more than just "talking across the water," he added.

Operators use digital communication in cases such as getting medications for a hospital to verify in writing its correct spelling. The process is also put into play if phone lines and cell towers are down, DeLucenay added.

He gives fellow member John Maag credit for writing up the grant request in making the trailer a reality. Plans are to try and extend the evening hours during the festival and try to make more contacts and bring people in to show them

what's going on with the event station K9A.

While at the site during the festival, the club also has a license to operate from Aug. 28 through Sept. 9. People can go to w9ou.org for more information.

The NIARA's nearly 100 members are from northeastern Indiana and southwestern Ohio and meet the first Saturday of the month at Joanna's in Auburn from 8-9 a.m.

Two club members from Allen County recently stopped by Southern's home north of Auburn to see the trailer's features.

"There's nothing similar. They are trailblazers, a very active club with community," said Ken Rogner of New Haven of the communication trailer.

Technical Specialist Coordinator's Report

From Thomas Busch WB8WOR

Jeff DeLucenay KB9QG

Helped Dave, KC9YY assemble antennas and helped prepare his new tower along with JD, KD9QDL. He lost a tower due to a wind storm earlier this year.

Finished the W9OU Communication Trailer along with Dave, KC9YY and JD, KDQDL.

Roger McEntarfer N9QCL

For the month of August I was busy with club meetings and VE Testing.

I still need to work on the issue with my home rotator, seems it is blowing the controller fuse when I activate the rotator brake? Something to work on as time permits.

I continued working with the Whitley County W5YI VE Team with virtual remote testing, helping two teams out of Texas on Tuesday and Thursday, helping a team out of Oregon Monday through Friday, helping a team out of Washington State 6-7 sessions per week and helping several other teams out of California, Maine, Florida, New Mexico and Alabama with 6-8 sessions per week.

Gordon West has also attended several of our virtual test sessions and plans to present the new way of testing on the Wednesday Ham Nation Podcasts on August 3 and August 31st. We should also be in an article in the October CQ Magazine.

I continue to help coordinate and train the W5YI VE Teams in our area in the use of Hamstudy.org and exam.tools for Amateur radio testing. W5YI has their teams switched over to exam.tools as of July 1, 2022. I am here to assist any CVE's and their teams to get onboard with exam.tools, if you need my assistance please email or call.

The next Whitley County Amateur Radio Club (WCARC) General Meeting will be held on Thursday September 8, 2022, starting at 6:00 PM.

The meeting will be held at the Peabody Public Library, 1160 E, IN-205, Columbia City, IN 46725 Lower-level Community Rooms A & B.

The Program for the evening will be Solar Power Project presented by Jim Pliett, K9OMA.

Attend the live session or Join the Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83020930806?pwd=aERXbUdrWFJxamo0YkxWZEV4Skc0UT09>

Meeting ID: 830 2093 0806

Passcode: 375065

All WCARC General Meetings are open to the Public.

The Whitley County W5YI Amateur Radio Team are holding Bimonthly Virtual Test Sessions every other Monday at 8:00 PM.

The next Virtual sessions will be August 22, 2022 and September 5, 19, 2022.

The cost to take the test is \$14.00.

To sign up for our In-Person or Virtual Remote Test Sessions visit: <https://hamstudy.org/sessions/N9QCL>

For additional information contact Roger McEntarfer N9QCL via email at: n9qcl@arrl.net

Chris Frederick KQ9Y

Quite busy with upcoming 2d Annual Tailgate Hamfest Sept 10th. Will report success, or lack of, in Oct report. Hoping that the limited advertising still results in a decent turnout.

This month the MARC meeting will be our annual Club picnic to include officer elections. Results also to be reported in Oct.

MARC Technical Committee is about to tackle the seemingly ever present S-7 on 40M noise floor on all 3 of our HF antennae. Local power company will be asked to address any power related source we identify. As we are co-located within the Johnson County Prosecutors building we cannot ask them to "pull their mains and go to battery

power", much as we would like to. Trying to find small, hand held transistor radios to use the AM band in this quest has also proven problematic. Amateur HTs that can cover the aircraft band will likely be pressed into service.

Mark Skowronski K9MQ

This month I assisted two people. The first person has been in a nursing home/rehab facility for a few months. While in the facility, his license expired. Now that the FCC requires the \$35 fee, you have to have internet access to pay it. The nursing home did not have WiFi or internet access for the residents. I came into the nursing home with my laptop and tethered it to my iPhone. Together we filed his renewal application and paid the \$35 fee. Within a couple of days, his license was renewed. He is back on the air with an HT from the nursing home.

The second person has recently moved and is trying to get his vhf/uhf station back on the air. He has been having some issues with hearing repeaters that are about 25 miles away. I suspect he is possibly suffering from some sort of interference that is being generated inside his house or near it. We are currently working on this issue.

No Activity to Report

Lou Kruizinga N7BBW

Tom Busch WB8WOR

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>

Also, the calendar on Indiana ARRL website has been updated with hamfest listings: <https://inarrl.org/index.php/indiana-section/calendar> If your hamfest is not listed here, please contact Bob Burns AK9R, ARRL Indiana Section Manager, at ak9r@arrl.org

Hoosier Hills Hamfest

Saturday, 08 October 2022, 8:00am - 12:00pm

Location: Lawrence County 4-H Fairgrounds
11265 US Highway 50 West
Mitchell, IN 47446

Website: <http://www.w9qyq.org/pdf/hamfest-flyer.pdf>

Sponsor: Hoosier Hills Ham Club

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-In: 146.73- PL/107.2

Public Contact: Tim Wray , KB9SNL

PO Box 891 Bedford, IN 47421

Phone: (812) 675-6733

Email: hamfest@w9qyq.org

BRVARS Shelbyville Tailgate

Saturday, 15 October 2022, 8:00am - 12:00pm

Location: Shelby County Fairgrounds
500 Frank Street
Shelbyville, IN 46176

Website: <http://www.brvars.com>

Sponsor: Blue River Valley Amateur Radio Society

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-In: 145.48 MHz 88.5 Hz

Public Contact: John Walker , K9SVL

302 W. Hendricks St. Shelbyville, IN 46176

Phone: 317-402-5000

Email: inprinter@att.net

Hamtober Fest

Saturday, 15 October 2022, 7:00am - 2:00pm CDT

Location: Lynnville Community Center
416 West RD 68, IN-68
Lynnville, IN 47619

Website: <http://www.hamtoberfest.com>

Sponsor: Tri State Amateur Radio Society

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-In: None

Public Contact: Dennis Martin , WA2USA

5577 Victoria Ct Newburgh, IN 47630

Phone: 812-598-8333

Email: wa2usa.ham@gmail.com

Fort Wayne Hamfest & Computer Expo

Saturday, 19 November 2022, 9:00am - 4:00pm

Sunday, 20 November 2022, 9:00am - 2:00pm

Location: Allen County War Memorial Coliseum
4000 Parnell Ave.

Fort Wayne, IN 46801

Website: <http://www.acarts.com/hfmain.htm>

Sponsor: Allen County Amateur Radio Technical Society

Type: ARRL Hamfest

Talk-In: 146.880 (-) No Tone

Public Contact: ACARTS Fort Wayne , W9IWX

PO Box 10342 Fort Wayne, IN 46851

Phone: 260-579-2196

Email: chairman@fortwaynehamfest.com

Wabash Valley ARA Turkey Fest

Saturday, 26 November 2022, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm Noon (EST)

Clay County 4-H Fairgrounds, 6550 North State Road 59, Brazil, IN

Doors open at 6:00 am for vendor setup.

Admission \$7 (Children 12 & Under Free)

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