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Severe Weather Notes - Training Session

It's that time of year again when we need to fine-tune our knowledge of severe weather because the storm season is just around the corner. Before the storm spotter article, I want to mention the advanced spotter training session in Indianapolis on Saturday March 18th. Early registration for the all-day event (including lunch) is only \$20. More information and registration forms can be found at www.weather.gov/ind.

If you are a veteran spotter, the following is basically a reprint of last year's article. There has been no change to the specific weather conditions to be called into the net. This year's training session will be held on Tuesday February 21st at the regular meeting of AC-ARTS. Hope to see you there!

Joel KB9RH

The National Weather Service Storm Spotter Program

The storm spotter program is open to any licensed amateur who is interested and has attended a training session. To keep up with the continuing research into severe thunderstorms, some changes have been made in the material to be presented...and with more video. The ever-changing aspect of storm spotting is why spotters should try to attend a training session every single year.

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Attention: All Members of FWRC & ACARTS

February is the cut-off date for mailing newsletters to those with expired memberships. If your membership has expired it will be indicated on your address label. If yours has expired, please send in your dues to insure continued delivery.

If you are not able to attend this year's training session for Allen County, there are many more sessions scheduled for other counties in our area. Dates and locations are on the NWS North Webster homepage at www.crh.noaa.gov/iwx.

I. An overview

One of the many public service activities of radio amateurs is the severe weather spotting program, also known as Skywarn. Storm spotters are volunteers that have been trained in the basics of severe thunderstorms. Their job to report certain weather conditions (as determined by the National Weather Service) that are generally associated with these storms. Reports from spotters in the field are used to supplement what is being observed on the WSR-88D Doppler radar at the National Weather Service office in North Webster, Indiana.

Here's a good definition I found on the internet: the association of individuals and organizations (Amateur Radio operators, Disaster and Emergency Services (DES), ARES and RACES, law enforcement agencies and others) in active communication

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**Deadline for March issue is Friday, 3/3/06.
Please do NOT send anything in all caps!!**

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President's Corner



The first month of 2006 has come and gone. It's hard to believe, especially with all of the terrific weather we have had. Where is the snow? There is still plenty of time for the white stuff to fall before spring arrives.

Spring is not far off and with spring comes tornado season. As a reminder, the annual Skywarn training program presented by the National Weather Service is coming this month. As always, both radio clubs get together for this training and this year it is our friends at ACARTS turn to host the event. It will be held, Tuesday, February 21st, 1900 hrs at the Salvation Army Center. [see map on page 4]

While we are on the topic of weather training, the National Weather Service is also offering an Advanced Spotter workshop. This all day workshop is scheduled for Saturday, March 18th, 2006 in Carmel, Indiana. Go to the following URL: <<http://www.crh.noaa.gov/images/ind/RegistrationForm.pdf>> for more information and the registration form.

The annual FWRC auction held at January's club meeting was another success. It was great to see such a large turnout (about 40 individuals) for the meeting and it was a pleasure seeing and talking to all of those in attendance. My XYL (KB9YWG) was pleased that I made no purchases but very disappointed that I didn't take anything to sell. There is always next year....

Over the past month or so, I have been perusing the Internet and listening to many conversations between Hams on the air to try and get a sense for where our hobby is and in

which direction it is headed. I had hoped that perhaps I could gain some insights I could use in leading the club. At best, I have learned that most Hams have very strong opinions and that these opinions vary greatly from Ham to Ham (pretty much like every other aspect of life). Now that the fervor over BPL has simmered somewhat there are 2 very active topics in Ham radio. The proposed elimination of the Morse code requirement for licensing new amateurs and the voice over internet protocol options, EchoLink and IRLP.

There seems to be no middle ground on either of these two topics. I will not weigh in on either topic here, but one has to wonder whether years ago similar debates raged over the advancement of voice modulation, the introduction of FM or the application of ATV.

Amateur Radio is a fascinating, multifaceted hobby. Like it or not, it is changing. If I may quote the change philosophy at my employer, "Change is inevitable, it won't be trouble free and we are all accountable to make it work."

We must learn to respect our differences. With all of us working together, Amateur Radio can continue to thrive for another generation to enjoy.

See you at Skywarn training.

73
Jim KB9WWM

**Feb. Meeting:
Tue, Feb. 21, 7:00 PM
Joint SKYWARN
Training**

Fort Wayne Radio Club January Auction



Fort Wayne Radio Club Auction Results for 2006

This year the annual Fort Wayne Radio Club auction was held on Friday, January 20, 2005. There were 36 attendees who signed for an identifying number for the auction. Sellers and buyers of the auction items use the identifying numbers rather than names or call signs. Those who came to watch and not participate in the auction activity did not need to take an identifying number, and were not counted in the attendance list.

A total of \$212.00 changed hands this year. The highest auction value for a single item was \$100.00. The lowest auction value for a single item was \$1.00. This year there were 30 items successfully auctioned.

The benefit to the Fort Wayne Radio Club was \$130.45, which was composed of \$104.00 sold for the benefit of the club, and \$21.20 received as fees from the sellers of the equipment. The club charges the sellers a 10% fee of the selling price as a fund raising activity for the club. Several donations were received in lieu of exact change during the auction checkout process, totaling \$5.25.



The auction benefit to the club for this year was greater than it was in past years. In 2005, the value of items sold for the benefit of the club was \$9.50, and fees of \$23.16 were received. In 2004, the value of items sold for the benefit of the club was \$88.35, and fees of \$23.81 were received. In 2003, the value of items sold for the benefit of the club was \$58.05, and the total benefit to the club was \$79.80.

Bob, W8ST, Treasurer

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President's Message



This is February, and that means it is time for our annual SkyWarn spotter training class. This year it is being hosted by AC-ARTS. The spotter training will be on February 21, 2006, at the Salvation Army Center. This is on our regular meeting night. The class will start at 7:00 PM, and end around 9:00 PM. The class will be given by Steve Eddy, who is a Warning Coordination Meteorologist with the National Weather Service. We will be trained to identify features of severe thunderstorms, and tornados that develop from them. You will also learn how storms develop, warning criteria, and safety procedures. The weather service has a lot of high tech devices to track storms as they develop, and move through the area. But they still need eyes and ears to find out what is happening on the ground. That is where we as Hams play an important role. It is important to attend this year as last year was a fairly quite year as storms go. We all need a refresher course in spotting, and there may be some new material and video.

We are trying to find the source of the noise that is affecting not only the .88 machine, but other repeaters, and a paging service in Fort Wayne. The noise is intermittent, which makes pinning it down difficult. We have a couple of ideas as to the source, but nothing solid yet. One morning when the Station Manager was at the site, a technician for the paging service that is housed in another shack on the site showed up to check their equipment. As they were talking, the noise came up and the tech asked Steve about it. The tech used a spectrum analyzer to see if he could find the frequency that it was coming from. Steve filled me in on what they found and we will go from there. We hope to solve this problem soon. Just remember that the Station Manager volunteers his time, and has a real full-time job.

February Program

The program for February is our annual SkyWarn Spotter Training. The training will take on February 21, 2006. It will be at the Salvation Army Center on North Clinton St., in Fort Wayne, In. The start time is 7:00 PM. The training will be given by Steve Eddy, from the National Weather Service. Note that the start time is earlier than our regular meeting time. The training will take about two hours.

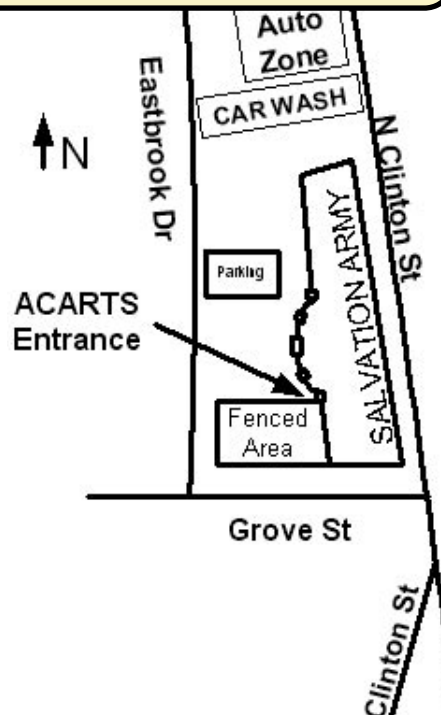
73, Vic, KA9LTV

Meeting Schedule

Meeting Location: Salvation Army Center, 2901 N. Clinton St. (see map)

General Meeting: Feb. 21, 7:00 PM
Program: Joint SKYWARN Training

Next Board Meeting: Feb. 14, 7:30 PM
All members are encouraged to attend.



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I can use some ideas for a program for March. If there is something you would like to see, let me know. Better yet, if you have something that you think we would like to see, volunteer to put on a program. The position of Activities Manager is still open. The person in this position is responsible for the programs and refreshments for our general meetings. Also for activities the club gets involved in. If you are interested, let me know. A reminder that our general meeting this month will start earlier than usual. It will start at 7:00 PM. See you at the Skywarn Spotter Training.

73,
Vic, KA9LTV

ACARTS January 2006 Board Minutes

The ACARTS January board meeting started at 1930 hrs.

Howard: Has budget for 2006 on paper. Budget was approved by board membership.

Jim: Talked to Tom Baker about eliminating renting Blue room rental for Hamfest. Tom said it wouldn't be a problem.

Dan: Questioned whether or not we will be holding any Sunday forums next Hamfest.

Vic G: Confirmed next year's Hamfest ticket prices are now \$6.00 on Saturday and \$4.00 on Sunday.

Vic: Talked about Spring Banquet this year. Need ideas as to where to hold it. Next month's Skywarn class will be held in Salvation Army auditorium.

Steven: Nothing new to report.

Jim: Still haven't gotten into ARRL website to update board membership.

Meeting was adjourned at 2030 hrs.

Robin Berrier (kb9pcf)

ACARTS January 2006 General Minutes

Meeting started at 1938 hrs. The members saw a short film called "The Secret Source, Fort Wayne's Secret Connection". It was about a Kuwaiti ham radio operator that sent messages and information to Frank Moore-who is also a ham located at WANE-TV. (1991)

Skywarn Training Feb. 21, 2006, at Salvation Army HQ's auditorium. Anyone interested in training is welcome.

Meeting was adjourned at 2018 hrs.

Submitted by Robin Berrier(kb9pcf)

Silent Keys

J. ALLAN WATERS [WD9FAQ], 58, died Thursday, Jan. 12, 2006, in Fort Wayne. Born in Wolf Lake, he was an Electronic Technician for H.J.J. Sound for two years. He was a member of National Rifleman's Association, and Bahai Local Spiritual Assembly. Survivors include son, Jason L. Waters of Fort Wayne; stepsons, Jerry Avery of Fort Wayne and Robert Nash of Mishawaka; father, Roland D. Waters; two grandsons; and three step-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Rosamond in February of 1999. Published in the Fort Wayne Newspapers on 1/18/2006.

WALTER JOHN JOHNSON [K9JMT], 90, died Wednesday, Jan. 25, 2006, at Regency Place, Fort Wayne. Born in Monroeville, he was a CLU for National Life & Accident Ins. Co. for 34 years, retiring in 1981; worked at Avilla Motor Speedway for 10 years; and was also a Real Estate Broker. He was a member of Simpson United Methodist Church, American Legion Post 82, 32nd Degree Mason, Fort Wayne Jaycees, past Treasurer of Project Renew, Ambassadors of Embassy, Reader for Northeast Indiana Radio Reading Service, Ham Radio Operator, and volunteered at Lutheran Hospital Medical Library for 15 years. Survivors include daughters, Patricia Stoffer and Beverly (Timothy) Murphy, both of Fort Wayne, and Linda Johnson-Elliott of Lorane, Ore.; six grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary, in 1990; and grandson, Timothy Stoffer, in August of 1997. Published in the Fort Wayne Newspapers on 1/26/2006.

HAROLD E. "HAL" HUNT [K9KKD], 78, of Decatur, died Sunday, Jan., 15, 2006 at Adams Memorial Hospital. He was born in Indianapolis on November 15, 1928, the son of Henry J. Hunt and Julia E. (McFarland) Hunt and married Elaine (Gerkepott) Hunt on December 24, 1970. He was a member of First United Methodist Church, Decatur, Indiana Historical Radio Society, Antique Wireless Association, Antique Radio Club of America, and served in the United States Army in the Korean War. He retired from Central Soya in 1989. Surviving are his wife, Elaine Hunt, Decatur; aunt Ethel Hunt Smitley, Berne; grandson, Thomas Hunt, Fort Wayne. He was preceded in death by his parents. Published in the Fort Wayne Newspapers on 1/16/2006.

FWDXA

Ft Wayne DX Association

The 3Y0X DX- pedition Carl Luetzelschwab K9LA

By the time you're reading this, the 3Y0X DXpedition to Peter 1 Island (near Antarctica) should be on the air. This DXpedition is scheduled for February 7 through February 21, but this may be changed a bit due to weather causing problems in getting to and getting on the Island.

The last major DXpedition to Peter 1 was in February 1994. That international team consisted of K0IR, WA4JQS, ON6TT, W6MKB, XE1L, KK6EK, N4GCK, and HB9AHL. They used the call 3Y0PI in 1994. Since it's been twelve years since the last major Amateur Radio activity, the current 3Y0X DXpedition will undoubtedly create huge pile-ups for those chasing an extremely rare DXCC entity.

The 3Y0X DXpedition was originally scheduled for early 2005, but this was postponed due to boat problems. Most of the current team is intact from last year's try, and I'm sure they were chomping at the bit waiting for this year's effort to proceed.

Peter 1 Island is at 60 degrees 50 minutes South latitude and 90 degrees 35 minutes West longitude. Since those of us in the Ft Wayne and surrounding area are at about 85 degrees West longitude, the path to Peter 1 is essentially north-south. It's a relatively long distance

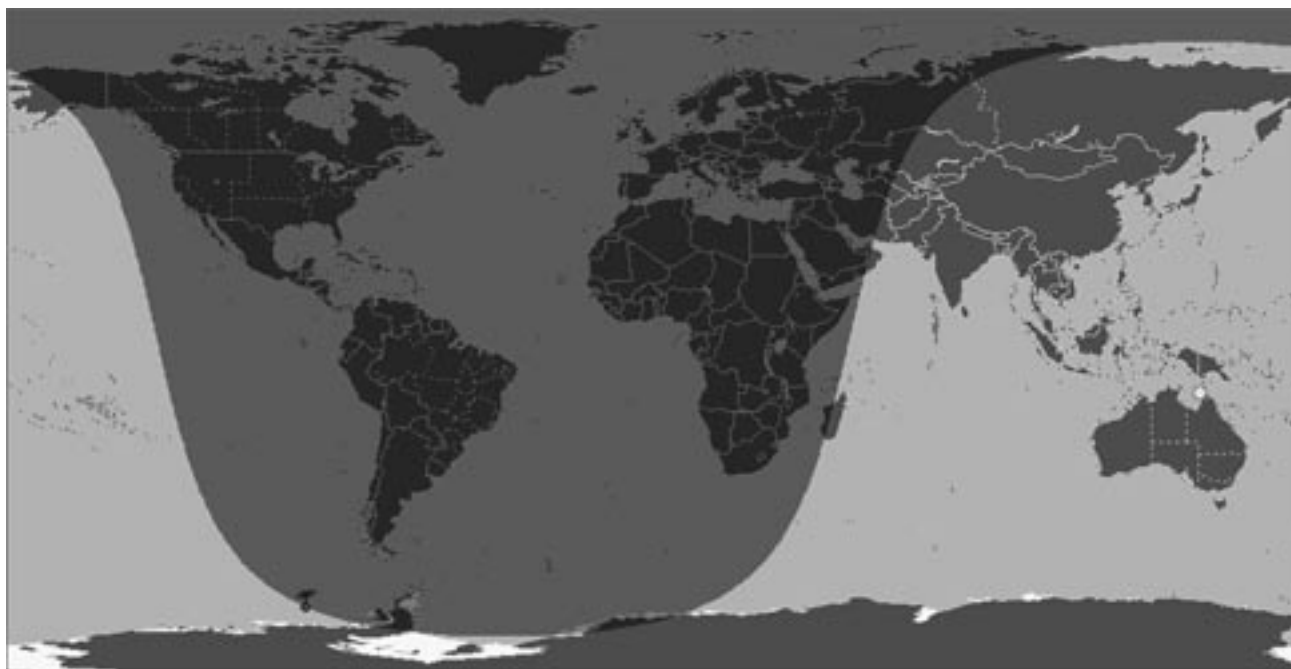
to Peter 1, too ? about 12,300km (7,650 miles).

There's good news and bad news with respect to propagation to Peter 1. The bad news is that we are very close to solar minimum (about a year away from the solar minimum prediction of late 2006 / early 2007). Thus without any significant sunspot activity, more than likely the higher bands (15m, 12m, and 10m) will not offer any opportunities.

The same solar minimum, though, gives us the good news. The low bands (160m and 80m) should offer an excellent opportunity (the 3Y0X team is planning a big effort on these bands). The time frame to look for 3Y0X on these bands is between their sunset and their sunrise ? roughly 0241 UTC to 0952 UTC. The accompanying figure shows our path at 3Y0X sunset (from VE3NEA's DX Atlas).

Taking an average station into consideration, the best shot at working 3Y0X will probably be on 20m and 17m. The best times to look for 3Y0X are from 1400 to 0100 UTC on 20m and from 1500 to 0000 UTC on 17m.

If you need Peter 1 for DXCC, now's the time to make the effort. It may be another ten years or so before anyone even thinks of going back. And keep an eye out for any unusual sunspot activity that may help the higher bands (for example, at sec.noaa.gov or at spaceweather.com). For more information about this DXpedition, check out their website at www.peterone.com. Their website also includes propagation predictions for all the HF bands.





Indiana Section News for December 2005

The ARRL has announced a new policy for deployed members of the US military. In support of deployed US armed forces, the ARRL has adopted a new policy. ARRL members in active US military deployment outside the US and its territories

may request to temporarily suspend ARRL dues payments and or delivery of QST for the duration of their deployments. The objective is to ensure that members on active duty and deployed overseas can maintain their League memberships. The ARRL recognizes that members deployed away from their homes or permanent duty stations may experience difficulties with, or interruptions in mail delivery or other disruptions. To apply, members should e-mail or send a copy of their deployment orders or a verification letter to ARRL, Attn: Circulation/Military Deployment, 225 Main St., Newington, CT 06111 USA. FAX 860-594-0303

Emergency Coordinators and District Emergency Coordinators: Don't forget that your annual reports are due very soon. If you need the forms, they are available on-line at <<http://www.arrl.org/FandES/field/forms/>>. If you need a set, drop our SEC, Dave Pifer N9YNF, a note, and he will mail you a set. The deadline for filing the annual reports is January 31, 2006

On January 21st, 2006, (Saturday morning) there will be an Indiana Statewide RACES radio test. This will be between the State EOC amateur radio station at the Government Center in Indianapolis, and all Indiana Counties. We hope you will be able to check in to the State EOC from your EOC. If not possible, then check in from your own amateur radio station. The test will run from 9:00 am to 10:00 am Indianapolis time. (1400-1500 UTC) The State Amateur Radio Station will be monitoring the following frequencies: 75 meters - 3988 KHz, 60 meters - 5348 KHz (5346.5 KHz displayed on your radio dial), 40 meters - 7297 KHz, Echolink 146.88 MHz, 2 meter simplex - 146.52 MHz, 70 cm - 443.100 MHz 100 Hz tone. If you cannot get in via radio, then check-in by calling 317-233-0699 (The State EOC Ham Shack.) Your assistance in this test is appreciated. (from Mike Rollins WA9NCF)

From Dave Pifer N9YNF, Indiana Section Emergency Coordinator: Every DEC and EC should make the following goals for the coming year.

1 - Have a few operators who are regular or semi-regular checkins on the Indiana Traffic Net or QIN CW Traffic Net, participating as NTS traffic liaison for your area.

2 - Nominate for appointment at least 1, preferably more, Official Emergency Stations (OES) for your jurisdiction. Indiana has only 8 OES appointees on file and needs many more. For a full description of the OES duties, see the ARRL Web Site.

3- Complete the National Incident Management System (NIMS) training course IS700. This can be done online or through your local EMA office or contacts of the EMA office. The IS100 and IS200 courses are recommended but not required at this point. Cost of the courses are generally free, just your time and effort.

4- Complete at least an ARECC Course this year if you haven't already completed all the courses.

From the Field::

WA0JTL HAMILTON COUNTY - HCARES participated in the Hamilton County Good Samaritans Christmas Food Delivery. Needy unable to pick up food baskets were delivered by HCARES and others.

N9LJA - GIBSON COUNTY - Assisted the local Salvation Army Food Pantry with a holiday canned food drive on December 2nd. KB9BBI ELKHART COUNTY - We had great participation SKYWARN Appreciation Day.

N9JPX MORGAN COUNTY - Several local amateur radio operators provided communications for the Hoosier Hikers Council during their 3rd annual Tecumseh Trail Marathon on Saturday December 3rd. Ten amateurs were stationed near water stops along the race route. Tecumseh Trail through Morgan & Monroe Counties, into Brown county where the race ended at Yellowwood Lake at 5:00 PM. The hilly terrain made radio communications a challenge. the group used the K9PYI repeater in Wilbur, which is operated by the Morgan County Repeater Association, for most of the route and the KA9SWI repeater in Brown County for the Southern part of the course. A base station located near Cope operated by Bill Lowrey KB9AG made sure that traffic was relayed between the two repeater frequencies. Other amateur radio operators participating were KA9NFD, W9SWC, KA9NYS, KA9NPY, K9SQL, KA9UVA, W9ETA, KB9STO, N9JPX, N9QHW, KC9IMS, and WK9G.

As most of you know, there was no December ARES/ Emergency Net as the 4th Sunday fell on Christmas Day. The net will resume on January 22, 2006. at 8:00AM

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via radio, telephone and other methods of passing information and intelligence at the request of the National Weather Service (NWS) for the purpose of receiving and disseminating information about severe weather and damage in the control area of the local office of the National Weather Service.

II. Our Area

The North Webster office is responsible for issuing severe weather warnings for 37 counties in northern Indiana, Northwest Ohio, and southern Michigan. For amateur radio operations, this "county warning area" has been divided into four quadrants. Allen County and 10 other counties in Indiana and Ohio are in the southeast quadrant (or Area 2). The 146.88 repeater is the primary repeater for the quadrant, meaning that in addition to our local reports, there are going to be reports coming in from other local nets. In case of any additional needs, the 146.76 repeater has been designated as backup.

III. Times of severe weather

Whenever the Storm Prediction Center in Norman, Oklahoma issues a severe thunderstorm or tornado watch for our area, the staff at North Webster will evaluate the situation and determine whether a net needs to be called. If we are activated, a "weather alert" message will be heard just before the repeater tail drops on the 146.88 repeater. The net control will use the club callsign of W9INX. During activation, any stations using the repeater are asked to keep transmissions short and to leave long breaks so that any station with information can get their report into the net. If a storm spotter net is called, the intention is to not disrupt the normal operation of any repeater for any longer than necessary.

When a storm spotter calls in a report to the net, the report is received directly by a station monitoring at the National Weather Service office in North Webster (call sign WX9IWX).

IV. What do I report?

Here are the specific weather conditions the National Weather Service would like to know about:

1. Tornadoes, Funnel Clouds, and Wall Clouds (remember there must be rotation).
2. Winds 40 miles per hour or greater (and note if winds are estimated or measured).
3. Any Hail (NWS requests we do not report "marble size" hail). Please report hail size as pea-size, dime, nickel, quarter, etc. Even better, measure it with a ruler.
4. Heavy Rain (1 inch or more in 1 hour or less or storm

totals of 2 inches or more).

5. Flooding in progress (rapid pooling of water on roadways, etc).

6. Storm damage (large trees, branches, structural damage, etc).

Keep your reports clear and concise. Speeches are not necessary. Give your location and weather condition. Your report should take 10 or 15 seconds at the most. Also, please follow any special instructions given by the net control stations.

The Weather Service asks that we do not report lightning per se; research has shown that the frequency and type of lightning are not related to the severity of a thunderstorm. However, if the lightning results in a fire, causes any structural damage, or results in injuries, the Weather Service would like to know about it (THAT'S when you can get into details!).

Please do not report any other conditions unless requested to do so by the net control or NWS station. After calling in your report, please remain on frequency for a few minutes in case the radar operator needs any follow-up information.

If you believe you have a reportable weather condition, but are not sure, report it anyway. Simply report your suspicions, say you are not sure, and indicate why you are not sure (reduced visibility due to heavy rain, poor visibility because of trees, you're too far away, etc). There may be other spotters in the area who can check out your report, and your suspicions can also be checked out on radar.

There are also times when severe weather occurs even though there is no official weather watch in effect and a net has not been called. If you have something to report, please give your call sign and indicate that you have a severe weather report. Any station with access to a telephone can call in your report to the North Webster office.

V. Conclusion

Space limitations do not permit a complete discussion of all situations which may occur during a severe weather net. Just remember to use common sense when a net is activated and always put safety first - we want you to be here for the next severe weather event. If you have any questions, please direct them to Howard N9ADS, or to me.

Thanks to everyone for their help in the past and please be careful. Remember, we are dealing with things that kill.

from Joel KB9RH

Test Points

25-Feb-2006
 Sponsor: UNSPONSORED
 Time: 2:00 PM (No walk-ins)
 Contact: WALTER C VOGEL
 (419)394-2976
 Email: AWVOGEL@BRIGHT.NET
 VEC: ARRL/VEC
 Location: VAN WERT COUNTY EMA
 1220 OLD LINCOLN HWY
 HOMELAND SECURITY BUILDING
 VAN WERT, OH 45891



13-Apr-2006
 Sponsor: GOSHEN ARC
 Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
 Contact: PAUL F COREY
 (574)262-4414
 Email: PAUL.CORY.B@BAYER.COM WORK
 VEC: ARRL/VEC
 Location: GREENCROFT RETIREMENT CENTER
 HOMAN BUILDING
 GREENCROFT BLVD
 GOSHEN, IN 46525

22-Apr-2006
 Sponsor: UNSPONSORED
 Time: 2:00 PM (No walk-ins)
 Contact: ROBERT E HIGH
 (419)795-5763
 VEC: ARRL/VEC
 Location: VAN WERT COUNTY EMA
 1220 OLD LINCOLN HWY
 HOMELAND SECURITY BUILDING
 VAN WERT, OH 45891

29-Apr-2006
 Sponsor: W5YI-VEC -- WHITLEY COUNTY ARC
 Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
 Contact: ROGER L MC ENTARFER
 (260)503-9008
 Email: N9QCL@ARRL.NET
 VEC: W5YI VEC
 Location: PEABODY LIBRARY
 1160 E STATE ROAD 205
 COLUMBIA CITY, IN 46725

For Sale & Wanted

For Sale:

- An Optoelectronics Scout Model 40 reaction tuner for \$175.
- An SGC 2020ADSP QRP transceiver with SGC-231 mobile-mount antenna tuner and 7' SGC whip Antenna for \$750.



Dave Feustel, defeustel (at) mindspring.com, (260) 458-9248

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For Sale:

Mobile VHF radios: These commercial radios were in daily use until just last month, and are in working order. They are 40 watt, 16 channel, and are PLL controlled. They operate from 160 - 174 MHz, and are model number 344A4210P3. Each radio comes with two mic's, one is the old back up mic.

Stephen Huxhold at 574-269-1181 or Wildinsider1954(at)aol.com

2006 Foxhunt Schedule

- Jan – none
- Feb 12 – 1:30 PM
- March 5 – 1:30 PM
- April 2 – 1:30 PM

All foxhunts start at off track betting parking lot, Washington Ctr. & Lima Rds.

Carl, N9NRO



Regional Hamfests

Date	Location	Contact Phone	URL or E-mail
25 Feb 2006	LaPorte, IN		http://www.laporteamateurradioclub.org
18 Mar 2006	Marshall, MI	269-965-1415	http://www.qsl.net/w8df
19 Mar 2006	Maumee (Toledo), OH	419-535-6594	http://www.tmrahamradio.org
25 Mar 2006	Columbus, IN	812-342-4670	carc_in@yahoo.com
19-21 May 2006	Dayton, OH		http://www.hamvention.org/

For more complete information go to <http://www.acarts.com/hamfests.htm> or <http://www.arrl.org/hamfests.html#listing>



ARMAD News

The next ARMAD planning net will be on Sunday Feb. 12th at 1600 hours or 4:00 PM EST. Stations from around the country will meet on Echolink node 267069 for the meeting. If you have any ideas or suggestions as to how to make ARMAD better, or if you just want to be a part of ARMAD 2006 join us for discussion.

ARMAD 2006 will be held on May 27, 2006, and Clubs from around the Country and the World have contacted us stating that will be joining us again.

The audio from the "Talking with Heroes" interview can be heard at www.armad.net, and the video clips from Wane TV News 15 are also online now.

The ARMAD crew is working on some big things for May. Contact us if you plan to operate this year. Thank you very much for your support in the past. We have also started a Yahoo Group called "ARMAD-NET." Check it out also as information and news about ARMAD will be posted there.

Let's "Ham It Up For The Troops."

Emery / KB9IBW

Indiana BPL Legislation Alert

I would like to thank Matt Pierce N9VKU for sending me this information about BPL here in Indiana. All Indiana Amateur Radio operators should get in touch with their State Representatives about this legislation.

James S. Sellers K9ZBM, Indiana Section Manager

Mr. Sellers,

I want to alert you to BPL legislation that may be added to the telecommunications deregulation bill, Senate Bill 245 in the Indiana House of Representatives. In a committee hearing held yesterday, an amendment to SB 245 was proposed that would promote BPL in Indiana by allowing electric utilities to pass on a large amount of the BPL construction costs to their electricity customers.

I objected to the amendment based on interference issues and the cross-subsidy of BPL by electric ratepayers.

The chair of the Technology committee agreed to remove the BPL provision, but reserved the right to propose it as an amendment before the entire house on the 2nd reading of the bill. You may want to alert hams to this possibility so they can contact their representatives. I expect the bill to be on second reading on Thursday, February 16th.

Matt Pierce N9VKU, State Representative, District 6

ARRL Indiana Section, Section Manager: James S. Sellers, K9ZBM, k9zbm@arrl.org

Indiana Section News, continued

(1300 UTC) unless otherwise announced.

The following VHF/UHF Net Managers reported their net's activity during December: KC9BHI, N9ZMY, N9DGQ, WD9HTN(2), KF9EX, WD9BKA, WB9NCE, W9AU, and KC9EGN. If your Net Manager's callsign does not appear here, then our VHF/UHF Section Net Manager did not receive a monthly report from him. Send reports to John Kinley KC9BHI :<kc9bhj@arrl.net>

Many thanks to all those who sent reports of activities in their areas, and local happenings.

December Section Net Activity:

NET	FREQ	DAILY TIMES (UTC)	QNI	QTC	QTR	SESS
ITN	3910 KHZ	1330/2130	2542	184	1492	58
QIN	3656 KHZ	1430/0000	214	182	987	59
ARES	3910 KHZ	4TH SUN/MO @ 1300Z	0	0	0	0
HOOSIER VHF NETS 10 REPORTING			406	15	510	42
HOOSIER DIGITAL NETS (5)			26	0	-	49

December ORS Traffic Reports:

KOOD 286, WB9FIU 257, K9PUI 145, WA9JWL 57, K9GBR 44, AB9AA 19, KC9UU 9, WB9NCE 6, AB9DV 1.

December Public Service Honor Roll Reports

CALLSIGN	1	2	3	4	5	6	TOTAL
WA9JWL	40	40	10	30	10	0	130

73,

ARRL Indiana Section
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Membership Application for FWRC - and/or - ACARTS

Name: _____ Call sign: _____ License class: _____

Street address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ ZIP : _____-4_____ Phone #: (_____) _____-_____ Unlisted? Yes

Email address: _____ ARRL Member? Yes

(ARRL membership helps your club maintain affiliation.)

May we list your name, call & email address in our membership roster and on our club web site? Yes No

Both clubs now offer this newsletter as a downloadable (Adobe Acrobat) PDF file, in lieu of a paper copy sent through the mail. For FWRC a mailed paper newsletter is a \$12.00/yr. premium.

How would you like your newsletter delivered? by snail mail download from web site.

Fort Wayne Radio Club Dues

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| Regular membership | <input type="checkbox"/> \$15.00 / year |
| Family membership ¹ | <input type="checkbox"/> \$21.00 / year |
| Student membership ² | <input type="checkbox"/> \$6.00 / year |
| Associate membership ³ | <input type="checkbox"/> \$15.00 / year |
| Mailed newsletter premium | <input type="checkbox"/> \$12.00 / year |

(Memberships for Jul - Dec are 1/2 the stated amounts.)

A.C.A.R.T.S. Dues

- | | |
|--|---|
| Regular membership | <input type="checkbox"/> \$12.00 / year |
| Additional family members ¹ | <input type="checkbox"/> \$6.00 / year |
| Student membership ² | <input type="checkbox"/> \$6.00 / year |
| Associate membership ³ | <input type="checkbox"/> \$6.00 / year |

(New Regular memberships are \$1/month)

1. Please list all names and calls on an attached sheet.
2. K-12 or full time student

3. unlicensed member
4. 9 digit ZIP code required for US bulk mail

Please attach a check (number _____) for the appropriate amount and bring to a club meeting or mail to:

Fort Wayne Radio Club
PO Box 15127
Fort Wayne, IN 46885

A.C.A.R.T.S.
PO Box 10342
Fort Wayne, IN 46851

For dual membership, fill out both sides and send 2 checks to either club. **Payment by check is strongly encouraged!**

ACARTS Voice Repeaters

- 146.880 (-) General use / Skywarn priority
- 147.255 (+) General use / Autopatch priority*
- 443.800 (+) General use

(All repeaters have autopatch, but 88 has only speed dial emergency #'s.)

ACARTS Digital Repeaters (digipeaters)

- 144.390 (s) APRS - wide

Fort Wayne Radio Club Repeaters

- Voice: 146.76 (-) General use
- 146.94 (-) General use with autopatch
- 146.91 (-) General use
- 444.875 (+) General use
- ATV: 439.25 In, 910.250 Out, 144.340 Audio & control

Area Traffic Nets

(please submit any changes or corrections to the editor)

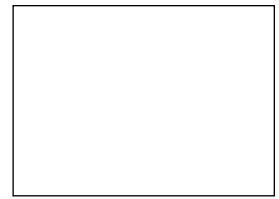
- IMO:** meets nightly at 6:30 p.m. (2330 UTC) on 146.88-
- Tri State Two Meter Net:** meets daily at 7 p.m. (2400 UTC) on 147.015+
- 21 Repeater Group:** meets each Wednesday at 9 p.m. (0200 UTC) on 147.150

Help and Swap Net: Mondays at 8:30 p.m. 146.94(-)

Miscellaneous Nets

- Huntington ARES:** Saturday at 8:00 p.m. (0100 UTC) on 146.685
- Whitley Co. / ARES:** Wednesdays at 7:15 p.m. (0015 UTC) on 145.270 (Note 131.8 PL disabled for all nets)
- Whitley Co. Sunday:** Sundays at 7:45 p.m. (0045 UTC) on 444.550 +. (The 146.460 simplex crossbanding from both nets has been dropped.)
- 160 Meter "No-Name" Net:** Sunday and Wednesday nights at 8:00 PM Indiana time (0100 UTC). On 1966 kHz. Everyone welcome!

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Activities Calendar



Date	Time	Event	Place
2/21/06	7:00 PM	Joint FWRC/ACARTS Skywarn Training	Salvation Army Center Auditoium
3/3/06		deadline for Mar. ACHN items	
3/5/06	1:30 PM	Foxhunt	off track betting parking lot, Washington Ctr. & Lima Rds.
3/7/06	7:00 PM	FWRC Board Meeting	GSUMC
3/14/06	7:30 PM	ACARTS Board Meeting	Salvation Army Center
3/17/06	7:00 PM	FWRC Meeting	GSUMC
3/21/06	7:30 PM	ACARTS General Meeting	Salvation Army Center
4/2/06	1:30 PM	Foxhunt	off track betting parking lot, Washington Ctr. & Lima Rds.
4/8/06		deadline for Apr. ACHN items	
4/11/06	7:00 PM	FWRC Board Meeting	GSUMC
4/11/06	7:30 PM	ACARTS Board Meeting	Salvation Army Center
4/18/06	??	ACARTS Spring Banquet	??
4/21/06	7:00 PM	FWRC Board Meeting	GSUMC
4/28/06		deadline for May ACHN items	
5/2/06	7:00 PM	FWRC Board Meeting	GSUMC
5/9/06	7:30 PM	ACARTS Board Meeting	Salvation Army Center