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2009 Storm Spotter Training Sessions

- Joel KB9RH



With the severe weather season just around the corner, it's time again to get prepared. One of the ways is by attending a basic storm spotter training session and having meteorologists from the National Weather Service review severe thunderstorms while also bringing us up to date on the latest research.

Even though significant advances have been made in radar technology, meteorologists cannot see what is happening at the surface because of the curvature of the earth. Therefore, our "ground truth" reports supplement what is being seen on radar.

The two most important aspects of storm spotting are safety and accurate reporting. For those and other reasons, the National Weather Service conducts spotter training sessions in every county each year. This year's session will be held at March 3 at the Public Safety Training Academy. If you cannot attend the training for Allen County, the dates for other sessions can be found at the NWS North Webster homepage www.weather.gov/iwx.

Nationwide, there were 1609 tornadoes in the United States in 2008, a 46 percent increase over the 1098 tornadoes in 2007. These resulted in 125 fatalities, compared to the 3-year average of 91. Property and crop losses are estimated at nearly \$1.9 billion. In Indiana, 30 tornadoes were reported with four deaths. 7 tornadoes occurred in the North Webster 37-county warning area with no deaths.

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Attention FWRC Members

The printed and mailed FWRC ACHN issues will terminate with the January 2009 issue for FWRC members who have not paid the necessary fees to the FWRC. To obtain a 2009 FWRC printed and mailed ACHN copy, the club membership fee of \$15 must be paid in addition to the \$17 premium for the printed and mailed ACHN. The \$17 fee does not fully cover the current cost of printing and mailing. You might also find it useful to realize that the Fort Wayne Public Libraries will allow you to print pages from an internet source at a cost of \$0.05 per page at this time. For a 12 page issue (typical), this is \$0.60 per issue, or \$7.20 per year of costs remain the same. A typical home printer might be about double that cost for B&W printing. Bob W8ST, Treasurer

According to statistics, the primary severe weather season in our area runs from May 4 through August 29th. But as we all know, severe weather can occur in any month of the year. The primary threat here is straight-line winds - and by a wide margin.

A reminder: the 2009 Advanced Spotter Training Session is Saturday March 28th in Goshen. This year's seminar focuses on severe weather in the Midwest. Speakers include spotter

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Deadline for the March issue is Friday, 3/6/09.
Please do NOT send anything in all caps!!

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President's Corner



I want to thank everyone who came out to the January General Meeting for our annual auction. The weather was very very cold and slippery that night and the church had considered closing the building for that day's activities; but, in the end they stayed open and we went ahead with the meeting. As a result of the weather both the attendance and the number of items to bid were down some this year. However, due to a large donation to the club, we actually made more money for the club than normal. And, since there were almost no items with a minimum bid, we sold almost every item that was brought to the auction. All in all it was a very successful event. Thanks to Jim, K9OMA, for being our auctioneer.

For the February meeting, Joseph Lawrence, K9RFZ, will be doing a presentation on emergency preparedness. I know I mentioned last month that the December ice storm showed me a number of gaps in our personal emergency preparedness plans at home. Joseph will be helping us organize our plans and plug those gaps so that next time we will all be more prepared. The meeting is Friday February 20th starting at 7:00 PM. We look forward to seeing you there.

I also mentioned last month that I have heard a lot of stories about antennas down due to that same December ice storm I just mentioned. I lost four dipoles but I have two of the four back up. If you lost one or more antennas and will need assistance getting the antenna(s) back up, please let me or one of the other boards members know. We are a community and we want to make sure that everyone gets back on the air as quickly as possible.

We are still filling in the rest of the 2009 calendar so if you have presentation ideas or would like to make a presentation, please let me or one of

the other boards members know. We need your input to help us plan the right presentation that will be helpful to you.

I see a busy year ahead for the club. By the time you read this the 2009 Fox Hunts will have already started with the first hunt on Sunday February 8th. We have our Spring Banquet and the Dayton Hamvention coming up in May. We are already talking about Field Day sites for June. And we have the work to do to get the "91" repeater back on the air.

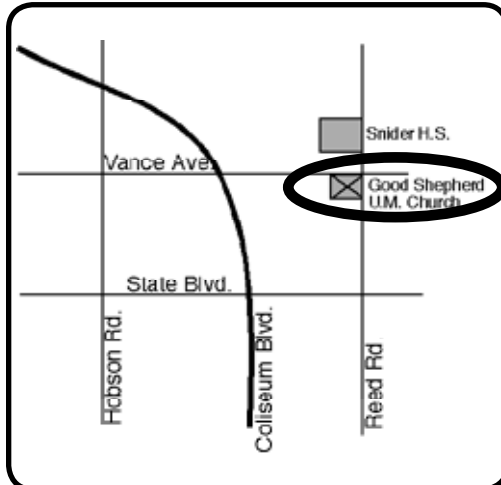
Speaking of the "91" repeater, we are currently taking donations toward the expense of getting that machine back on the air. The plan is to collect donations for six months and then the club will match the donations. Then we will know exactly how much we have to spend on this project. We will have an update on the options at the February General Meeting.

Don't forget the February meeting is Friday February 20th at 7:00 PM.

Tom/ N9TB

FWRC Meeting

Feb. 20, 7:00 p.m.



Storm Spotter Training, cont'd.

Chris Novy who began his storm spotting in Illinois. Ron Przybylinski - science officer at NWS St Louis - is considered to be one of the world's leading experts on squall lines. Early registration deadline is February 15th; after that date, the cost increases. The all-day seminar includes snacks and lunch. [See flier on pg. 8] The registration form can be found at www.imoskywarn.org. Next month I'll provide the (easy) driving directions, including the gps coordinates.

An overview of the Indiana/Michigan/Ohio spotter program: If a tornado or severe thunderstorm watch is issued by the Storm Prediction Center, the staff at the North Webster National Weather Service office will evaluate the situation and determine when and if spotters are needed. Even if there is a watch in effect and no severe weather in our area, we may initiate a "standby" net. Under certain atmospheric conditions, severe weather may develop very rapidly and we need to be ready. An operator may be called in to staff the amateur station at the Weather Service office. That station operates under the callsign WX9IWX.

When we are activated, the net itself operates on the 146.88 repeater (146.76 backup) as a directed net. By definition, a directed net is a radio net in which no station (other than net control) may communicate with any other station in the net without first obtaining permission from net control. The net controls are responsible for managing traffic on the net. Please follow their instructions.

The reports of certain specific weather conditions called in by trained spotters are directed to meteorologists who compare the information to other reports and to radar images. The office is responsible for issuing forecasts and warnings for 37 counties in northern Indiana, northwest Ohio, and the border counties in Michigan.

The counties under the jurisdiction of the North Webster office are divided into four quadrants; we are southeast or Quad 2. There are 10 other counties in the quad, so reports will also be coming in from liaison stations to those county nets.

Most of the severe weather in our area is the result of squall lines of thunderstorms (note the connection to the advanced seminar). The classic "supercell" thunderstorms are rare in this part of the country - but they occasionally do happen. As the storms approach and move through our area, net control or his designated station will attempt to give updated radar information to spotters in the field. We may also get radar updates and special weather statements from the amateur operator at the WX9IWX station. Every effort is made to insure

spotters have the latest information, but that is not always possible.

Here are the specific weather conditions the National Weather Service would like to have reported:

1. Tornadoes, Funnel Clouds, and Wall Clouds (remember there must be rotation).
2. Winds 45 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, any structural damage, etc).

Keep your reports short and to the point. Your report should take 10 or 15 seconds at the most. If the storms are especially severe, there may be a flurry of reports in a short amount of time; this happens often. Depending on the situation, net control may ask spotters to hold lower-priority reports for a few minutes (if there is a tornado on the ground, that situation takes priority over pea-size hail!).

If you believe you have a reportable condition, but are not sure, report your suspicions to the net. An example would be if you are observing low-hanging clouds underneath the rain-free base, but are too far away to tell if there is rotation. There may be other spotters in the area, and your report can also be checked out on radar.

There are 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.

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. Be sure to operate from a location where you can safely observe the sky, and always have an escape plan if the unexpected should happen.

from Joel KB9RH



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President's Message



SNOW, SNOW, go away. DO NOT come back another day. I am tired of all this snow. Are you? This is the first Wednesday in a couple of weeks that it was not snowing and I had to go out and run the snow blower. This has been the coldest and snowiest January in a long, long time. I hope everyone survived the ice storm last month. I managed to survive, and was out of my house only one day. When I finally got my internet connection back, I found a full mail box. I had 350 emails in my inbox. I was without the internet and cable for 10 days. There will probably be a lot of antenna repairs going on as soon as the weather warms up. I don't think anyone wants to be out there at the moment in this cold weather working on a antenna, especially when the temperature is in the single digits. When you add the wind chill factor that is mighty cold.

The cold and snow is also going to delay our project of putting the digipeater back on the air. We finally got the approval to put the digi at the City-County building. The county will provide us a place to put the equipment, and power for it. They will also run the coax for us. All we have to do is put up the antenna and install the equipment. A revived interest in packet, and the desire by Brad Witte, N9EHK, to use packet in conjunction with the Board of Health, and for other emergencies.

As we still look at winter weather for a few more weeks, we will soon be thinking about storms and severe weather. The annual Skywarn training will be held on March 3rd at the Public Safety Academy. There will be two training sessions. One in the afternoon, and one in the evening. The PSA is located at Southtowne Centre, at US 27 (Lafayette St.) and Tillman Road. It is behind the Wal-Mart store. The afternoon session is 2:00 PM, and the evening session is at 7:00 PM.

ACARTS Program

The program for this month will be about antenna evolution. It will be presented by Jim Boyer, KB9IH. He will talk to us about antenna design. Find out how an antenna that starts as one thing, changes into something else. Kind of like a transformer toy does. See you there.



Meeting Schedule

General Meeting: 2/17/09, 7:00 p.m. **Program:** Antenna Evolution

Next Board Meeting: 2/10/09, 7:00 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend.



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ACARTS Pres. msg. cont'd.

A few days after you receive this newsletter, the change to digital television will be taking place. Are you ready? There is talk that it may be delayed a few more months. But Congress has to act to pass legislation to delay it. The House has voted against any delay. The Senate has yet to act. There has been plenty of time for people to prepare for the change, and make the choice how they will prepare. The choices range from a converter box to a digital ready television. At work we changed the television in the employee lounge to one that is digital ready. It really made a big difference. Before, the reception was poor most of the time. You had to play with the rabbit ear antenna moving it around and adjusting the ears until you got a halfway decent picture. This was with a amplified antenna. You also have to remember that this is inside a store with a steel roof, and an inside room. The new television is crystal clear when tuned to the digital channels. If you tune to the old analog channels the images are snowy like the old set was. So it appears that digital broadcasts will make a big difference. We just have to wait and see how the public responds.

The program for this month will be about antenna evolution. It will be presented by Jim Boyer, KB9IH. He will talk to us about antenna design. Find out how an antenna that starts as one thing, changes into something else. Kind of like a transformer toy does. See you there.

73,
Vic, KA9LTV

January 2009 ACARTS Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Vic, KA9LTV.

Vic stated that the program for January would be a video on the ARRL Headquarters. He asked if anyone had any ideas for the February program and thinking that it be weather related.

Howard, N9ADS, presented the proposed club budget for 2009, suggesting that it be the same as 2008. A motion was made by Vic, WB9UZA, that the budget be accepted as proposed. The motion was seconded by Dan, KB9NGM and approved by a voice vote.

Jim, KB9IH, reported that the lock on the repeater shack was frozen when he and Dave, W9LKH, had tried to gain entry the previous week.

He stated that approval had been given by the Allen County Commissioners to locate the W9INX-1 Packet node in the City-County Building. He added that the cost of the coax required would be slightly more than originally thought, but was still within the budget for the project. He said that he would order the coax and that Dave, W9LKH, already had the antenna. The project will be completed once the City-County Building staff provide AC power to the site and warmer temperatures with less snow provide convenient access to the roof.

No other business was discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Submitted by Dave Lindquist, W9LKH

January 2009 ACARTS General Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Vic, KA-9LTV.

Vic asked if anyone has any ideas for the February program. He thought that something weather related or possibly someone from one of the TV stations regarding the digital conversion would be appropriate.

Jim, KB9IH, said that the coax for the W9INX-1 Packet node was on order and he should receive it by the end of the week.

He also stated that he had talked to Bob Heil at the R&L open house and asked him about speaking at the Hamfest this year, but he had not heard anything back yet.

After refreshment, a video on the ARRL Headquarters was shown.

Submitted by Dave Lindquist, W9LKH

The Indiana QSO Party

FWDXA

- Carl Luetzelschwab
K9LA

Ft Wayne DX Association

I recently received an e-mail from Mel KJ9C about the forthcoming Indiana QSO Party. Here's some info on this Indiana-specific operating event.

The Hoosier DX and Contest Club (HDXCC) meets monthly on the north side of Indianapolis and sponsors the annual INDIANA QSO PARTY (INQP). This year's event is Saturday May 2, 2009.

The only ham radio event that showcases our state, INQP has dedicated supporters both in and out of state who annually try to work or activate all 92 Indiana counties. We've been fairly successful so far, but there are a lot more hams and counties in Indiana who should be visible that day but are not heard from. To fill the gap in the past, we've arranged for a mobile to stop by those inactive counties for a few minutes in the day - hardly enough to satisfy the demand and varying propagation.

Although Allen county has a relatively high amateur radio population, there isn't a lot of participation. Also, there are neighboring counties that are rarely heard.

The HDXCC would like you to consider "mustered the troops", the members of your club and friends, to get on the air May 2 for at least a few hours and reward those "county hunters" who would appreciate a QSO with your county (or the one next to you). Fixed stations offer the biggest signals, but mobiles are always welcome. Or perhaps this would be a good opportunity to try a "field day" setup with your club group.

If you'd like, a member of the HDXCC might be able to arrange a visit to a forthcoming club meeting prior to May 2 to talk a bit more about INQP.

Rules and information for the INQP are found at our club's website, www.hdxcc.org/inqp. You may note that there's a plaque for the top club score.

Mel Crichton, KJ9C

I encourage you to get on for the INQP. It's a fun event, it is relatively short (12 hours), and it allows you to be the chased one - something that doesn't happen very often.

Do a single-op effort, have fun with your friends by doing a multi-op effort, go mobile, go portable, or organize an ACARTS or FWRC effort (to reiterate what Mel said, there's a special club competition). There are lots of choices here to fit anyone's desire.



2009 Allen County ARES VHF Contest

Purpose:

- To promote FM Simplex operation.
- To provide a local, fun, fast contest with equipment most hams already own.

When:

Saturday, March 7th, 2009 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM EST

The contest is open to all radio amateurs.

This contest is designed for hams to have fun over a short period. You don't need to devote an entire weekend, just an enjoyable Saturday night. So get a cup of hot chocolate, a comfortable chair, and sit down for a few hours to see who is on the air. There will be some rovers running around during the full contest period to keep activity going the entire time.

This is a low key contest, do not feel rushed, there is plenty of time for a short chat. You can move a participant to another band. Ask questions, meet someone new. The rules are simple, equipment requirements minimal. It is really a pleasant way to spend an evening on the radio.

Rules

Frequencies:

Limited to the FM simplex frequencies on the following bands.

6 meter, 2 meter, 220 band, 440 band

No contacts are permitted on the calling frequencies.

Classes:

- Base
- Rover
- Portable - Limited to 10 W, with transceiver mounted antenna

Exchange:

Call sign, your sequential contact number, ZIP code
 Note: You should not use a separate set of sequential numbers for each band. Start at the beginning of the contest and keep going in order even if you change bands.

Sample contact exchanges

K9FFF this is WM9JDL - Please copy Number 3, zip 46805

K9FFF this is WM9JDL Rover - Please copy Number 3, ZIP now 46805

Scoring:

1 point per contact

Multiplier is the number of unique ZIP's contacted

For Rovers/Portables, multiplier is the number of unique ZIP's contacted plus the number of ZIP's activated.

Final score = multiplier X contact points.

Bragging Rights awards will be issued to individual top scores in all classes.

Log:

Heading: Your name, address, call sign, & contest class

Listing of contacts to include;

Your contact number; their call sign, ZIP, their contact number; band

For rovers and portables, your ZIP at time of contact.

Logs may be submitted in any text format that you choose. Spreadsheets are nice, hand written lists are just as acceptable.

Entry Deadline

All logs, either paper or electronic should be received by April 1, 2009.

Logs may be sent to;

Joseph Lawrence, 4624 Willard Dr., Fort Wayne, IN 46815

Or emailed to K9RFZ@yahoo.com

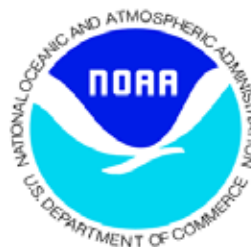
Special Rules:

- Stations can only be worked once per band. Rovers and portables can be worked again when they have moved to a different ZIP.
- Rovers and portables cannot straddle ZIP code lines, only one ZIP may be given during each contact. Rover and portable stations must remain in a ZIP a minimum of 15 minutes.
- Teams are permitted, but only one transmitter is allowed to operate at any one time.
- No contacts on calling frequencies. 52.525, 146.52, 223.50, 446.00
- Only mode allowed is FM phone simplex.
- No repeater contacts, satellite, or EME, please stay on FM simplex frequencies.
- No crossband, no split frequency contacts.

Pre-arranging contacts by use of repeaters, telephones, or otherwise is not allowed, nor in the spirit of the contest. Requesting a move to another band during a contact is allowed.



**INDIANA-MICHIGAN-OHIO SKYWARN
2009 ADVANCED SPOTTER TRAINING**



2009 Advanced Spotter Training

Severe Weather – A Midwestern Perspective

A Detailed Look at Severe Weather in the Midwest

Speakers

Chris Novy, WA9V, Storm Spotter / Videographer
Ron Przybylinski, KCOWWE, Science Officer NWS St. Louis, MO
Al Pietrycha, KBOZXY, Science Officer NWS Goodland, KS

Saturday March 28th 8 am to 4 pm



Change in Location This Year!!!

**Maple City Chapel
2015 Lincolnway E.
Goshen, IN 46526**

**Driving Directions Posted at
<http://www.imoskywarn.org>**

Test Points

23-Feb-2009
 Sponsor: GRANT COUNTY ARC
 Time: 5:00 PM (No walk-ins)
 Contact: JAMES C DAVIS
 (765)664-9848
 Email: DAVIS@COMTECK.COM
 VEC: ARRL/VEC
 Location: MARION COMMUNITY SCIENCE AND TECH
 BUILDING
 135 N BRANSON ST
 MARION, IN 46952



28-Mar-2009
 Sponsor: UNSPONSORED
 Time: 2:00 PM (No walk-ins)
 Contact: STEPHEN J KOUTS
 (419)238-5560
 Email: SKOUTS@BRIGHT.NET
 VEC: ARRL/VEC
 Location: VAN WERT COUNTY EMA
 1220 OLD LINCOLN HWY
 BUSINESS US 30 EAST
 HOMELAND SECURITY BUILDING
 VAN WERT, OH 45891

09-Apr-2009
 Sponsor: GOSHEN ARC
 Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
 Contact: PAUL F COREY
 (574)262-4414
 Email: K9MV@ARRL.NET
 VEC: ARRL/VEC
 Location: WWW.GOSHENARC.ORG/VE_TESTING.
 HTML
 GREENCROFT BLVD
 GREENCROFT RETIREMENTCOMMUNITY
 HOMAN BUILDING
 GOSHEN, IN 46525

25-Apr-2009
 Sponsor: W5YI-VEC -- WHITLEY COUNTY ARC
 Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
 Contact: ROGER L MC ENTARFER
 (260)503-9008

For Sale & Wanted

WANTED: Titan DX vertical antenna made by Gap Antenna Products. Must be in good working condition with complete assembly details Call me at 260-982-0607 or email, efbarr (at) gmail.com



Francis Barr, W9ETT
 21 Oak Drive
 N. Manchester, IN 46962-9656

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- Free (as is): Epson Stylus Color 800 ink jet printer.
- For Sale: Radio Shack Pro-2006 Scanner Model 20-145, \$140

Coverage:
 25-520 MHz
 760-823.945 MHz
 851-868.945 MHz
 896-1300 MHz

Vic Guess, WB9UZA, 260-485-7472, wb9uza (at) arrl.net.

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For Sale: Comet SBB2NMO dual band mobile antenna - BRAND NEW - 19 inches tall, 2.15dBi gain on 2M, 3.8Dbi gain on 70cm. NMO mount, and package includes a car body mount NMO base. \$30

Don Gagnon WB8HQS, don.gagnon(at)verizon.net, 260-484-3317

2009 Foxhunt Schedule

Jan.	No Hunt	6 July	6:30 p.m.
8 Feb.	1:30 p.m.	3 Aug.	6:30 p.m.
1 Mar.	1:30 p.m.	14 Sept.	6:30 p.m.
5 Apr.	1:30 p.m.	4 Oct.	1:30 p.m.
4 May	6:30 p.m.	1 Nov.	1:30 p.m.
1 June	6:30 p.m.	Dec.	No Hunt



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

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Regional Hamfests

Date	Location	Contact Phone	URL or E-mail
15 Feb 2009	Livonia, MI	734-513-8784	http://www.livoniaarc.com/
15 Feb 2009	Mansfield, OH	419-589-2415	http://www.w8we.org
8 Mar 2009	Sterling, IL	815-336-2434	http://www.sterlinghamfest.com
14 Mar 2009	Terre Haute, IN	812-243-9052	http://www.w9uuu.org
18 Apr 2009	Highland, MI	810-632-5174	http://www.qsl.net/w8ydk
15-17 May 2009	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>

Northern Indiana Packet Radio Workshop III



WHEN: Saturday March 14, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

WHERE: Indiana - Purdue University Campus, Fort Wayne Indiana (directions/map available when you register)

COST: FREE

Registration Required - Limited Space for first 75 persons.

Contact Joseph Lawrence, k9rfz@

yahoo.com to register

This workshop continues the effort of building a reliable packet radio network throughout Northern Indiana. Four classrooms have been reserved at IPFW to hold separate packet stations for live demonstrations of different hardware / software configurations. Want to see soundcard packet in action running MixW2, then step into one room and give it a try. Want to see a TNC based system running Outpost, then try another room. Whether you're a seasoned packet sysop or a newbie just wanting to look and get ideas, you are welcome to attend.

When registering, please list name, call sign, QTH, and phone number. There will be a break at lunch, but no meal is provided. Spread the word in your local clubs and newsletters.

Joseph Lawrence, K9RFZ
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Indiana Section, District 3 ARES EC

Upcoming Emergency Communication Meetings

The Allen County ARES 2009 winter meeting is scheduled for Wednesday February 18 at 7:00 p.m. in meeting room C of the downtown Allen County Public Library. All persons interested in public service and emergency communications are welcome to attend. Agenda items include an after action discussion of the recent ice storm Red Cross shelter support provided by ARES and a new initiative to partner with neighborhood associations to pass traffic from designated neighborhood coordinators to the EOC during a disaster. Any ARES member who has not been photographed for membership ID should plan to attend.

The Northern Indiana NWS will provide Skywarn Basic Spotter training at the Public Safety Academy on

Tuesday March 3. Two sessions of the same presentation are scheduled at 2:00 p.m. and again at 7:00 p.m. All persons interested in becoming a registered Skywarn Spotter are welcome to attend. Allen County is privileged to be one of only 4 counties where the NWS will continue to offer this training annually. Other counties have been placed on an every other year schedule.

As in previous years, the NWS will provide a survey following the training to solicit feedback. Take that opportunity to provide constructive criticism intended to help improve the training in following years. Offer suggestions how the training can be improved. Also give credit and appreciation for those parts that merit positive comments. Personal attacks, grumbling about the training quality, and disrespectful outbursts only serve to diminish the credible and disciplined reputation of amateur radio Skywarn spotters.

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Exams, cont'd.

Email: N9QCL@ARRL.NET

VEC: W5YI VEC

Location: PEABODY LIBRARY

1160 E STATE ROAD 205

WWW.WCARC.ORG

COLUMBIA CITY, IN 46725

28-Apr-2009

Sponsor: GRANT COUNTY ARC

Time: 5:00 PM (No walk-ins)

Contact: JAMES C DAVIS

(765)664-9848

Email: DAVIS@COMTECK.COM

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: MARION COMMUNITY SCIENCE AND TECH

BUILDING

135 N BRANSON ST

MARION, IN 46952

26-May-2009

Sponsor: GRANT COUNTY ARC

Time: 5:00 PM (No walk-ins)

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Membership Application for ACARTS - and/or - FWRC

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 \$17.00/yr. premium.

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

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

- Regular membership \$12.00 / year
 - Additional family members ¹ \$6.00 / year
 - Student membership ² \$6.00 / year
 - Associate membership ³ \$6.00 / year
- (New Regular memberships are \$1/month)

Fort Wayne Radio Club Dues

- Regular membership \$15.00 / year
 - Family membership ¹ \$21.00 / year
 - Student membership ² \$6.00 / year
 - Associate membership ³ \$15.00 / year
 - Mailed newsletter premium \$17.00 / year
- (Memberships for Jul - Dec are 1/2 the stated amounts.)

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:

ACARTS
PO Box 10342
Fort Wayne, IN 46851

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

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 (-) EchoLink connection repeater
Node number 16636
- 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. on 146.88-
 - Tri State Two Meter Net:** meets daily at 7:00 p.m. on 147.015+
 - 21 Repeater Group:** meets each Wed. at 7:30 p.m. on 147.150
 - Help and Swap Net:** Mondays at 9:00 p.m. 146.94(-)
 - 6 Meter SSB/AM Net:** Tuesdays at 8:00 p.m. EDT or EST on 50.580 MHz
Net controls: K9RFZ & W9SAN
 - Daily Indiana Traffic Net** 3.910 @ 8:30 a.m. & 4:30 p.m. local

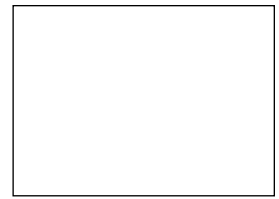
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Daily (QIN) Indiana Section CW net 3.535 @ 9:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. local times

Miscellaneous Nets

- Allen Co. ARES Training Net:** Tuesdays at 9:00 p.m. on the 146.94 W9TE repeater.
- Huntington ARES:** Saturday at 8:00 p.m. on 146.685
- Whitley Co. ARES:** Wednesdays at 7:15 p.m. on 145.270 (Note 131.8 PL disabled for all nets)
- Whitley Co. Sunday:** Sundays at 7:45 p.m. on 444.550 +. (The 146.460 simplex crossbanding from both nets has been dropped.)
- 160 Meter "No-Name" Net:** Sun. 8:00 p.m. Indiana time 1966 kHz., Wed. 9:00 p.m. 3866 KHz., Cross-band link on 146.49 MHz. Everyone welcome! Contact Larry Temenoff, KB9OS for more info.
- Little Red Barn Net:** M, W, F @ 8:30 a.m. on 3820 kHz. Net control is K9ODF
- Northeast Indiana Packet Net:** Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. on 145.530 @ 1200 baud. We use unconnected converse mode to communicate for a roundtable net setting. Use your "UNPROTO" command or equivalent to set Digi path(s) through the strongest station(s) needed between you and your destination. Only use those that are necessary! Have all your "Monitor" settings on so you can see everyone.

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 FORT WAYNE, IN 46851



TO:



Activities Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Place</u>
2/8/09	1:30 PM	foxhunt	off track betting parking lot, Washington Ctr. & Lima Rds.
2/10/09	7:00 PM	FWRC Board Meeting	GSUMC
2/10/09	7:00 PM	ACARTS Board Meeting	Salvation Army Center
2/17/09	7:00 PM	ACARTS General Meeting	Salvation Army Center
2/18/09	7:00 PM	Allen County ARES 2009 winter meeting	downtown ACPL, room C
2/20/09	7:00 PM	FWRC Meeting	GSUMC
3/1/09	1:30 PM	foxhunt	off track betting parking lot, Washington Ctr. & Lima Rds.
3/3/09	2:00 PM & 7:00 PM	Skywarn Basic Spotter training	Public Safety Academy
3/6/09	---	deadline for Mar. ACHN items	
3/10/09	7:00 PM	FWRC Board Meeting	GSUMC
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3/14/09	10:00 AM	Packet Radio Workshop III	IPFW
3/17/09	7:00 PM	ACARTS General Meeting	Salvation Army Center
3/20/09	7:00 PM	FWRC Meeting	GSUMC
4/3/09	---	deadline for April ACHN items	
4/5/09	1:30 PM	foxhunt	off track betting parking lot, Washington Ctr. & Lima Rds.
4/7/09	7:00 PM	FWRC Board Meeting	GSUMC