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ARRL Plans Federal Court Appeal Of Certain BPL Rules

from *The ARRL Letter* – The ARRL Executive Committee is expected this weekend to ratify plans to appeal in federal court certain aspects of the FCC’s Part 15 rules governing broadband over power line (BPL) systems. Assuming the EC signs off on the strategy, the League will file a Notice of Appeal by October 22 with the US District Court of Appeals -- DC Circuit. ARRL Chief Executive Officer David Sumner, K1ZZ, said the League went forward with its appeal plans only after considering the effect on licensed spectrum users of letting the BPL rules stand.

“This decision was made after careful review of the FCC’s October 2004 BPL Report and Order (R&O) and of the August 2006 Memorandum Opinion and Order (MO&O) that dealt with petitions for reconsideration,” said Sumner, who addressed ARRL’s concerns with the FCC’s BPL rules in his “It Seems to Us . . .” editorial in October QST <<http://www.arrl.org/news/features/2006/10/01/1/>>.

Several reconsideration petitions of the initial R&O -- including one from ARRL -- called on the FCC to strengthen rules aimed at protecting licensed radio systems from BPL interference. Instead, in a new rule only revealed after the FCC made the MO&O public, the FCC limited the extent to which an

unlicensed, unintentional radiator has to protect a licensed mobile station.

The new rule, §15.611(c)(1)(iii), provides that BPL operators only have to reduce emission levels below established FCC permissible limits by 20 dB below 30 MHz and by 10 dB above 30 MHz -- even if that’s not enough to resolve harmful interference complaints.

“The FCC has, in effect, tried to redefine harmful interference,” Sumner said. “It can’t do that. The Commission doesn’t have the authority to do that, and we’re going to demonstrate that to the Court of Appeals.”

What the FCC has done with respect to licensed mobile services “should strike fear into the hearts of those who rely on public safety communications,” Sumner said, especially since the rule requires BPL operators to do even less above 30 MHz than at HF.

The Commission also declined to adjust the 40 dB per decade “extrapolation factor” applied to measurements performed at distances from power lines other than those specified in Part 15. Sumner says this is an important technical point because the existing Part 15 rule causes test results to underestimate actual field strength. Petitions for reconsideration from the

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Please do NOT send anything in all caps!!**

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Hamsplatter

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President's Corner



It's hard to believe that fall has arrived but as I look out the window the leaves are beginning to change and fall and the temperatures are falling as well. Better take a few minutes time to make sure those antennas will survive

the winter.

Once again I must pass along our condolences. This past month, Ted Clifton, N9TC became a silent key. Ted was a longtime member of the amateur community and the Fort Wayne Radio Club. Earlier this year he was recognized by the Quarter Century club for being a licensed ham for 75 years. He will be missed by all of those who new him. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family and friends.

I would like to thank all of you that were in attendance and participated in our discussion of the club at the meeting in September. It was great to lead the discussion and to hear your thoughts and ideas to make our club better. The board meets this week and will discuss some of your suggestions and try to implement some of them right away.

There is a new club in town...The amateur radio club at IPFW is being resurrected. As of now the club does not have a call but they are investigating getting the old club call. Steve Nardin, our Communications Manager, was a member of the club when he was a student at IPFW in the 70s,. Several members of the FWRC, Steve, myself, Larry (KB9OS), Terry (K9FMX) and Pete (NI9N) from IPFW spent last Saturday morning installing an antenna on the Science and Technology building for the club. They aren't on the air yet but the low noise floor on the campus was impressive.

Many thanks to all of the hams that participated in a very successful Heart Association Walk held in September. We will also be participating in the Breast Cancer Walk on October 7. These public service events are a fun activity and a great way to hone our emergency communications skills.

The Heart walk net was conducted using tactical call signs. Most of the participants had not used this technique before and the practice was a huge success. Please listen or watch for future events and participate if you have the opportunity.

The meeting to be held October 20, 2006 will feature the election of officers for next year. We would love to see a full slate for the election and will continue taking nominations prior to the actual election that night. If you would like to throw your hat into the ring, please let one of the current officers know and/or come to the meeting on the 20th.

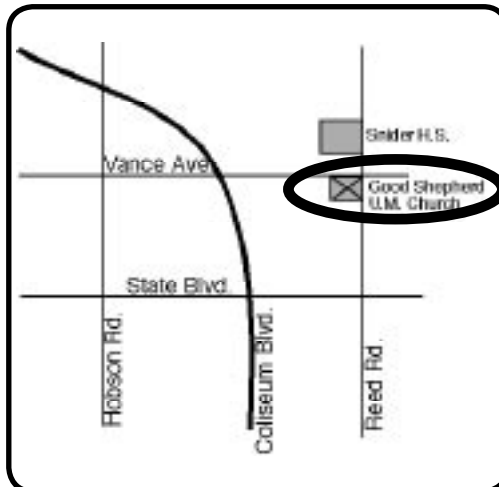
That is about all I have this month. Conditions have not been the greatest the past few weeks but I have worked a few stations at night on 20 and 40 meters using PSK31. Why not blow the dust off the equipment and make a contact or two yourselves.

See you at the meeting.

73, Jim, KB9WWM

October

FWRC Meeting:
Fri., Oct. 20, 7:00 PM
Program: elections



**Fort Wayne Radio Club Minutes
15 Sept 2006**

The September 2006 meeting of the Fort Wayne Radio Club was held at the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church on 15 September 2006 with President Jim Moehring as the host. There were about 25 persons present.

OLD BUSINESS:

The July minutes were read and there were no corrections. There were no minutes from the August meeting as it consisted of the Tailgate Hamfest, thus no business meeting was held.

There was no Treasurer's report.

Jim Moehring reported that it appears that an on campus club station at IPFW will become a reality. They have recruited enough students to make the club an official entity from IPFW's point of view. Several FWRC members have donated equipment and are willing to help set the station up. Progress will be noted in the Hamsplatter.

Steve Nardin reported that Kevin's cat got tangled up in the fan wiring for the Echo Link control link transmitter that caused the transmitter to overheat and fail. Steve and Kevin are looking for a replacement transmitter, (and are said to be considering replacing the cat).

Gary Stebbins noted that we had not yet been successful selling the Drake Linear amplifier that the club obtained from the Boy Scouts. He plans to offer it on eBay at the end of the month.

Jim Moehring announced that the club would again provide communications support for the Heart Walk at IPFW this Saturday. He is looking for 10-12 volunteers to staff this effort.

Jim Moehring solicited ideas from the attendees relative to increasing club interest/involvement. Several suggestions were offered, including more club /contest activities, club demonstrations of ham radio at public venues such as at the mall, in the park, etc., progressive dinners at various club shacks including shack tours, distribution of old copies of QST, etc. at doctor's/ dentist's waiting rooms, and linking a scanner output to the club's web page.

NEW BUSINESS:

Nominations for the upcoming election of club officers and Board members were opened. After nominations were subsequently closed, the following club members were willing to run for office:



Jim Moehring	President
Tom Baker	Board
Woody Woodbury	VP
Al Burke	Secretary
Gary Stebbins	Board
Carole Burke	Board
Bob Streeter	Treasurer
Terry Bowman	Board
Clint Stedje	Board
Steve Nardin	Communications Manager
Vic Guess	Editor

Nominations will be reopened during the October meeting prior to elections.

Following the business meeting the 50-50 raffle was held. The \$18.00 pot was split between Adolph Wozniak, WA9WTJ and the club treasury.

Respectfully submitted,
Al Burke, WB9SSE

Ted Clifton, W9TC, SK



Ted K. Clifton, 96, died Wednesday, Sept. 27, 2006, at home. He was born May 8, 1910, in Van Wert, Ohio, he was the son of Noah and Alice Clifton. He married Esther Newman Clifton on Oct. 14, 1933. He was an apprentice at GE and retired from ITT in 1976. He was a lifetime member of SME and gave 75 years of service as a licensed radio amateur (W9TC). He was a member of Masonic Lodge 170, a member of SAR and had a passion for genealogy for the last 75 years. He was an owner of New Haven Tool and Die Company. Surviving are a son, Jon (Barbara) Clifton; six grandchildren; and nine great-grand-children. He was preceded in death by his wife, Esther Newman Clifton; son, Paul Kenneth Clifton; daughter, Carmen Kay Wellman; sister, Viola Clifton McDorman; brothers, Clayton N. Clifton and Harold Clifton; and great-grandson, Brian Timothy Clifton. Service is 11 a.m. Monday at D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road. Calling is from 2 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home, with Masonic service at 7:30 p.m. Sunday. Burial in Highland Park Cemetery. Memorials to Meadowcrest Brethren Church, 8840 St. Joe Road. Published in the *Fort Wayne Newspapers* on 9/29/2006.

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President's Message



This is October and that means the Fort Wayne Hamfest is about a month away. This is our club's biggest activity, and takes a lot of people working at the Hamfest to make it a great success. This is our fund raiser that makes it possible for our repeaters to keep operating, and make needed upgrades to the system. If you worked last year and want the same position and time slot, contact your area manager. The managers will be calling to fill time slots. If you are new to the club or Ham Radio and want to help, contact Jim Boyer, KB9IH, who is the Hamfest Chairman. Everyone who helps gets a free parking pass and a pass to the show for the weekend. The only equipment you need is a 2 meter HT, as that is how we keep in contact with each other and your managers. It is a lot of work but it is also a lot of fun. Let's show the state and the region why the Fort Wayne Hamfest is the biggest and best Hamfest in the area.

The program last month was about standing wave ratios and different feed lines. It was a video presentation and was very informative. As I write my message, we do not have a program subject set yet, so check the web site for details. One thing we will be doing is nominations for Officers and Managers for 2007. The elections will be during our November meeting. The November meeting is also when we have our Hamfest wrap up to discuss how the weekend went, and if any changes need to be made for next year.

We are still working on a home for the .255 machine. There are several sites that are interested in hosting AC-ARTS. It takes a while to exchange communications, as well as studies of how our frequencies and wind

loading of our antennas will affect their tower. Our station manager is providing information to those who are interested. We hope to have something worked out soon. So stay tuned. The repeaters seem to be working well, lets keep our fingers crossed that they stay that way. That is all I have this month, see you at the meeting, and if not, at the Hamfest next month.

73,
Vic, KA9LTV

Meeting Schedule

General Meeting: Oct. 17, 7:30 PM - **Program:** Nominations

Next Board Meeting: Oct. 10, 7:30 PM All members are encouraged to attend.





New Law Formally Makes Amateur Radio Part Of Emergency Communications Community

from *The ARRL Letter* – A section of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) 2007 Appropriations Act, HR 5441 <<http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/bdquery/z?d109:h.r.05441>>, formally includes Amateur Radio operators as a part of the emergency communications community. Congress approved the measure before adjourning for its pre-election break. President George W. Bush signed the bill into law October 4.

Amateur Radio is included within the legislation's Subtitle D, Section 671, known as the "21st Century Emergency Communications Act." Radio amateurs are among the entities with which a Regional Emergency Communications Coordination Working Group (RECC Working Group) must coordinate its activities. Included within the DHS's Office of Emergency Communications -- which the measure also creates -- RECC Working Groups attached to each regional DHS office will advise federal and state homeland security officials. The final version of the legislation incorporated language from both House and Senate bills and was hammered out in a conference committee. An earlier version of the 21st Century Emergency Communications Act, HR 5852, included Amateur Radio operators as members of the RECC Working Groups.

In addition to Amateur Radio operators, RECC Working Groups also will coordinate with communications equipment manufacturers and vendors -- including broadband data service providers, local exchange carriers, local broadcast media, wireless carriers, satellite communications services, cable operators, hospitals, public utility services, emergency evacuation transit services, ambulance services, and representatives from other private sector entities and nongovernmental organizations.

The RECC Working Groups will assess the survivability, sustainability and interoperability of local emergency communication systems to meet the goals of the National Emergency Communications Report. That report would recommend how the US could "accelerate the deployment of interoperable emergency communications nationwide." They also will coordinate the establishment of "effective multi-jurisdictional, multi-agency emergency communications networks" that could be brought into play in an emergency or disaster.

In light of the new legislation, the ARRL plans to follow up to determine how it can interact with the DHS and its Office of Emergency Communications.

September 2006 ACARTS Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Vic, KA9LTV.



Vic stated that the September General meeting would be a video "Standing Up To Standing Waves."

He added that nominations for the club officers for 2007 would be held at the October meeting and asked if anyone had any ideas for the program.

Jim, KB9IH, asked if the board thought that the mailing of free Hamfest admission tickets to the area schools should be continued this year. It was decided that the program would continue this year as the expense was not the great. It was also decided that the workers' meal provision would be the same as last year, a \$5.00 voucher for Casa Mare on Parnell Ave.

No other business was discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Submitted by Dave Lindquist, W9LKH

September 2006 ACARTS General Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Vic, KA9LTV.

Vic asked in anyone had any ideas for the October General meeting program.

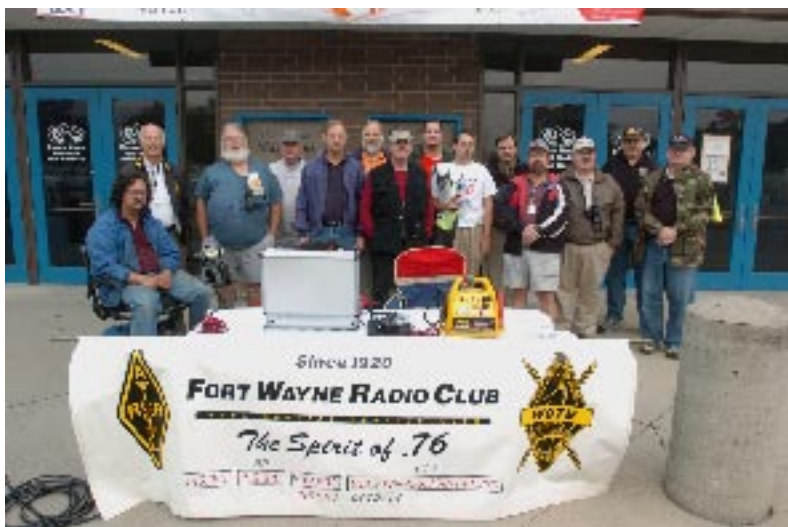
No other business was discussed.

An informative video "Standing Up To Standing Waves" was shown.

Submitted by Dave Lindquist, W9LKH



September Fort Wayne Radio Club and IPFW Radio Club Joint Projects



Heart Walk communication support

photo by IPFW staff



Installation of a new antenna on top of the Engineering Technology building for the IPFW Radio Station

photo by Larry Teminoff, KB9OS

ARRL Plans Appeal, cont'd

ARRL and others argued that a figure closer to 20 dB per decade was more appropriate. Sumner called the Commission's stand on the 40 dB per decade rule "clearly, demonstrably and inarguably wrong."

He said the principles that the FCC appears to be following for the first time -- if applied generally -- represent an abuse of licensees' rights. "It's unacceptable that the FCC would reduce the rights of its licensees in favor of unlicensed, unintentional emitters," he said. "Remember that 'unintentional emission' is just another term for 'spectrum pollution.'"

Sumner made it clear that the League is not suing BPL providers for causing interference, nor suing the FCC

for failing to enforce its own rules against harmful interference. "We are not satisfied with the level of attention the Commission is paying to existing cases of BPL interference, but this is not the time to pursue that in federal court," he said.

While the separate standard for what constitutes harmful interference to a mobile and the 40 dB per decade extrapolation factor issues precipitated the decision to appeal, Sumner said, the arguments the League puts forward in its court filing may touch on other matters as well.

"The court is not going to rewrite the rules," Sumner explained. "The court can make the Commission go back to the drawing board and re-decide them, however."

Indiana Section News for August 2006



Condolances to the Family and Friends of these amateurs who became a Silent Key during August: Daniel H. Kellum WD9FUW, Norman, IN, August 6; William E. Wolford AA9LT, Tipton, August 19; Marion Nash W9MA, Muncie, August 28. They will be missed.

With the lower gasoline prices, maybe you'll be traveling to a hamfest this fall. September 24 is the Greenfield Hamfest at the Hancock County Fairgrounds (<http://w9atg.org/>); October 7-8th, the Hoosier Hills Ham Club, Bedford, at the Lawrence County 4-H Fairgrounds (www.hoosierhillshamfest.org), and October 8th the Lake County ARC Hamfest at Crown Point (www.qsl.net/w9lj/). Of Course,...the Indiana State Convention (Fort Wayne Hamfest & Computer Expo) at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum on November 18-19 (www.fortwaynehamfest.com). November 25 is the EARS & The Ham Station Evansville Hamfest at the Vanderburgh Co. 4-H Center Auditorium (<http://w9ear.org/hamfest.htm>)

The Fall Meeting of the Indiana Radio Club Council (IRCC) will be on October 14, in Indianapolis. The meeting location TBA. Please ask your club's representative to be there. Check the Indiana Section ARRL Website <http://www.inarrl.org/ircc.html> for details. There is still time to get your nomination in to the committee for Indiana's Outstanding Amateur of the Year award. The deadline is September 23. Please hurry.

The annual Indiana Section ARES Simulated Emergency Test (SET) will be Saturday October 7, 1000 Eastern Time (1400 UTC). SEC David Pifer N9YNF will be passing traffic to each jurisdiction in Indiana. The frequency used will be 3910 KHz. Please have someone in your area on the frequency to handle formal message traffic. If your EC is having a local SET at that time, your ARES group can fully "participate." If not, there still needs to be a station present on the frequency to handle messages into and out of your jurisdiction.

Even though there was little emergency activity during August, LaPorte County and the surrounding counties has an episode of high wind (106 mph) recorded at the Michigan City Coast Guard station. Many amateurs lent there skills and service during the power outages and downed wires during the period from Aug 23-24. Thank You!

4 Public Service events were reported during August, with 192.5 person-hours of activity reported. Total number of ARES operations reported was 118, with 850.55 person hours of service reported. 19 EC reports received by Dave Pifer N9YNF, Indiana SEC.

The following VHF/UHF Net Managers reported their net's activity during August: KC9BHJ, N9ZMY, KE9WI, WD9HTN, KB9UAG, KF9EX, WB9RVN, WB9NCE, WR9G, KA4HWX, W9AU, and KA9QWC. If your Net Manager's callsign does not appear in this list, then no report of your net's activity was sent to the Indiana Section VHF/UHF Net Manager, John Kinley KC9BHJ. Send monthly reports to: kc9bhj@arrl.net.

August Section Net Activity:

NET	FREQ	DAILY TIMES (UTC)	QNI	QTC	QTR	SESS
ITN	3910KHz	1230/2030	239	137	1121	56
QIN	3656KHz	1330/2300	213	93	843	54
ARES	3910KHz	4TH SUN/MO@1200Z	9	0	12	1
HOOSIER VHF NETS 12 REPORTING			627	9	1257	57
HOOSIER DIGITAL NETS (2)			18	14	-	62

August ORS Traffic Reports: KJ9J 99, WA9JWL 64, K9PUI 64, K9GBR 25, AB9AA 19, N9HM 11, NA9L 10, KA9QWC 9, WB9NCE 6, WB9GCH 6.

73,

ARRL Indiana Section
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Fort Wayne Hamfest and Computer Expo Indiana State A.R.R.L. Convention November 18 - 19, 2006, Fort Wayne, Indiana

The 34th Annual Fort Wayne Hamfest & Computer Expo and Indiana State A.R.R.L. Convention, sponsored by the Allen County Amateur Radio Technical Society (AC-ARTS), will be held at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum at the corner of Indiana 930 (Coliseum Blvd) and Parnell Ave. Open to the public 9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. EST on Saturday and 9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. EST on Sunday. Vendor setup is Friday evening and Saturday morning. Admission is only \$6.00 (good for both days) at the door only. 11 and under are free with adult. Parking is \$4.00. There are over 900 commercial and flea market tables (133,000 sq. ft.), all under one roof, containing both new and used radio, computer, and general electronics items. Vendors include several International ham equipment manufacturers. Activities will include many forums and meetings, and VE testing on Saturday. Talk-in on 146.88(-). For more information leave a message on the answering machine at (260) 450-4869 and you will be contacted. You can also send an SASE to AC-ARTS / Fort Wayne Hamfest, P.O. Box 10342, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46851-0342, or visit our World Wide Web site at <http://www.fortwaynehamfest.com>



FCC Launches New Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau

from *The ARRL Letter* – The FCC has formally launched its new Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau (PSHSB) <<http://www.fcc.gov/pshs/>>. The PSHSB will assume some functions that had been under the umbrella of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau (WTB), where the Amateur Radio Service will remain. WTB Public Safety and Critical Infrastructure Division Chief Michael J. Wilhelm, WS6BR, has assumed a role within the new bureau, however.

“The events of September 11, 2001, and last year’s hurricane season underscored America’s dependence on an effective national telecommunications infrastructure,” the Commission said. “The new bureau will build on the Commission’s longstanding commitment to meet the needs of public safety by promoting robust, reliable and resilient communications services in times of emergency.” Addressing interoperability issues will be a part of that process, Acting Bureau Chief Ken Moran told the Commission September 26.

The PSHSB is responsible for the combined public safety-related functions previously spread among other

bureaus and offices. It will include Policy, Public Communications Outreach and Operations and Communications Systems Analysis divisions. Wilhelm will serve as deputy chief of the PSHSB’s Policy Division. The Public Communications Outreach and Operations Division will operate the FCC’s Communications Center and the High Frequency Direction Finding Center.

Some observers had speculated that Amateur Radio would be shifted to the PSHSB, thus removing it from the WTB’s market-based approach to regulation. Moving some of the WTB’s current responsibilities to the new bureau could nonetheless speed up the process of moving Amateur Radio-related proceedings through the Commission.

The FCC Order setting up the new bureau is on the FCC Web site <http://hraunfoss.fcc.gov/edocs_public/attachmatch/FCC-06-35A1.pdf>.

Test Points

12-Oct-2006
 Sponsor: GOSHEN ARC
 Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
 Contact: PAUL F COREY
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 VEC: ARRL/VEC
 Location: GREENCROFT RETIREMENT CENTER
 HOMAN BUILDING
 GREENCROFT BLVD
 GOSHEN, IN 46525



28-Oct-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

28-Oct-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

04-Nov-2006
 Sponsor: W5YI VEC - ALLEN COUNTY
 Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
 Contact: JULIAN F FRANKE
 (260)484-1728
 VEC: W5YI VEC
 Location: ANTHONY WAYNE AREA COUNCIL
 8315 W JEFFERSON BLVD
 FORT WAYNE, IN 46804

23-Dec-2006
 Sponsor: UNSPONSORED

Time: 2:00 PM (No walk-ins)
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 VEC: ARRL/VEC
 Location: VAN WERT COUNTY EMA
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DXCC News

from *The ARRL Letter* – DXCC Desk approves operation for DXCC credit: The ARRL DXCC Desk has approved this operation for DXCC credit: TT8LN (Chad), February 12-June 5, 2006. A reminder: The DXCC Desk now is accepting submissions for Swain’s Island (KH8). For more information, visit the DXCC Web page <<http://www.arrl.org/awards/dxcc/>>. “DXCC Frequently Asked Questions” can answer most questions about the DXCC program.



2006 Foxhunt Schedule

March 5 – 1:30 PM
 April 2 – 1:30 PM
 May 1 – 6:30 PM
 June 5 – 6:30 PM
 July 10 – 6:30 PM
 Aug 7 – 6:30 PM
 Sept 11 – 6:30 PM
 Oct 9 – 6:30 PM
 Nov 12 – 1:30 PM
 Dec. – none



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
21 Oct 2006	Holland, MI	616-394-9821	http://www.hollandarc.org
22 Oct 2006	St. Joseph, MI	269-429-3629	http://www.blossomlandara.org
29 Oct 2006	Mt. Clemens, MI	586-716-9114	http://useca.rfc791.org/
18-19 Nov 2006	Fort Wayne, IN	260-489-6700	http://www.fortwaynehamfest.com
25 Nov 2006	Bloomington, IN	812-333-4116	http://w9ear.org/hamfest.htm
16 Dec 2006	Lowell, MI	616-897-7659	http://www.argyl.org

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



For Sale & Wanted

For Sale:

- General Radio 1840A 20 watt audio output meter \$15.00
- General Radio 1432M decade resistor box \$5.00
- Precision NECO-11 120V-120 V

- 1000 watt isolation transformer \$15.00
- Diamond D130 25-1300 MHz antenna \$35.00
- Tri-Ex MW65 65 foot crank-up tower \$300.00
- 440 MHz vertical antenna \$10.00
- Kenwood TM421A 440 MHz FM Transceiver with MC48B and RC10 microphone and VSWR power meter \$50.00

Paul Welty, WB9EBX, 260-485-5931, apfwelty(at)verizon.net

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For Sale:

48 ft. Spalding tower with motor mounting hardware six 8 ft sections with gin poles and guy wires, tower is in good shape and is down on ground. Has been stored in garage for number of years out of weather. \$225
 Questions: w9mzh@juno.com
 260-432-6175 home
 260-385-9959 cell
 ask for Gene

IRCC Fall 2006 Meeting Announcement

Saturday October 14, 2006
2 - 4 P.M.

Indianapolis Training Center
2820 N. Meridian Street
Indianapolis, IN
Talk-In 443.75 pl 100

Meeting Room 13th Floor
Escort available from the Lobby to room

Hosted by Indianapolis Radio Club
Dave Miller - K9RTT - Site Host

ARMAD News



Hello Everyone:

ARMAD was very busy during the Month of September. We were asked by two TV shows to appear as guests, and ARMAD sponsored the 911 Five Year Anniversary event for the City of Fort Wayne, and America Support You.

Ron Kaufman / N9KNJ, and Richard Andrew / N9HRA appeared on the popular TV show called "Tha American Legion News." The show aired on September 29 and 30. The guests presented very informative information about Amateur Radio. Equipment was also on display for the TV audience.

On September 11, 2006 ARMAD organized the 1st annual "Tribute To 911" to be held in our City. We did this event with the help of The Fort Wayne Patriots, and Freedom Walk USA. The event went very well, and was a great promotion for Amateur Radio. Guest speakers included the Fort Wayne fire chief, a county commissioner, two chaplins, soldiers, and congressman Mark Souder.

ARMAD also worked with "The All America Military History Weekend" of Charlottesville, Virginia. K4AZV / Jay of the Albermarle County ARC organized the operations. The Members stated that it was a great event, and that they are ready to do it again in 2007.

The next ARMAD event will be held on November 13, 2006. The event is Military Appreciation Monday sponsored by The Golden Corral, and The DAV.

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

Sincerely;
Emery / KB9IBW, www.armad.net



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 \$12.00/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 \$12.00 / 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

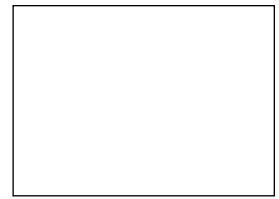
Area Traffic Nets

- (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 p.m. on 147.015+
- 21 Repeater Group:** meets each Wednesday at 9 p.m. on 147.150
- Help and Swap Net:** Mondays at 8:30 p.m. 146.94(-)
- 6 Meter AM Net:** Last Tuesday of the month at 8:00 pm EDT or EST on 50.580 MHz <-- NEW

Miscellaneous Nets

- 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:** Sunday and Wednesday nights at 8:00 PM Indiana time. On 1966 kHz. Everyone welcome!

Allen County HamNews
 PO BOX 10342
 FORT WAYNE, IN 46851



TO:



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Activities Calendar



Date	Time	Event	Place
10/10/06	7:00 PM	FWRC Board Meeting	GSUMC
10/10/06	7:30 PM	ACARTS Board Meeting	Salvation Army Center
10/17/06	7:30 PM	ACARTS General Meeting	Salvation Army Center
10/20/06	7:00 PM	FWRC Meeting	GSUMC
10/27/06	--->	deadline for Nov. ACHN items	
10/31/06	7:00 PM	FWRC Board Meeting	GSUMC
11/10/06	7:00 PM	FWRC Meeting	GSUMC
11/12/06	1:30 PM	Foxhunt off track betting parking lot, Washington Ctr. & Lima Rds.	
11/14/06	7:30 PM	ACARTS Board Meeting	Salvation Army Center
11/18-19/06	9-4, 9-3	Fort Wayne Hamfest	Memorial Coliseum
11/21/06	7:30 PM	ACARTS General Meeting	Salvation Army Center
12/1/06	--->	deadline for Dec. ACHN items	
12/5/06	7:00 PM	FWRC Board Meeting	GSUMC
12/12/06	7:30 PM	ACARTS Board Meeting	Salvation Army Center
12/15/06	6:00 PM	FWRC Christmas Banquet	GSUMC