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ACARTS Meeting Time Change



We need to change the time that our meetings start so that we are done by 9:00 p.m. We have to be out of the building by 9:15 p.m. This means starting at 7:00 p.m. That should give us time to conduct any business, have a program, and do any needed clean up. We went a little long the other

night. We do not want to risk losing our meeting place.

73,
Vic, KA9LTV



The center pumpkin is a little different. Answer on page 9.

Solar Activity At an All-time Low



from *The ARRL Letter* – The sunspot appearance reported last week seems to follow the pattern emerging for most of 2008. A spot will appear for one or two days and then suddenly it is gone. Last week's report mentioned the solar wind being at an all time low. This week, NASA announced that so far, 2008 is the "blankest year of

the space age," with more than 200 spotless days

<http://science.nasa.gov/headlines/y2008/30sep_blankyear.htm>. The minimum following Solar Cycle 18 in 1954 had 241 days without sunspots, and it preceded the solar max in 1959 for Solar Cycle 19 that had the highest sunspot numbers on record. Sunspot numbers for September 25-October 1 were 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0 and 0 with a mean of 0. The 10.7 cm flux was 68.2, 67.7, 67.3, 67, 66.8, 66.2 and 65.8 with a mean of 67. The estimated planetary A indices were 4, 4, 2, 3, 2, 4 and 6 with a mean of 3.6. The estimated mid-latitude A indices were 1, 2, 1, 2, 2, 3 and 7 with a mean of 2.6. For more information concerning radio propagation, visit the ARRL Technical Information Service Propagation page <<http://www.arrl.org/tis/info/propagation.html>>. To read this week's Solar Report in its entirety, check out the W1AW Propagation Bulletin page <<http://www.arrl.org/w1aw/prop/>>.

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Please do NOT send anything in all caps!!

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President's Corner



Our thanks go out to Joseph Lawrence, K9RFZ, for his September presentation on tracking and identifying line noise. That is a subject that we had not addressed in some time and Joseph put together a great presentation. I am so thankful that we have so many talented Amateurs in the area so that we get the quality presentations that we have. Thanks again Joseph.

And speaking of talented Amateurs, the October meeting will be Carl Luetzelschwab, K9LA, giving a presentation on "Solar Cycle 24". I have asked him to again address the burning question "Will cycle 24 ever happen?" Carl had a very good article in the August newsletter on the subject and I know this will be a fascinating presentation as well. The October meeting will be Friday October 17th at the Good Shepherd church at 7:00 p.m..

Before we move on I want to go back to the September meeting again for just a minute. The September General meeting also included a time for nominations for the Fort Wayne Radio Club board for 2009. It was good to see some new names put into nomination for the ballot in October. I do encourage everyone to think about volunteering to run for a board position. I can tell you from experience that it really does not take that much time and you will get to know a lot more people in the club. Remember that we will open the floor again for additional nominations before the election takes place at the October general meeting

At the November General meeting we are going to repeat our popular "Rig Clinic". Al Burke, WB9SSE, has again volunteered to bring in some of his diagnostic equipment to do an analysis on the performance of your rig. We did this last year and it was very popular. However we ran out of time so we wanted some others to have a chance to bring their rigs in for analysis. In addition, since we can only check one rig at a time, we are

going to run an elmer session at the same time. So hopefully while someone else gets their rig checked out you can get a question answered. The November General Meeting is Friday November 21. Note that is the third Friday of the month and it is the Friday after the Fort Wayne Hamfest. Often we have been the second Friday of November to avoid a conflict with the Hamfest but that is not the case this year.

The December General Meeting will be our annual Christmas Banquet. It is scheduled for Friday December 12 at 6:30 p.m. at the Good Shepherd church. This time please note that this is the second Friday of the month rather than the third Friday. That way, hopefully, we minimize schedule conflicts in your busy holiday schedule later in the month.

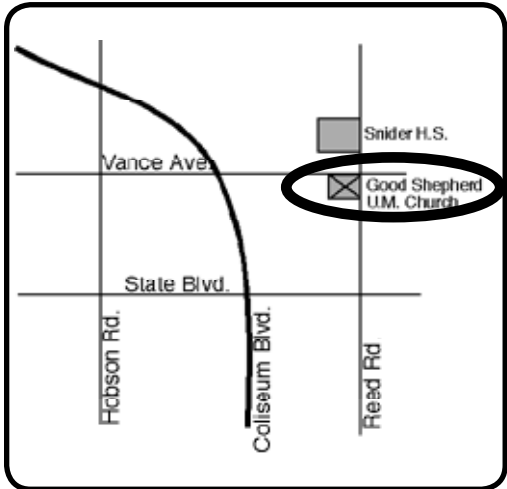
Don't forget the October meeting is Friday October 17 at 7:00 p.m. with elections for the 2009 board and the presentation by Carl, K9LA.

Tom/ N9TB

General Meeting
Oct. 17, 7:00 p.m.

Program: Solar Cycle 24 by Carl Luetzelschwab, K9LA

also: elections





Fort Wayne Radio Club Minutes 19 September 2008

The September Meeting of the Fort Wayne Radio Club was held at the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church on Sept. 19, 2008 with President Tom Baker serving as host. There were about 25 persons present.

Old Business:

Tom Baker started the meeting by calling all to attention for the pledge of allegiance. And introductions of members followed.

There were no meeting minutes for August because of the Tailgate Hamfest.

Bob Streeter presented the September Treasurer's report. As of September 13th, 2008 the club had a year-to-date income of \$2533.89, and year-to-date expenses of \$1631.37. The club had cash on hand of \$60.66 and \$6632.99 in checking/saving.

Tom Baker informed the club of the up-and-coming meetings with a presentations; For October's meeting, Sun Spot Cycle 24, (Will Cycle 24 Ever Happen?) by Carl Luetzlschwab, K9LA and November's meeting will be a rig clinic and Elmer night and December is, of course, the Christmas Banquet. He also reported that the repeater workday # 2 went well with all jobs completed. Tom reported on the Booth we setup for the IEEE Expo, where the club had an expense free booth and handed out literature to many potential hams.

Joseph reported on the past ARES activities which included; Grabill days "Rural route walk about" on September 6th with 100 walkers and about 10 ham communicators and the "Heart/Stroke walk" at IPFW September 13th with 860 walkers and 14 hams

Fox Hunt report was given by Woody KC9CGN. The hunt started at the OTB parking lot with 5 teams in Chase of the Foxes, Brian and Debby (W9BGJ & KB9ZQG), Jim and Kim (KB9DOT & HB9DOS) and Phil (AB9IZ) and most everyone had an idea on which was to go, which was East. After an hour, everyone knew it was on the East edge of New Haven. Woody was first to arrive at about 7:45 p.m. and Carl WB9YBI and Renee KC9KTG were second, (they started a 1/2 hour late from their house in Grabill), with Jon KC9AFE coming in third. The other teams resigned. See "The Foxhunt Chronicles" for the whole Story. NOTE: The next foxhunt will be the second Monday of the month in October on the 13th. Same time, same place.

New Business:

Joseph K9RFZ reported on the up-and-coming ARES activities.

"Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk" at Headwaters Park Saturday Oct. 4. At least 12 operators needed for the 3-5 hour walk. There will be a Pre-event meeting at 7:45 a.m. at the downtown MacDonald's (Fairfield and Jefferson).

The Same day is the "Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Walk for Cure" at Franke Park

Pre-events meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Oct. 4 at the Foellinger Theatre ticket office Eight operators are needed.

Also, a Full-scale Hazmat Exercise will be held on Saturday Oct 11, 2008. A pre-drill meeting will be planed. 13 Volunteers and 2 additional on call are needed for this event. Contact Joseph K9RFZ

Jim KB9IH reported that the packet equipment that the AC-ARTS club thought they had has been found. The problems for the time being are an antenna and the frequency to be used.

Nominations of officers for the year 2009 are as follows:

President: Tom Baker (N9TB)

Vice-President: Gary Stebbins (KC9GGV)
Woody Woodbury (KC9CGN)

Secretary: Al Burke (WB9SSE)

Treasurer: Bob Streeter (W8ST)

Communications Manager:
Steve Nardin (W9SAN)

Board of Directors: (3 persons to elect.)
Josh Long (W9HT)
Markus (KB9MW)
Terry Bowman (K9FMX)
Vic Guess (WB9UZA)
Carol Burke (WB9RUS)

More nomination will be allowed at the meeting in November before the elections.

There was no 50-50 drawing this month.

Following the business meeting, Joseph, K9RFZ gave a very good presentation on "RFI, Ham Radio's #1 Enemy". He had some great ideas on tracking RF noise, and Line noise and how to log your information and who to call to get things fixed.

Thanks for the extra food and refreshments to Carl, WB9YBI & Renee (KC9KTG)

Respectfully Submitted
Woody Woodbury, KC9CGN

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President's Message



NOTICE !! NOTICE !! NOTICE !! OUR MEETING TIME HAS CHANGED. All meetings now start at 7:00 p.m. Fall is finally here, and

that also means that the Hamfest will soon be here. All managers should have their worker packages, and should be recruiting their workers. If you know who your manager from last year was and want the same time slot, contact them. If you are a new member and want to help at the Hamfest, contact Jim Boyer, KB9IH. This is our main fundraiser for maintaining our repeaters. It takes a lot of people to put on the Hamfest each year.

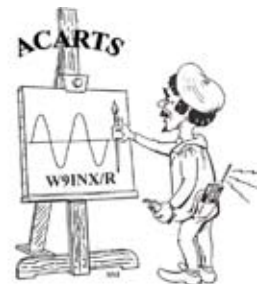
Last month's program was about PSK 31, and was presented by Jim Moehring, KB9WWM. He explained what PSK 31 is, and how it works. He provided all those at the meeting a handout of his presentation to use as a reference. He also had a HF rig, laptop, and a antenna set up. We were able to make a couple of contacts. Thanks Jim, for a great program. As I write my message, I have not yet finalized a program for October. Watch the website, and your email for details about the program.

The weather has cooled down kind of quick. I hope it warms up enough for me to finish some garden work. I want rework my flower beds with some new items. I would like to put in some hardy mums, and I need to do that this fall so that the plants have a chance to set in before the ground freezes. I used the mild weather the other day to prune my shrubs. I live on a corner and have to keep a portion of them cut to the height of a car hood. That is so a car stopped at the corner can see over the shrubs. I decided to prune the rest of them the same height. It also will make it easier for me to trim them. As I get older it gets harder to raise my arms to the height they were at. If the weather cooperates, I might even get that antenna up. But,

I would not hold my breath on that one. You have heard that before.

I can use some ideas for a program for our November meeting. That is all I have for this month.

73,
Vic, KA9LTV



Meeting Schedule

General Meeting: 10/21/08, 7:00 p.m. **Program:** TBA

Next Board Meeting: 10/14/08, 7:00 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend.



Northeast Indiana Packet Net

Date: Wednesday October 1, 2008

Time: 8:00 p.m. - 8:30 p. m.

Repeats: This event repeats every week.

Location: North East Indiana

Notes: This is an informal net that is held every 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.

We are trying to test the capabilities of the KA9LCF System in Auburn on 145.530 @ 300'. There are various personal stations in Allen County at this time that you might be able to Digi through. Also at this time the Whitley Co. EMA/RACES Station KC9ANF is 50W @ 140'. N9BAV has a standalone Digi at Goshen at the GARC club station I believe at 85'.

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Northeast Indiana Packet Radio Workshop II

Date: Saturday October 18, 2008

Time: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Location: Peabody Public Library - Columbia City, IN.
1160 E. SR 205

Continuation of discussion of plans on packet radio implementation and operations in NE Indiana. Featured speaker is Bradd Davidson KA9LCF, Sysop of the KA9LCF BBS and Node in Auburn, IN. Talk-in is WC9AR on 145.270(-) or 444.550(+) Contact Dan N9WNH at 260-723-4711 or n9wnh(at)arrl.net if more information is needed. Event is hosted by the Whitley Co. ARC Inc.

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September 2008 ACARTS Board Meeting Minutes



The meeting was called to order by Vic, KA9LTV.

Vic announced that the September General Meeting program would be presentation and demonstration of PSK31 by Jim, KB9WWM. He added that he is looking for program ideas for October and November and that the December meeting would be the annual Christmas Party.

Howard, N9ADS, stated that Hamfest table sales are slow so far this year.

Jim, KB9IH, said that the cover letters to the area schools for complimentary Hamfest tickets have been printed and the packages are ready for preparation and mailing by Dave, W9LKH.

Jim also presented revised logos for ACARTS and the Fort Wayne Hamfest with Service Mark insignias included.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Submitted by Dave Lindquist, W9LKH

September 2008 ACARTS General Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Vic, KA9LTV.

Vic asked if anyone had any ideas for the October program and for a program for November to go along with the Hamfest wrap-up and club election.

Jim, KB9IH, stated that Julian Franke, W9TQA, has retired as head of the local W5YI VE program and has been replaced by Tom Baker, N9TB. Because of the VE testing at the Hamfest, Tom will be unable to continue as Hamfest Announcer Chairman and Jim is looking for a replacement.

Jim, KB9IH, said he and Dave, W9LKH, visited the repeater site to survey the equipment available to add a Packet station.

After refreshments, Jim, KB9WWM, gave a presentation and demonstration of PSK31, with an actual contact being made using a portable antenna outside the building.

Submitted by Dave Lindquist, W9LKH

The DXCC Honor Roll



**Carl Luetzelschwab
K9LA**

Ft Wayne DX Association

The August 2008 issue of QST contained a listing of those on the DXCC Honor Roll as of December 31,

2007. Unfortunately there were some errors in this listing, and these errors were corrected in the 2007 DXCC Yearbook that recently arrived in the mail. Being on the Honor Roll means you have confirmed contacts within the numerical top 10 of the overall number of current entities on The ARRL DXCC List. As of right now there are 338 current entities, so that means you need at least 329 confirmed to be on the Honor Roll.

One of the first items on the list to catch my eye was the fact that there were two 4X (Israel) hams who had worked and confirmed all entities (called the Top of the Honor Roll) in the Mixed category (there are listings for Phone, CW, and RTTY, too). When Vicky and I participated in the YK9A DXpedition to Damascus, Syria in February 2001, one of the conditions of the license was that we could not work any Israel stations. There were no ifs, ands, or buts with this rule, and this is why we had a Syrian monitor present at all times.

If Syrian stations are not allowed to work Israel stations (by the way, Israel has no such rule in working Syria), how did those two 4X hams work and confirm Syria since this has been a long-standing rule? One possibility is that they worked a United Nations station.

For example, I worked OH1TD/4U in March 1982 (see

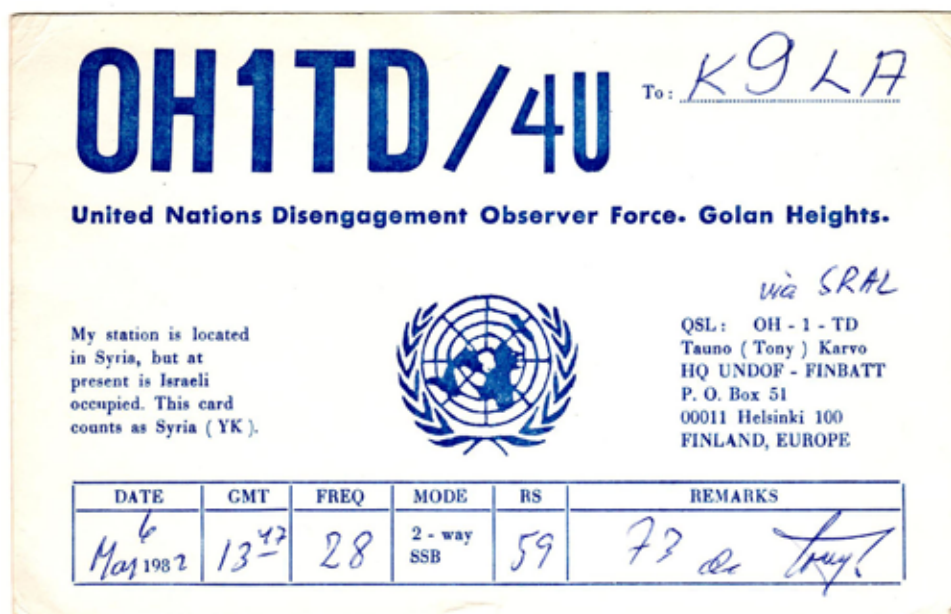
the accompanying image of the QSL). The op Tony was with the United Nations as part of the Disengagement Observer Force that was working in the Golan Heights. This counted as Syria (see the note on the left side of the QSL), and more than likely the UN station, even though it was in Syria, had no restrictions with working Israel.

In addition to the two 4X hams on the Mixed Top of the Honor Roll, there are over 700 others who have worked them all. Of the over 700, there are only 31 in the 9th call area with all 338 entities. There are no FWDXA members on the Mixed Top of the Honor Roll at this time.

So how many FWDXA members have at least 329 current entities to be on the Mixed Honor Roll? Assuming I didn't miss anyone due to the small print in the listings (my age is showing!), there are six FWDXA members on the Mixed Honor Roll. They are as follows, with the number of entities worked (out of 338) listed first:

- 331 – Mark N9MR
- 335 – Don K9ECE, John K9UWA, Jim KR9U, Vic N9GK
- 337 – Carl K9LA

It will be interesting to see next year's DXCC Honor Roll listing. Those in the FWDXA who are active could move up in the Honor Roll in the needed stations come on the air. Those who aren't active not only take the chance of moving down in the listing, but they also could fall off the Honor Roll if more new entities are created. Such is the fate of a DXer not being radio-active.



**Fort Wayne Hamfest and Computer Expo
Indiana State A.R.R.L. Convention
November 15 - 16, 2008, Fort Wayne, Indiana**



The 36th Annual Fort Wayne Hamfest & Computer Expo, and Indiana State A.R.R.L. Convention, sponsored by the Allen County Amateur Radio Technical Society (ACARTS), 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 for both days or \$4.00 for just Sunday **at the door only**; Children 11 and under are free when accompanied by an adult. Parking is \$4.00. There are over 750 commercial and flea market tables (108,000 sq. ft.), all under one roof, containing both new and used radio, computer, and general electronics items. Advance table reservations are required - NO table sales at the door. 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) 579-2196 and you will be contacted. You can also send an inquiry 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>.

Using a Mac in the Shack By Dan Romanchik, KB6NU

A couple of years ago, I decided to switch to the Mac for business use. (I am a freelance website developer.) I haven't regretted it for a second. The thing just seems to work better.

Last October, I decided to switch to a Mac in the shack and purchased used, iBook G4 Mac laptop. Unfortunately, I can't say that I've never regretted this move. The reason I sometimes regret this choice is that there just aren't as many ham radio programs available for the Mac as there are for the PC, and those that are available are either more expensive than their PC counterparts or don't work as well.

For example, let's take a look at logging programs. When I first started looking, I found one that was kind of expensive (MacLoggerDX - www.dogparksoftware.com/MacLoggerDX.html); one that was free, but didn't want to work so well (RUMLog - <http://www.dl2rum.de/rumsoft/RUMLog.html>); and one that worked OK and cost somewhere in between the first two (Aether- www.aetherlog.com/). Considering that there are at least a dozen logging programs that run on a PC, this was slim pickings.

I ended up purchasing Aether, but was never very happy with it. For one thing, it took forever to do any kind of sort or look up previous QSOs. Another pain was that it carried over none of the information from the previous contact, so you had to enter all of the information from scratch, even if you didn't change frequencies or bands. It also had an odd way of doing notes about a contact, and I was disappointed to find out that it didn't import the notes from the ADIF file I created from the N3FJP logging program I used previously.

For PSK, It's CocoaModem

I had much the same experience when looking for a PSK31 program. Instead of a the wide variety of PC PSK programs, I only found a couple of Mac programs that decode PSK. Fortunately, I am much happier with my choice here (cocoaModem - homepage.mac.com/chen/index.html). It's a great program, with a polished user interface, and it's free, to boot.

The only problem with cocoaModem is that it doesn't support the wide range of digital modes that some of the PC programs do. One I'm interested in is SSTV. Unfortunately, cocoaModem doesn't do SSTV.

A Happy Ending

Well, a couple of weeks ago, I'd had enough of Aether and decided to start searching for logging software again. Since RUMLog was still free, I decided to give the new version (v 3.0, March 15, 2008) a go. I'm happy to report that this version likes my computer a lot better, and I like using it a lot!

One of the coolest things is that it did import the notes from my N3FJP ADIF file properly. So, now, when I type in a callsign, the program searches the database, finds all the previous contacts I've had with that station, and then displays them in spreadsheet style WITH the notes. If I've taken notes about a previous conversation, I can pick up right where I left off. Very cool.

It also has a very nice way of showing you what countries you've worked, on what bands you've worked them, and whether or not you've QSLed that country or not. Not only that, it shows what type of QSL you have, either a paper QSL or a Logbook of the World (LOTW) QSL.

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For Sale & Wanted



For Sale: MFJ-1275T sound card interface. Configured for the Yaesu FT-847, but can be easily reprogrammed for Kenwood, I-Com, or Ten-Tec rigs. Complete in original box with software and all cables and AC power supply. New \$120; asking \$75.

Steve Nardin, W9SAN, w9san (at) arrl.net or 260-483-4039

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For Sale:

- 2 ea. Icom IC2100, \$150 ea.
- Kenwood TS140, \$400
- Heath HW 7 QRP on HF, \$75
- Drake R4C Receiver (needs repair), \$100
- 2 ea. 10 ft. (20 ft. total) mast pipes that are stuck together, \$20
- 1960s 60 watt HF & 6 CW/AM, \$200
- Cushcraft AV5 vertical antenna, \$75

Contact Bob, N9SJB, 489-5821

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For sale: ICOM 706 MKIIG & extras

With my commute shortened now to just 3 minutes, I find I don't have the time for HF mobiling, so my 706 is looking for a new ride.

One-owner radio purchased new in 2003. All bands, modes and features working as they should.

Extras include separation cable and kit, FL-223 SSB narrow filter, FL232 CW/RTTY narrow filter, HM 154T microphone for DTMF, stock hand microphone, mobile mounting bracket, accessory plugs, original boxes and manual. Power cord included but has been shortened to a pigtail. You'll need to splice or purchase new one.

Close up pictures available by email. \$850.00 for complete package. \$650.00 for the stock radio/mic minus the filters and DTMF microphone.

I can bring it to the club meeting on 9/13 if you are interested. Just let me know.

Tim, W9THD, murray (at) wthd.net

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Free to good home. Home made 6 meter 5 element beam antenna. Boom length is 12 feet and the longest element is 10 feet. This is a very solid base station antenna; not for portable installations. The antenna

is currently located in southwest Fort Wayne. If interested contact Tom / N9TB at 260-747-2714 or at n9tb@verizon.net.

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For Sale:

These are M2 brand VHF antennas:

- 6M5X 6 meter 5 element yagi, \$130
- 2M5WL--2 meter 5 wavelengths yagi, \$125
- 222 5WL 222 MHz 5 wavelengths yagi, \$130
- 432 9WL 432 MHz 9 wavelengths yagi, \$110

Directive Systems Brand Loop Yagis--Both are New

- 33 element 900 MHz antenna \$150
- 55 element 1296 Mhz antenna \$175

- 400 Watt 2 meter amplifier, AM6154 already converted to 2 meters, \$300

Local pick up in Garrett only

indianaham at gmail.com

Eric, KT8O, Garrett, IN

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Wanted: 20 meter beam in good condition

Contact Rob Railsback, rails_2 (at) yahoo.com

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For Sale:

- Hy-Gain 3 element TH-3-MK3 beam, (all ss hardware and approx. 6 ft. steel mast)
- CDE Ham III series 2, Rotor System (with approx. 100' of 8 wire cable) and the direction control box.
- 25 ft. Mr. Wiggs tower with home brew tilt-over base and steel support for the gable end of house.

This system sells now for well over twice my asking price of \$275 (and you take it down). I have QSL's and WAC certificate to verify it's operation.

You can see this antenna at 21 Oak Drive, North Manchester IN. Phone, 260-982-0607, email efbarr (at) gmail.com

Francis Barr, W9ETT

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Update on items from N9NRO's estate sale:

All of the remaining material has been transferred to Phil's Ham Radio Store in New Haven.

If you are still in need of a manual for anything you bought, contact Dave Evans, N9LOV at dlevansjunkbox (at) comcast.net.



Test Points

09-Oct-2008
 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-Oct-2008
 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

15-NOV-2006
 SPONSOR: FORT WAYNE VE TEAM
 TIME: 9:00 AM (WALK-INS ALLOWED)
 CONTACT: TOM BAKER
 (260)747-2714
 EMAIL: N9TB@ARRL.NET
 VEC: W5YI VEC
 LOCATION: ALLEN COUNTY WAR MEMORIAL COLI-
 SEUM
 4000 PARNELL AVENUE
 FORT WAYNE, IN 46802

27-Dec-2008
 Sponsor: UNSPONSORED
 Time: 2:00 PM (No walk-ins)
 Contact: STEPHEN J KOUTS
 (419)238-5560
 VEC: ARRL/VEC
 Location: VAN WERT COUNTY EMA
 1220 OLD LINCOLN HWY
 BUSINESS US 30 EAST
 HOMELAND SECURITY BUILDING
 VAN WERT, OH 45891

Help Needed for Zion Lutheran Academy Radio Club



I am writing on behalf of Zion Lutheran Academy. Richard Malmstrom, our previous Radio Club leader, was called up into active duty in the Navy. We have no one here at the Academy who is licensed to use our equipment. We are hoping to find someone who would be willing to volunteer a few hours a month to work with our students. If you know of anyone who may be interested, please contact me.

Thank you for your help.

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 Sarah Hollman
 Zion Lutheran Academy
 2313 Hanna Street
 Fort Wayne, Indiana 46803
 260.745.2979



2008 Foxhunt Schedule

Oct 13 6:30
 Nov 9 1:30
 Dec - No Hunt

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



Regional Hamfests

Date	Location	Contact Phone	URL or E-mail
11 Oct 2008	Crown Point, IN	219-662-0594	http://www.qsl.net/w9lj
12 Oct 2008	Kalamazoo, MI	269-665-7419	http://www.kalamazoohamfest.com
18 Oct 2008	Holland, MI	616-394-9821	http://www.hollandarc.org
26 Oct 2008	Sterling Heights, MI	586-864-4563	http://www.usecaarc.com
8 Nov 2008	Georgetown, OH	937-446-2338	http://www.garcOhio.net/
9 Nov 2008	Evansville, IN	812-333-4116	http://w9ear.org/hamfest.htm
15-16 Nov 2008	Fort Wayne, IN	260-579-2196	http://www.fortwaynehamfest.com

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



**The Foxhunt Chronicals
September 2008
Al Burke, WB9SSE**

The eighth FWRC foxhunt for 2008 was held on the 7th of September and occurred on a thunderstorm threatening cool pre-fall Monday evening. For this hunt six eager hunter vehicles were locked and loaded and ready to chase after the wiley fox. The hunters included the teams of Jim & Annie Pliett and Carole & Al Burke, (K9OMA, KA9YYI, WB9RUS & WB9SSE), Woody Woodbury, (KC9CGN), Carl & Renee Thomas, (WB9YBI & KC9KTG), John Welsh (KC9AFE), Steve & Linda Nardin, (W9SAN & XYL) and Dale Kubichek, (N6JSX).

Jim and Kim Machamer, (KB9's DOT & DOS), Brian and Debbie Jenks, (W9BGJ & KB9ZQG), and Phil Hooper (AB9IZ) served as the fox and they hid-out on the back property of the former Eagles Lodge off Dawkins Rd. and I469 just east of New Haven. (This turned out to be one of the more diabolical fox lairs that this foxhunter has run across in his memory). The hunt started at 6:35 p.m. with the fox running about 50 watts into a vehicle mounted vertical. The fox later switched to a buried cross-band handheld when the hunters had localized their quarry.

The hunters, as usual, started out from the Off-Track Betting Parlor parking lot at Lima and Washington Center Roads. The K9OMA, KA9YYI, WB9SSE, WB9RUS team were the first hunters out of the parking lot and started racing east in the general direction of New Haven. From there it went downhill. They had indications that the fox HAD to be located on the River Walk-Way in Kreager Park in New Haven. The author could swear that I saw an affidavit pop out of Jim Pliett's van's dashboard indicating the exact latitude and longitude of the fox. But alas, that was not the case. Then the team deduced that it just HAD to be located in Phil Hooper's Ham Radio

Year to date team member Foxhunt points through September are as follows:

HUNTER:	K9OMA	KA9YYI	WB9SSE	WB9RUS	W9SAN	KC9CGN	WB9YBI	KC9KTG
POINTS:	16.0	7.0	16.0	16.0	4.0	17.5	14.0	14.0
HUNTER:	KB9DOS	KB9DOT	KB9LOF	W9BGJ	KB9ZQG	KC9AFE	N6JSX	
POINTS:	11.5	11.5	1.5	8.0	8.0	6.0	1.0	

Mac in the Shack, cont. from pg. 7

And, after you supply your user ID and password, it will download your LOTW QSLs and update the appropriate QSO records. Very cool!

Still unresolved is what to use for contesting. None of the programs I've seen so far are useful for contesting, and I think that what I will end up doing is using my old PC laptop running N3FJP or N1MM software. I'm not a big contester, so I think I can live with that.

One thing is for sure--I'm not going back to the PC aside from some niche applications like contesting. The Mac's ease of use and ease of setup has won me over. For infor-

store location in downtown New Haven,wrong!!! Then, because of a fox reference to "the Eagle", the team went racing out west on the Lincoln Highway where a vaguely remembered (by one of the females on this team) bar called "The Eagle" was thought to be located,wrong!!! Then we once again started believing our DF instruments and consequently headed east on the Lincoln Highway eventually finding the entrance to the Eagle Lodge near Interstate 469. We drove into the Eagle's lot and behind the building and got confusing readings when we listened to a fox broadcast. At this point it was dark, the female and male contingents of the team were frustrated with each other, ("turn left, no, turn right...Go East, no go West..."), so we said "phooey", (that's not actually what we said), and gave up the hunt....the first time in our team's history.

It turned out that of the six teams that started the hunt three gave up, the Pliett/Burke team, the Steve & Linda Nardin team, and evidently Dale Kubichek. However three other teams persevered and found the quarry. First to the fox was Woody Woodbury, followed by Carl & Renee Thomas, and finally John Welsh.

Eventually the Pliett/Burke team wound their way to the fox's general location behind the Eagle Lodge after being vectored-in GCA style by Phil Hooper. (This was a diabolical fox hide site). But since we had declared ourselves out of the hunt, we did not go searching further for the little critter.

Following the hunt everyone proceeded to the Steak-N-Shake near I-469 and treated themselves to hamburgers, fries, various desserts and comradeship.

As a result of this hunt's outcome, Woody Woodbury will serve as next month's fox. It is scheduled to occur on Sunday, October 13 starting from the Off-Track Betting Parlor parking lot at 6:30 p.m. Why don't you plan to join us?

mation on even more ham radio software for the Mac, go to www.machamradio.com.

When not trying to convince his friends and family to convert to the Mac, Dan works a lot of CW and PSK, and even a little SSB, on 20, 30, and 40m. You can read more about his adventures in amateur radio by pointing your Web browser to www.kb6nu.com.

NOTE: Dan's blog appears on <http://kb6nu.com/>>

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

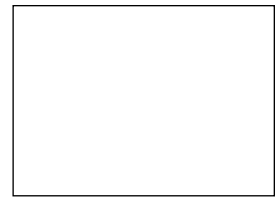
- (please submit any changes or corrections to the editor)
- IMO:** meets nightly at 6:30 p.m. on 146.88-
- Tri State Two Meter Net:** meets daily at 7 p.m. on 147.015+
- 21 Repeater Group:** meets each Wednesday at 9 p.m. on 147.150
- Help and Swap Net:** Mondays at 9:00 p.m. 146.94(-)

6 Meter SSB/AM Net: Tuesdays at 8:00 p.m. EDT or EST on 50.580 MHz Net controls: K9RFZ & W9SAN

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.

Allen County HamNews
 PO BOX 10342
 FORT WAYNE, IN 46851



TO:



Activities Calendar

Date	Time	Event	Place
10/13/08	6:30 PM	foxhunt	off track betting parking lot, Washington Ctr. & Lima Rds.
10/14/08	7:00 PM	ACARTS Board Meeting	Salvation Army Center
10/17/08	7:00 PM	FWRC Meeting	GSUMC
10/21/08	7:00 PM	ACARTS General Meeting	Salvation Army Center
11/7/08	--->	deadline for Nov. ACHN items	
11/9/08	1:30 PM	foxhunt	off track betting parking lot, Washington Ctr. & Lima Rds.
11/11/08	7:00 PM	FWRC Board Meeting	GSUMC
11/11/08	7:00 PM	ACARTS Board Meeting	Salvation Army Center
11/15-16/08		FW Hamfest	Coliseum
11/21/08	7:00 PM	FWRC Meeting	GSUMC
11/28/08	--->	deadline for Dec. ACHN items	
12/2/08	7:00 PM	FWRC Board Meeting	GSUMC
12/9/08	7:00 PM	ACARTS Board Meeting	Salvation Army Center
12/12/08	6:30 PM	FWRC Christmas Banquet	GSUMC
12/16/08	7:00 PM	ACARTS Christmas Party	Casa D'Angelo on Fairfield Ave.
1/2/09	--->	deadline for Jan. ACHN items	