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Allen County ARES Simulated Emergency Test on October 10



The Allen County Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) will conduct a simulated emergency test (SET) on October 10. The incident will occur between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., but the specific time will not be announced in advance so the activation will more closely occur as in a real incident rather than a planned event. All ARES members are expected to participate and other licensed operators are encouraged to participate in the call-out net. Assignments will be based on the incident needs, operator resources, and operator skill.

This SET has several objectives;

- 1) Measure real-time incident response during live activation
- 2) Demonstrate capability to link all 5 area hospitals and test their antenna systems
- 3) Test and assess coordination between CERT and ARES during a neighborhood disaster assessment scenario
- 4) Test and assess multi-county ARES coordination using voice and digital modes

Per instructions from Tony Langer, W9AL, the Indiana ARES Section Emergency Coordinator, participating stations may not use utility power to run their stations.

If you are assigned to a facility with an installed and functioning backup power source which could be used during loss of utility power, then you will be allowed to operate from the grid for the proposed scenario. Stations operating from residences may use batteries or alternative power sources such as gas generators.

All ARES members should prepare a 24 hour kit prior to the SET. Make certain to include fully charged backup batteries for HT's and a county-wide road map. Many of the assignments will require driving to a location and operating for up to 4 hours. Refer to the Allen County Volunteer Emergency Communication Plan for other items to include in your 24 hour kit. Plan accordingly and be prepared for a variety of situations. Participate in the weekly ARES net on Tuesdays at 9:00 p.m. on the 146.94 repeater for updates.

Joseph Lawrence, K9RFZ
Indiana Section, District 3 ARES Emergency Coordinator

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Deadline for the November issue is Friday, 11/6/09.

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<http://www.FWRC.info/>

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/FWRC/>

ACARTS: <http://www.acarts.com>

Ft. Wayne DX Assoc.: <http://www.qsl.net/fwdxa/>

ARES: http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Allen_Co_IN_ARES/
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President's Corner



I want to thank Joseph Lawrence, K9RFZ, and Carl Thomas, WB9Y-BI, for the presentation on satellite contacts at the September General meeting. It was a lot of fun to head out to the parking lot and actually make a couple of satellite contacts during the presentation. It was exciting to see that most of us already have the equipment we need to make satellite contacts; all we needed was a little encouragement. If you go out and make some satellite contacts on your own; let us know at the next club meeting.

Normally at this point in my article I would let you know what this month's General Meeting program will be, but it is not solidified yet so I don't know. But as we get closer to the meeting I will be making announcements on the IMO net to let you know so stay tuned. The General Meeting will be Friday October 16th at 7:00 PM at Good Shepherd UMC. It will be the last general meeting before the Fort Wayne Hamfest.

Speaking of the hamfest, it is hard to believe that the Fort Wayne Hamfest is just around the corner. Remember to mark your calendars for Saturday November 14th and Sunday November 15th for the Fort Wayne Hamfest. There will be VE testing on Saturday morning. Because of the way the Saturdays fall this year, we will not have VE testing the first Saturday in November at the Boy Scout Office. We did not think it would make sense to have testing on back to back weekends. If you would like to visit a test session before the Hamfest there will be a session with the Whitley County VE test group on Halloween morning at the Peabody Library in Columbia City.

The Fort Wayne Radio Club November General Meeting will be Friday November 20th and will be the Friday following the Hamfest. Of course the December General Meeting will be our annual Christmas banquet carry in dinner. That is

always a special time of fellowship so be looking forward to both of those meetings as well.

Don't forget that the October General Meeting is also elections for officers for the Fort Wayne Radio Club for 2010. All the board positions are one year terms and this is a great opportunity to get more involved in the club activities and make new friends. We will be taking more nominations from the membership before elections during the business portion of the meeting. We always encourage new participation on the board to keep the fresh ideas coming. I also want to thank those that have been serving on the board for 2009. We have a hard working team and we have had a very good year this year.

Remember the October General Meeting is Friday October 16th at 7:00 PM. I hope that we see you there.

Tom / N9TB

FWRC Meeting
Oct. 16, 7:00 p.m.
Program: Elections + TBA



Photos from the 18 Sep. 2009 FWRC Meeting

photos by Vic Guess, WB9UZA



Faster Than a Speeding Pigeon?



from *The ARRL Letter* – In South Africa, an information technology company proved that it was faster for them to transmit data with a carrier pigeon than to send it using Telkom, the country's leading Internet service provider. Internet speed and connectivity in Africa's largest economy are poor due to a shortage of bandwidth and its high cost. Local news agency SAPA reported that on September 9, an 11 month old pigeon named Winston took 68 minutes to fly the 50 miles from Unlimited IT's offices near Pietermaritzburg to the coastal city of Durban with a data card strapped to his leg. Including downloading, the transfer took two hours, six minutes and 57 seconds -- the time it took for only four percent of the data to be transferred using a Telkom line. SAPA said Unlimited IT performed the stunt after becoming frustrated with slow internet transmission times. The company has 11 call centers around the country and regularly sends data to its other branches. Internet speed is expected to improve once a new 11,000 mile underwater fiber optic cable linking southern and East Africa to other networks becomes operational before South Africa hosts the soccer World Cup next year.

Fort Wayne Radio Club Meeting Notes 18 September 2009



- 1) Meeting was begun at 7:00 p.m. by President Tom Baker. The satellite pass was moved to 8:00 p.m., so the business meeting was run first after all..
- 2) We had introductions for everyone. Approx 35 people attended.
- 3) The Fox Hunt report was delivered by Carl, WB9YBI. (he won the hunt)
- 4) Joseph K9RFZ gave reports on upcoming walk a thons. There was a walk on Saturday the 19th at Franke Park.
- 5) The VHF QSO party was discussed. Conditions were poor, so only about 50 contacts were made.
- 6) Jim , KB9IH, talked about the upcoming Fort Wayne Hamfest. VE testing for November was cancelled, due to the closeness of the HF test session.
- 7) Nominations were then held. A list is included at the end of this mail.
- 8) Tresurer's report was read by W8ST
- 9) After the meeting the satellite demo was run by Carl WB9YBI and Joseph K9RFZ. We were able to listen to traffic on the SaudiSat SO-50, and listened and made contacts via the AO-51 Fuji Sat as it passed over North America. After that, we went inside for a Powerpoint presentation and video on Satellite operation.

Nominations are curenly as follows:

PRES N9TB
VEP KC9CGN
SEC WB9SSE
TREA W8ST
COMM W9SAN

BOD1: Vic Guess WB9UZA (newsletter)
BOD2: Carole Burke WB9RUS
BOD3: Charles KC9MUT
BOD4: Richard N9HRA
BOD5: Carl Thomas WB9YBI
BOD6: Bowman K9FMX

That's it! Great meeting!!

73, Steve, W9SAN

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President's Message



It is October already and the Hamfest is a little over a month away. Managers should be contacting workers for the different jobs that we need to put on a Hamfest. If you haven't heard from a manager and want the same job and time slot that you had last year, contact your manager. If you are a new member or ham and want to help at the Hamfest, contact Jim Boyer, KB9IH. It takes a lot of people to put on a successful Hamfest, and we could use your help.

I would like to thank Steve Nardin, W9SAN, for last month's program. He gave a very interesting and informative program on VHF contesting. He visited the site of the top VHF group in the country located on the east coast. He gave a PowerPoint presentation about VHF contesting and what it involves and is all about. There are many modes and frequencies. He also had a slide show about the groups efforts. At the time that I am writing this message, I do not have a program lined up yet. Watch your email for details.

And now a word from the green thumb. My garden is done for the year. When they forecast a chance of frost for early Thursday, Oct. 1st on Wednesday afternoon, I decided that it was time to harvest what peppers and cherry tomatoes I still had on the vines. If I left them, the frost would damage them. The only thing I have left to do is plant some more hardy mums. I need to replace a few that did not survive last winter. I bought those on Wednesday ahead of a possible frost. They are sitting on my living room floor until I get a chance to plant them.

It is time for nominations for officers and managers for 2010. The nominations are in October, with the elections to be held in November at the general meeting. Members who are in good standing according to the Constitution and By-Laws of ACARTS are eligible to run for and hold an office in ACARTS. That's all I have for now.

73,
Vic, KA9LTV

ACARTS Program

The program for October has not been finalized as of press time. Watch your email or check the website for details when they become available.

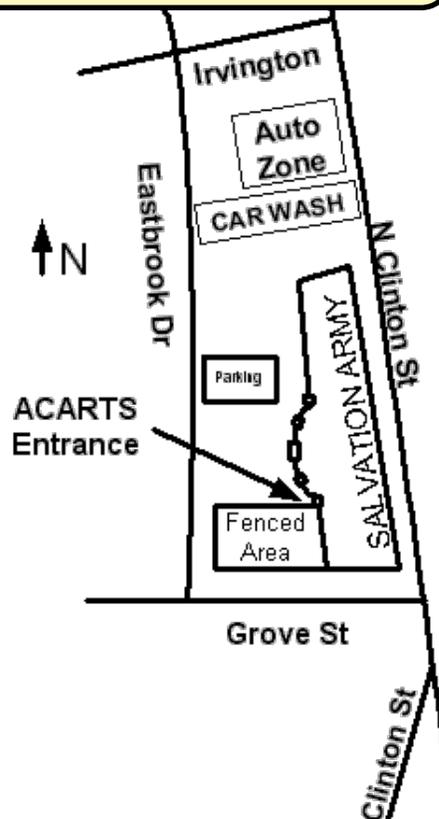
73,
Vic, KA9LTV



Meeting Schedule

ACARTS General Meeting:
10/20/09, 7:30 p.m., Program: TBA

Next Board Meeting: 10/20/09,
7:00 p.m. (prior to general meeting)
All members are encouraged to attend.



Technician License Class Offered by K9RFZ



For the sixth time in 3 years, Joseph Lawrence, K9RFZ will be offering a free Technician license class at IPFW. The class begins on Saturday October 17 from noon to 4:00 p.m. and continues for the following three Saturdays leading

to the VE test session at the Fort Wayne Hamfest on November 14. Interested students are encouraged to order the ARRL Technician License Manual through K9RFZ since he receives a discount for group purchases directly from the ARRL. Student cost will be \$20 and the books are delivered at the first meeting.

This class emphasizes hands-on participation and live demos to teach amateur radio operating skills. Memorizing test answers may get you past the test, but hands-on practice and mentoring will give you the confidence to make your first on air contact when your call sign shows up in the FCC Universal Licensing System. For more information, contact Joseph Lawrence at k9rfz@yahoo.com.

The Thumb - Norm Fusaro, W3IZ

from *ARRL Club News* – Let's consider the thumb for a moment. The thumb's ability to work with all the fingers on the hand makes it very important to humans. The opposable thumb separates humans (and primates) from other animals and is responsible for most human accomplishments. Because thumbs give us dexterity and allow us to use tools, we have been able to build many wondrous things. Some of these things are as small and intricate as a Swiss watch and as grandiose as skyscrapers and vehicles that allow us to explore beyond our planet. It is absolutely amazing that if not for the opposable thumb and the human brain that controls it, pretty much everything in our world would not be possible.

There is a lot of power in the thumb. Pointed downward a thumb could send a gladiator to his death. Hung out along a roadway the thumb can stop a car. Authorities keep subordinates under their thumb to maintain control. The thumb lets us know when we've done a good job, calls out baseball players, gives an artist perspective, counts money and can pacify a crying baby. The thumb also has a sinister side. We can thumb our nose at people, card cheats use the thumb to deal from the bottom of the deck or mark cards with a thumbnail, and the dishonest butcher has been known to place his heavy thumb on the scale.

September 2009 ACARTS Board Meeting Minutes



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

Vic announced that the September program would be on VHF contesting presented by Steve Nardin, W9SAN.

Jim, KB9IH, stated that Brett, the Event Coordinator, is no longer with the Coliseum.

No other business was discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Submitted by Dave Lindquist, W9LKH

September 2009 ACARTS General Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Vic, KA9LTV.

Vic asked if anyone had any ideas for the October and November programs.

After refreshments, Steve, W9SAN, gave a presentation on VHF contesting.

Submitted by Dave Lindquist, W9LKH

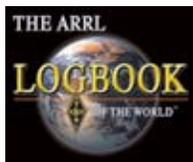
For as much as the thumb has done to enhance our lives it seems that the index finger has been getting a lot of exercise recently. The index finger is very good at pointing however a pointing finger has not really accomplished as many positive things as the thumb has. Sure the index finger may dial a telephone, but without the thumb the telephone would never have been built. Pointing fingers send people away, poke-out eyes and blame others for our condition. In every aspect of our lives we see people pointing the finger of blame rather than accepting responsibility. A kid fails in school not because the teacher taught the lesson poorly, but because he failed to study. A lady scalds herself with hot coffee not because the restaurant did not label the cup--she was scalded because she put hot coffee in her lap. People find it easier to point a finger instead of planting their thumb in their chest and saying "I am the one who will make a difference." If you ever feel the need to point a finger remember the thumb and all that is possible because of it. Let's metaphorically use our opposable thumbs to grip the rope and pull in the same direction.

ARRL Logbook of the World

By Gary Stebbins, KC9GGV

FWDXA

Ft Wayne DX Association



In the July issue of the Ham News I mentioned the ARRL Logbook of the World (ARRL LotW) as a means of confirming QSL's electronically. Confirmations thru the ARRL LotW are the only means by which ARRL Awards (ARRL DXCC and ARRL WAS) may be confirmed as an alternative to actual QSL cards. The only requirement for U.S. amateurs to use the ARRL LotW is that you must be a current member of the ARRL if you wish to receive award credit. The Logbook of the World web site is located here. www.arrl.org/lotw

To use the ARRL LotW you will need a personal computer and an internet connection. Windows, Mac and Linux operating systems are supported. The software for your operating system is available on the ARRL LotW web site. <http://www.arrl.org/lotw/download.html>

The ARRL LotW first went live on September 15, 2003. Today there are over 28,000 users on the system with active accounts. Over 232 million QSO records have been uploaded to the LotW and this has resulted in over 22 million QSL confirmations. The number of users with certificates on the ARRL LotW has tripled since I first setup my account in February 2005.

Ok, you ask yourself why would I want to use the ARRL LotW? Well if you have done any direct QSL's with any overseas stations, then you already know that the average cost of exchanging a single QSL card works out to about three dollars or more. That is for just ONE single card! Another problem with direct QSL's is that some of the overseas postal services are not as efficient (or honest) as ours. I have received envelopes from oversea where the corners of the envelope have been cut off where dishonest postal workers are looking for currency in the envelopes.

Another excellent feature of the ARRL LotW is that if you already have a DXCC account you will be able to

view all of your QSL's on the system. If you received your DXCC prior to setting up your LotW account it is simply a matter of requesting that your LotW account be linked with your existing DXCC account(s). You will also want to request that your ARRL Worked All States (WAS) records be linked to your ARRL LotW account. All ARRL DXCC awards and contacts have been maintained by computer at the ARRL since the mid-1990's.

One other great thing about working another station that is using the ARRL LotW is you have the opportunity to have a confirmation in matter of minutes or hours. Recently I had a PSK31 contact with a station in Japan. During our QSO we discovered we were both LotW users. Within two hours I had a confirmation of our QSO (QSL) on the LotW system.

Today nearly all of the logging programs provide a method for uploading your QSO data to the ARRL LotW. My logging software (DXKeeper) lets me upload QSO data whenever I wish. DXKeeper also maintains a record of the QSL confirmations and tracks awards and countries (entities) that have been worked. It does this by synchronizing with the QSL confirmations on the ARRL LotW via the internet.

Applying for awards with the LotW is a very simple operation and is fully explained in the LotW documentation on the web site. Therefore I won't go into detail here. But, you do have to purchase credits for each QSL you wish to confirm for an award submission. Depending on how many credits you purchase the price varies from fifteen to twenty-five cents per credit. This is in addition to the award fee.

When you are applying for an award (i.e. DXCC or WAS) it is not necessary that all of the QSL's be on the LotW. You can have a combination of QSL cards and LotW confirmations. In fact my first DXCC award in 2006 was 48 LotW confirmations and 52 QSL cards. I worked with Carl Luetzelschwab, K9LA as our local ARRL DXCC card checker to complete the submission for the award.

73 and Good DX.

CQ WW SSB Phone Contest

Would You Like To Participate In A Contest?

Carl, K9LA and I were discussing the contest for this year. Once again we will be running a multi/two station at Carl's QTH on Pion Road. Last year we had six operators for the contest we would like to have more if possible. We were only able to operate 30 hours of the 48 hour contest.

If you have never participated in a phone contest or if you have and would like the opportunity to do so as part of a team, please let Carl or I know that you are interested and would like to join us.

The contest starts on Friday evening at 0000 UTC on 24 October 2009 (or 8:00 PM local - I think - as goofed up as DST is now I am not sure).

We ran two amps and had full computer logging in place (N1MM) and will do the same this year. It is lot of fun and we hope you wouldlike to join us.

Gary Email: kc9ggv@arrl.net or
Carl Email: k9la@arrl.net

73 and Good DX

Gary - KC9GGV

Fort Wayne Hamfest and Computer Expo Indiana State A.R.R.L. Convention November 14 - 15, 2009, Fort Wayne, Indiana

The 37th 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 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>.

Bill Meints, N9NAI, SK

Bill Meints, N9NAI, 73 passed away Monday, September 14, 2009, at St Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He worked as a lens grinder for many years in Fort Wayne. He was avid amateur radio operator operating as N9NAI and participating in many events supporting amateur radio in Fort Wayne and around the world. Bill also served in the United States Air Force 1954-1955.

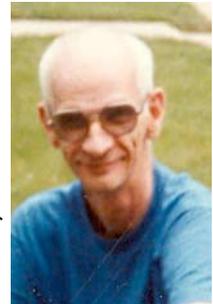
He is survived by his daughter Mary (Jeff) and grand son Mitchel Patton of Phoenix, AZ ; a brother Cliff (Lita) Meints of Indianola, IA; a step daughter Cindy Fluttrow and step grand daughter Kristina Stuckey of Fort Wayne; former wife Darlane Deck of Fort Wayne, a host of nieces, nephews and great-nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends. Bill was proceeded in death by his parents, Bert and Millie Meints.

Committal Services will be held on December 30, 2009, at 2:00 p.m. at Concordia Gardens Cemetery, 5300 Lake Ave Fort Wayne, in the chapel. Arrangements by D.O. McComb & Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society. To sign the online guest book, go to [combandsons.com. \(courtesy of Indiana's News-Center: Fort Wayne WPTA-TV & WISE-TV\)](http://www.mc-</p>
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Bill was a General Class Operator and was very active in Amateur Radio Military Appreciation Day events, www.armad.net; and passing of weather related and emergency traffic for the local clubs in Allen County.



Bill was widely known throughout the United States, and around the world for his involvement in Amateur Radio. Bill was always willing and ready to help any cause for Amateur Radio. He worked numerous public service events. (Submitted by Emery McClendon, KB9IBW)



For Sale & Wanted

- Realistic PRO-2004 scanner, modified for 400 channels, 25 MHz - 520 MHz, 760 MHz - 1300 MHz: \$100.
- Alinco DR-1200 2M packet transceiver, modified for 9600 baud packet, \$75.
- MFJ-1270B packet radio TNC (1200 baud): \$40.
- MFJ CMOS-440 battery-powered electronic keyer w/built-in paddle: \$20.
- AEA PK-64 multimode TNC for Commodore 64 computers only: \$20.
- MFJ-1228 CW/RTTY interface for Vic 20 or Commodore 64 computers only: \$10.
- Cushcraft 2 m Ringo 3 dB base antenna: \$20.

Contact Jay, wb9mds@arrl.net.

FOR SALE:

- One Hy-Gain AV-640 Patriot vertical 40 thru 6 meter 8-band. Does not use radials (Sells new for \$380). \$190
- One GAP Titan DX 75 thru 10 meter 8 band vertical Does not require radials. \$180
- One Hustler 4BTV vertical (10-15-20-40 meters) requires radials or good ground if ground mounted. \$40
- Motorola Service Bench. Work surface 7ft X 34in masonite over steel. Has 7ftx15in riser with 7ft power strip. Two drawers and shelf under benchtop. Will need to be taken apart. Can email photo. \$125.00

All for pickup in Bluffton.

Call Bill, W9PPG
260-273-1494
wswart@parlorcity.com

FOR SALE:

Tower (Rohn HDBX-48 – some rust)
Cushcraft 11 element 70cm beam (A449-11)
Cushcraft 20 element dual phase beam (A148-20T)
Comet 146/443 MHz 8.5/12 dB gain collinear antenna (GP-9)

Cornell-Dubilier CDE HAM II rotor (now HyGain)
Discone antenna (50-1200 MHz)
4 - approx 120 foot runs of Beldon 8214 equiv low loss coax
2 – approx 120 foot and 1 70 foot run of RG8X “mini” RG8 coax
1 - approx 120 feet of R&L 8 conductor (2/16 6/18) rotor cable
Cross boom for 70 cm beam antenna
Cross boom for discone and inverted V longwire
Estimated 15 foot very heavy duty mast pipe out of the rotor
In the air now - I will tilt over, you disassemble and haul away. - \$1000

Don Gagnon WB8HQS,
260-484-3317
don@digiwonders.com

FREE:

- Epson Stylus Color 880 printer
 - used floppy disks
 - two 14" VGA monitors
- Call Vic, WB9UZA, 260-485-7472, wb9uza@arrl.net

For Sale:

Kenwood TR-2400 (Works, could use a display).
Power Amp (25 watt).
Homebrew Yagi.
45 feet coax.
Homebrew base.
Photo link:
<<http://www.acarts.com/images/Radio.JPG>>
Asking \$75 for all.
Steve OShaughnessy, steveo250k@yahoo.com
My cell is 609-3360



Test Points

08-Oct-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.

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GREENCROFT BLVD

GREENCROFT RETIREMENTCOMMUNITY

SENIOR CENTER

GOSHEN, IN 46525

27-Oct-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

31-Oct-2009

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

WWW.WCARC.ORG

COLUMBIA CITY, IN 46725

14-NOV-2009

SPONSOR: FORT WAYNE VE TEAM

TIME: 9:00 AM (WALK-INS ALLOWED)

CONTACT: TOM BAKER

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EMAIL: N9TB@ARRL.NET

VEC: W5YI VEC

LOCATION: ALLEN COUNTY WAR MEMO-

RIAL COLISEUM

4000 PARNELL AVENUE

FORT WAYNE, IN 46802



24-Nov-2009

Sponsor: GRANT COUNTY ARC

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

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VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: MARION COMMUNITY SCIENCE AND

TECH BUILDING

135 N BRANSON ST

MARION, IN 46952

12-Dec-2009

Sponsor: UNSPONSORED

Time: 2:00 PM (No walk-ins)

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Location: VAN WERT COUNTY EMA

1220 OLD LINCOLN HWY

BUSINESS US 30 EAST

HOMELAND SECURITY BUILDING

VAN WERT, OH 45891

2009 Foxhunt Schedule

Jan.	No Hunt	13 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, Wash-
ington Ctr. & Lima Rds.

Regional Hamfests

Date	Location	Contact Phone	URL or E-mail
10 Oct 2009	Crown Point, IN	219-662-0594	http://www.qsl.net/w9lj
17 Oct 2009	Holland, MI	616-662-1080	http://www.hollandarc.org/?page_id=22
18 Oct 2009	Kalamazoo, MI	269-388-4865	http://www.KalamazooHamFest.com
25 Oct 2009	Sterling Heights, MI		http://www.usecaarc.com
1 Nov 2009	Massillon, OH	330-478-6149	http://www.marcradio.org
7 Nov 2009	Georgetown, OH	937-446-2338	http://www.garcOhio.net/
14-15 Nov 2009	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 2009 – Jim Pliett, K9OMA

The 8th Fox hunt of the 2009 season was held on Monday evening, the 14th of September. The temperature was in the mid 70's and the sky slightly overcast, a very pleasant evening for a hunt.

The September hunters consisted of four teams including Jim & Kim Machamer, KB9's DOT & DOS plus Brian & Debra Jenks, W9BGJ & KB9ZQG, the team of Carl & Renee Thomas, WB9YBI & KC9KTG, Woody Woodbury, KC9CGN and the team of Jim & Annie Pliett, K9OMA & KA9YYI .

The role of the Fox, as it turned out, was heroically provided by Charley Ward, KC9MUT. He was well hidden by native plants and grasses on the west side of the river across from of the New Haven golf course. All hunters had excellent starting signals due to Charlie's use of 50 watts and a long yagi. This yagi was pointed in different directions and polarities during the hunt to further complicate the endeavor.

All of the hunters initially determined that the golf course and park would be the most likely location of the fox. But subsequently this was ruled out by all of the hunters, in our case unfortunately, not so quickly.

Carl and Renee were first to get into the general area. Carl's rabid enthusiasm quickly had him hacking through the

underbrush screaming HOOAH, HOOAH! The HOOAH's were soon replaced by some four letter words as the underbrush tried to swallow him. Renee was seen trailing behind Carl sprinkling Wolf-Bane and garlic on him.

(The fox, i.e. Charlie, was found in a spider hole curled up in a little ball with a terrified look on his face. He stated he didn't know if (Carl's) bellowing was due to an on-the-loose rabid White Rhino, a run-a-way Caterpillar D4, Mrs. Bigfoot with a bad case of PMS, or perhaps a reincarnation of John Rambo in a really p*****-off mood).

In the mean-time while Carl and Renee were regrouping, Woody had also landed. So there was a mad scramble between them to sack the fox with Carl and Renee winning the race. Woody was close behind followed by Jim and Kim and Brian and Deb.

Jim and Annie were the last on the scene by about ten minutes. With total candor we stated that we heard (Carl's) bellowing in the bushes and were not about to go in there with out an elephant gun or an RPG.

The hunters conducted a complete rehash of the hunt and had a subsequent session of physiological consoling at Steak and Shake. It is rumored that a bottle with a brown liquid was passed around to calm those who participated and experienced the "Bellowing Carl" effect. Victim crisis resolution teams are being considered.

Note, the next fox hunt is scheduled for Sunday, October 4th, starting at the Off Track Betting Parlor parking lot at 13:30.

Year To Date Foxhunt Scores

K9OMA	KA9YYI	WB9SSE	WB9RUS	W9SAN	KC9CGN	WB9YBI	KC9KTG
18	18	17	17	1	18	21.5	16
KB9DOS	KB9DOT	KC9AFE	KC9MUT	AB9IZ	KF6CCN	WB9BGJ	KB9ZQG
18.5	18.5	7	21	6	4	11	11

photos by Jim Pliett, K9OMA



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
- 145.530 (s) W9INX-1 Digipeater and Node

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 times
- 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.
- Emergency Preparedness Net:** Thursdays at 9:00 p.m. on the 146.88 repeater
- Huntington ARES:** Saturday at 8:00 p.m. on 146.685
- Whitley Co. ARES:** Wednesdays at 8:00 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 +
- 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:** Sunday at 9:00 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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TO:



Activities Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Place</u>
10/4/09	1:30 PM	foxhunt	off track betting parking lot, Washington Ctr. & Lima Rds.
10/6/09	7:00 PM	FWRC Board Meeting	GSUMC
10/13/09	7:00 PM	ACARTS Board Meeting	Salvation Army Center
10/16/09	7:00 PM	FWRC Meeting	GSUMC
10/20/09	7:00 PM	ACARTS General Meeting	Salvation Army Center
11/1/09	1:30 PM	foxhunt	off track betting parking lot, Washington Ctr. & Lima Rds.
11/6/09	--->	deadline for Nov. ACHN items	
11/10/09	7:00 PM	ACARTS Board Meeting	Salvation Army Center
11/10/09	7:00 PM	FWRC Board Meeting	GSUMC
11/14-15/09		Fort Wayne Hamfest	Coliseum
11/17/09	7:00 PM	ACARTS General Meeting	Salvation Army Center
11/20/09	7:00 PM	FWRC Meeting	GSUMC
12/4/09	--->	deadline for Dec. ACHN items	
12/8/09	7:00 PM	FWRC Board Meeting	GSUMC
12/8/09	7:00 PM	ACARTS Board Meeting	Salvation Army Center
12/15/09	7:00 PM	ACARTS Christmas Party	Casa D'Angelo
12/18/09	6:30 PM	FWRC Christmas Party	GSUMC