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THE FOXHUNT CHRONICLES

The September foxhunt occurred on 13 September, a gorgeous early Fall day. Turns out that three hunter teams were available for this contest. The first team consisted of Steve & Linda Nardin, W9's SAN & LAN plus their grandson Alex. The second team included Charles Ward, KC9MUT, Fred Gengnagel, KC9EZP and Robert Dean, KC9UHU. The third team consisted of Kim & Jim Machamer, KB9's DOS & DOT. This motley crew awaited the 146.160 MHz emissions from the fox at their starting point of Cobin Memorial Park.

Carole & Al Burke, WB9's RUS & SSE served as the fox for this contest. The Pliett's, Jim & Annie, couldn't attend this one as they were up at Soaring Eagle attempting to break the bank. So it was up to the Burke's to find a hide-out for the furry little quarry.

Now it turns out that Carole has been hanging out a bit with Kim lately and it seems that some of the Machamer's crafty (fox hiding) ways have rubbed off on Carole because she picked out a fairly devious spot to ensconce the thing. Although Al objected, muttering that "even Charles, Fred and Robert wouldn't be this cruel", Carole had her way and made Al set up the high power fox on the western



shore of the St. Joe river on the River Greenway adjacent to the Griswold Playlot, with a clear view of the eastern shore of the river. The high power fox consisted of a jumper-battery powered mobile rig pumping about 50 watts into a 4-element yagi aimed south-southeast. (Carole made Al lug all of this stuff from the car, hidden in the Oak River Apartments parking lot, to their lair on the River Greenway.....and batteries, for one, are HEAVY). THEN she made him stash the microfox itself across the river in the ballast rock that lines the eastern shore of the river near Northside Drive and St. Joe Blvd. THEN she made him fabricate a decoy microfox

in the form of a large Bob Evans coffee cup complete with a fake antenna, and with the sign "Nope" printed on the side of it, and had him stash it on the western shore of the river quite near their (high power fox) lair, in order to draw the fox-hunters in. (Yes, sometimes it's like living with Erwin Rommel).

What with all this lugging of gear, building fake microfoxes, and running around both the eastern AND western shores of the St. Joe River, foxhunt transmissions didn't start promptly at 13:30 hours as they're supposed to. And given

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Fort Wayne DX Association:	http://www.qsl.net/fwdxa/
ARES:	http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Allen_Co_IN_ARES/
IN_PACKET Yahoo Group:	http://groups.yahoo.com/group/IN_PACKET/

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Hamsplatter

Fort Wayne Radio Club

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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Thanks to everyone for a great meeting in September! The Homebrew contest showcased the talents of our local hams, the discussion and vote on repair for the 146.76 antennas was greatly appreciated, and thanks to Jim, KB9IH & Charles, KC9MUT, for their presentation on the low cost SDR dongles and the many interesting applications they can be used for. (I need to pick some up myself!) Everyone that entered the Homebrew contest will receive a certificate from the club.

For October, we have the all important club elections. Thankfully, there are a lot of nominations currently registered, including a new president. The listing for BOD is especially full. I truly believe that for the club to continue to prosper and grow, we need fresh people with fresh ideas. We are in sight of our 100th anniversary, and we all want to continue into our second century with a strong view of the future. See the meeting minutes for the election slate.

The October meeting is not just about elections. I am asking for all of you to send me pictures of your Ham Shacks for our "Best Shack" Contest and slide show. Tidy it up just a bit, take some photos, and send them via e-mail to me at W9SAN@YAHOO.COM. I will check my spam folder to make sure nobody's get accidentally deleted! Even if your shack is, maybe not up to QST quality, we would love to see what it looks like when we talk to you on the air! Also, it is always interesting to see how others have utilized their space.

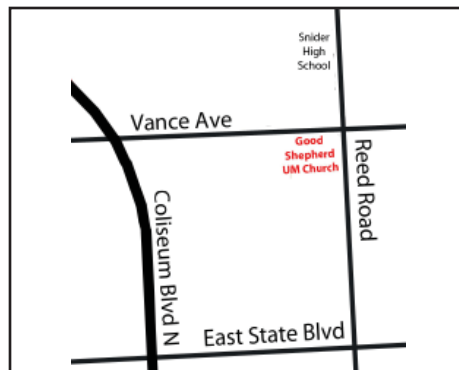


On Saturday, Sept 26th, about 25 local hams helped out during the Fort 4 Fitness races in Fort Wayne. Thousands participated in the event, and the Amateur operation for communication was busy right to the end. Since the 94 machine now has a lower antenna, the link wasn't as strong in years past, but we have no control of Parkview's changes to their property. A new high-profile system at WLDE might have made a big difference. Also, the club does have a portable repeater, and maybe it could have been deployed on top of the parking garage next to Parkview Field. Just thoughts for the future of the event, but a big Thank You to all that helped! Great Job!

Due to the passing of a local ham, W9INA, this last year, we will be doing another on line auction. A Yaesu FTDX-3000 and GAP antenna are the centerpieces of this small auction. Look for an announcement soon about this coming event.

As always, thanks for making the Fort Wayne Radio Club one of, if not the Best, Radio Clubs in Indiana!

Best regards, Steve Nardin, W9SAN



October 20: Election of Officers for 2016 plus the "Best Shack" Contest and slide show.

Unless otherwise scheduled, all meetings are held at 7:00 PM at the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church, 4700 Vance Avenue, Fort Wayne, IN.

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FWRC MEETING MINUTES

The September meeting of the Ft. Wayne Radio Club was held at the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church on 18 September, 2015 and was hosted by club president Steve Nardin, W9SAN. There were about 35 people in attendance for this meeting, and, after reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, everyone present introduced themselves via their call-sign.

Steve addressed the problem with the 146.760 repeater that has had the attention of the repeater committee all summer. The committee has concluded that the problem resides in the 20+ year old Station Master collinear antenna located at the top of the tower, as everything else has been analyzed and eliminated as the source of the problem. As an experiment, the 146.76 machine was switched from the upper antenna to the lower antenna normally used for the 147.255 and 146.390 (digipeater) machines. The 14.760 machine works just fine on the lower antenna. So the conclusion is that the upper antenna needs to be replaced. The expense for a new antenna will be about \$1,200.00 and the cost of a tower climber will be about \$1,500.00 based upon past experience, for a total cost of around \$2,700.00. A motion to replace the antenna was put forward and seconded, and then a vote on the proposal was taken and passed in the affirmative. The repeater committee will work out the details and proceed.

Larry Teminoff, KB9OS reported that IPFW and the Allen County Public Library have elected to put a community oriented

FM radio station on the air in the commercial FM band. The tower atop Kettler Hall, where the 146.910 and ATV repeaters are located, will be used to hang the antenna for this new station. Larry asked, given the lack of activity of the ATV machine, if the ATV antenna could be removed to make room for the FM station's antenna. The club's experience has been that, given the interference caused by frequency hopping systems now used for gas and electric meters remote monitoring in the shared 900 MHz band, the ATV machines output signal (910.25 MHz) has been significantly degraded, so activity has been nil. Hence the club deemed taking the ATV machine out of service at Kettler Hall reasonable.

Larry said that he expected IPFW/ACPL would consider the expense of removing the ATV antennas and feedline from the tower as a part of the cost of their FM station project, and thus it shouldn't represent an expense for the club. A meeting of the IPFW/ACPL project team along with their tower climber contractor is to take place Monday, September 22. Jim Pliett, K9OMA and Al Burke, WB9SSE will attend that meeting representing the FWRC. While there they intend to discuss with the tower climber contractor the possibility of replacing the existing side mount for the 146.910 antenna with a larger one that will increase the side mount distance from the tower leg (to improve the 146.910 pattern in the horizontal plane). The club voted to authorize Jim and Al to negotiate a price, (not to exceed \$500) for this work should it be possible for the

contractor to accomplish it while working on the FM station project.

Steve noted that the club participated in the INPOTA state park on-the-air operating events from Wabash, Chain-O-Lakes and Pokagon state parks last weekend. Contacts were made with operations in a total of 25 state parks and all participants had a good time.

The meeting featured beautiful examples of home built equipment from the work benches of Jim Pliett, K9OMA, Jack Shutt, W9GT and Bill Rodgers, K3HZP, and included a 500 watt six meter linear solid state power amplifier, a keyer, and a 439 MHz ATV transmitter built by Jim Pliett, a full kilowatt HF linear amplifier called "the Kahoona II" built by Jack Shutt, and a "QSK 2500" T/R switch designed and built by Bill Rodgers, K3HZP. Bill is offering the QSK 2500 as a buildable kit and features professional grade components including a printed wiring board. Bill is working on a web page where, among other things, the QSK 2500 will be featured. Pictures of all of the equipment displayed will be featured in the club web page "photos" section.

Nominations were opened for club officers and Board of Director positions to be elected at the October meeting. Persons willing to run for various positions are as follows:

President – Charles Ward, KC9MUT

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State of the Arts

Allen County Amateur Radio Technical Society

P.O. Box 10342, Fort Wayne, IN

ACARTS PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The October General Meeting program will be a presentation and demonstration on Digital Mobile Radio (DMR) and DSTAR by Paul, KA3OPZ. The Hoosier DMR project is rapidly gaining repeaters around the State and a statewide network will soon be established. DMR is a more affordable system than DSTAR. DMR radios are available from several manufacturers. Paul will present both systems, showing the advantages and disadvantages of each. Plan on attending this informative presentation on October 20th, to learn about the up and coming mode of mobile communications.

The Hamfest is only a month and a half away. The dates for the event are Saturday, November 14th and Sunday, November 15th, with setup on Friday afternoon and evening. Workers for the Hamfest are



always needed. If you can give a couple of hours of your time, those hours will be very much appreciated. If you have not previously worked at a Hamfest, please let Jim, KB9IH, know of your desire to help and the day(s) and time(s) that you will be available. Most actual assign-

ment will be made closer to the Hamfest, but please let Jim know your availability now so that a pool of workers can be formed. If you worked at the Hamfest last year, you will probably be contacted as to whether you wish to work the same job and hours. It would still be helpful to let Jim know your availability now so that filling positions and preparing worker packages does not have to be done at the last minute.

Dave Lindquist, W9LKH

President

ACARTS SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Dave, W9LKH.

Dave asked if anyone had any ideas for the September meeting program. It was decided that Hamfest planning would be the topic.

Dave stated that the October program would most likely be a presentation on DMR and DSTAR by Paul, KA3OPZ.

Dave asked if the Board wanted the club Christmas Dinner at the Guesthouse again or if they had other ideas. It was decided that the Guesthouse was fine and

Dave said that he would make reservations.

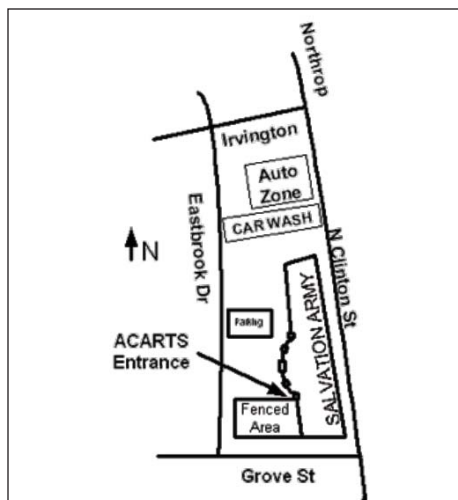
No other business was discussed,

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Submitted by Dave Lindquist, W9LKH

October 20: A presentation and demonstration of DMR and DSTAR by Paul, KA3OPZ.

Unless otherwise scheduled, all meetings are held at 7:00 PM at the Salvation Army Center, 2901 N. Clinton Street, Fort Wayne, IN.



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ACARTS SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Dave, W9LKH.

Dave announced that, pending final confirmation, that the October program would be a presentation on DMR and DSTAR by Paul, KA3OPZ.

Jim, KB9IH, reported on the Findlay Hamfest.

Various aspects of Hamfest planning and organization were discussed for the rest of the evening.

Submitted by Dave Lindquist, W9LKH.



The Scouting Jamboree On The Air is this month too!

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ARRL SCHOOL CLUB ROUNDUP - OCTOBER 19-23, 2015

Some New Rules for 2015-2016

Because of rules changes, logging software updates are needed. Be sure your software is up to date before October!

Contacts on digital modes such as RTTY and PSK31 now count separately from CW. Modes must be abbreviated in the Cabrillo-formatted log file as PH, CW, or RY.

The number of contacts allowed per station has been changed to once per band per mode. One will now be able to make up to three contacts with a station on each band using CW, voice, and digital modes. Multipliers will still only count once.

A minor change in the minimum break time may give some school operations some additional operating time. The minimum break time is reduced from 30 minutes to 10 minutes. This may be helpful in schools where operation is interrupted by the changing of classes.



<http://www.arrl.org/school-club-roundup>

THE FORT WAYNE DX CONVENTION



Carl Luetzelschwab K9LA

The Fort Wayne DX Convention? Say what? Fort Wayne had a DX Convention?

Yes, it's true – there was a DX Convention in Fort Wayne. It was Friday July 10 through Sunday July 12. It was an SWL (Short Wave Listener) DX convention. The convention was a combination of four SWL clubs: the DecalcoMania club, the International Radio Club of America, the National Radio Club and the Worldwide TV FM DX Association.

I heard about this convention in a round-about way – when Bill NQ6Z in Virginia asked if I was going to attend the DX Convention in Fort Wayne. My reaction was exactly what was said in the first sentence of this column. I contacted one of organizers, and soon was on the list of attendees. The Convention was at Hall's Guesthouse on Washington Center Rd.

This is an annual convention that moves around the country. It is not like an Amateur Radio DX convention in that much emphasis is also placed on sight-seeing in the city it's held. Yes, there are presentations, but not throughout the entire day. The presentations for this Convention were on Friday afternoon (three of them) and on Saturday morning (two of them) – you can view the presentations at <http://durenberger.com/DXPAGE.htm>. Interspersed with the presentations were tours of local radio stations, a tour of the Debrand chocolate factory, a tour of Sweetwater, attending a Tin Caps game, etc.

Vicky and I were able to attend the Saturday morning presentations, and the Saturday evening banquet. The Convention attracted about 50 people. The

banquet speaker was Betty Stein. She's a young 99 years, and was around when WOWO started (she was almost around when Marconi started!). Her favorite story was having dinner with George Burns, Gracie Allen, Jack Benny, Mary Livingston and Fred Allen in Hollywood.

Of course there were hams amongst the conventioners. Nick VE7DXR was there. I've known him for many years due to our mutual low band propagation interests. We had dinner together Friday evening, and he came out to the house afterwards to see the shack.

Most of the attendees were medium wave SWLers – AM broadcast band types. These guys like to experiment with different low-noise receive antennas (Beverages, BOGs, flags, etc – sound familiar?) and they like to compare sites for best reception (that sounds familiar, too!). One of

the best receptions I saw reported in the presentations was the Alice Springs (Australian Northern Territory) AM station on 783 KHz being heard in the state of Washington. Alice Springs runs a whopping 2 kW. The medium wave DXers are also big on sunrise and sunset enhancements.

This was a different venue that I'm used to. But I enjoyed it, and it's obvious to me that there are medium wave SWLers who are just as passionate as low band aficionados in Amateur Radio.



Welcome to the
Fort Wayne DX Convention
DecalcoMania – IRCA – NRC – WTFDA

July 10-12, 2015

Don't forget to check out Carl's column in this month's QST on "Five Myths of Propagation Dispelled."

FWRC Meeting Minutes - Continued

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Nominations will be reopened prior to voting at the October meeting. So if you're interested as serving as a club officer or member of the Board, place, or have your name placed in nomination.

Following the business portion of the meeting, and a brief coffee and cookies break, Charles Ward, KC9MUT and Jim Boyer, KB9IH gave a presentation on Software Defined Radio utilizing the DVB-T TV tuner dongle based on the RTL2832U chipset. This technology is an ideal vehicle for the ham tinkerer who desires to combine ham radio, computers and software. The interested party is referred to:

www.rtl-sdr.com

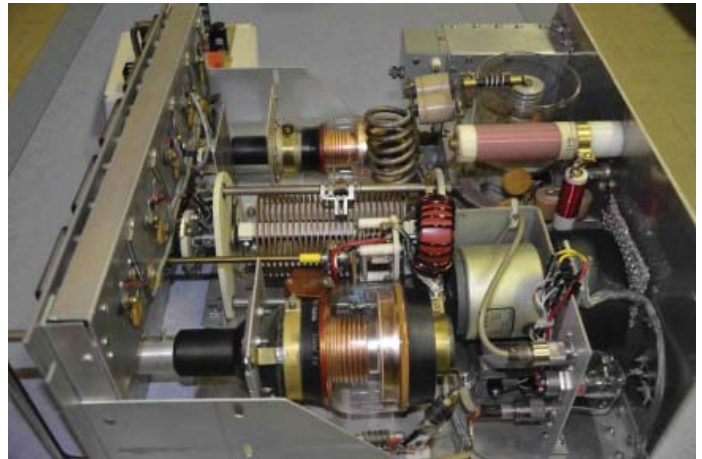
which is the hobbyist's guide to the RTL-SDR playground.

Respectfully submitted,

Al Burke, WB9SSE

Secretary, FWRC

Photos this month provided by Al Burke, WB9SSE and Steve Nardin, W9SAN. More photos are available on the FWRC web page.



FWRC participated at the Indiana State Parks On-The-Air.



that Al was a little preoccupied he also failed to connect the mobile rig's transmission line up to the yagi, so all he got when the high power fox commenced transmissions was 50 watts of reflected power back down the transmission line. So naturally the hunters couldn't hear the fox. This was corrected in short order and the fox was finally heard starting at 13:55 hours, and the hunt was on.

Since the fox was located only a few miles from the Cobin Memorial Park starting point, it only took about 20 minutes for the Nardin and Machamer teams to show up at our hiding place. They immediately started running around the west bank of the river DF'ing on the microfox signal. Pretty soon Alex stumbled upon the (Bob Evans coffee cup) decoy microfox and they thought they had found the genuine article. Then they noticed the "Nope" sign, realized what was going on, said something (un-mentionable) to me, and took off for the west side of the river. After tromping up and down the west bank of the river while Carole and I watched, Alex found the real microfox amongst the river ballast thirty minutes into the hunt, and he was followed by Jim & Kim at thirty one minutes.

About that time Charles, Fred and Robert showed up on our side of the river and com-



menced searching for the microfox. After finding the phony microfox they too realized that the real McCoy had to be located over on the other side of the river, and off they went. With a bit more searching they too found the real microfox forty eight minutes into the hunt.

With all that hunting stuff out of the way everyone enthusiastically proceeded over to Hall's Prime Rib on State St. and pretty much went through the menu chomping down on various delights, except for dessert. For that, everyone then went next door to the Carousel Ice Cream Shop and continued pigging-out. (It must be recognized that foxhunters really know how to eat well).

2015 Foxhunt Schedule

The following is the planned Foxhunt schedule for 2015. All foxhunts start at 1:30 PM on Sunday. The starting location will be the River Greenway Trailhead (Cobin Memorial Park) near the Lakeside Golf Course:

October 4
November 1

Foxhunt photos provided by Al Burke, WB9SSE. More are available on the FWRC web page.



Given that Alex was the first to find the fox, the Nardin team will be the fox for the October hunt which is scheduled to occur on Sunday, the 4th of October with the fox emitting on 146.340 MHz and with intercom function provided by the 146.760 machine.

Based upon the outcome of the September hunt, scores for September and cumulative for the year are as follows:

CALL	MAY SCORE	YEAR-TO-DATE
K9OMA	0	20.66
KA9YYI	0	18.66
WB9RUS	5.67 (Fox)	25.33
WB9SSE	5.67 (Fox)	26.33
W9SAN	3	10
W9LAN	3	10
ALEX	4 First to Find	8
KB9DOS	2	14
KB9DOT	2	15
KC9MUT	1	30.25
KC9UHU	1	28.25
KC9EZP	1	18.25
KC9UOQ	0	9.5
KK4QXC	0	7.5

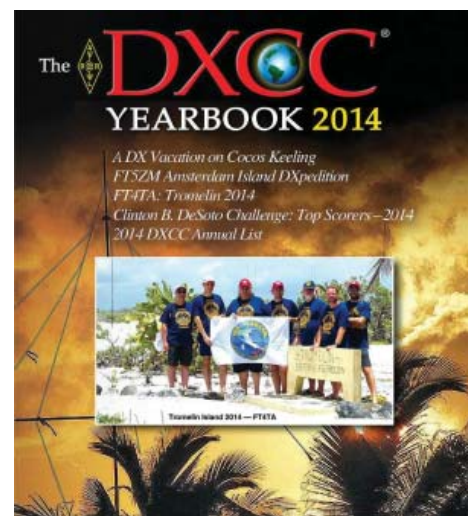
The October hunt awaits. Why not give it a try?

Respectively submitted,
Al Burke, WB9SSE



THE DX CENTURY CLUB YEARBOOK 2014

There is a bonus section in the digital version of QST this month. Pages 96-A though 96-CJ are the DXCC Yearbook for 2014. Along with the list of those amateurs who met the qualifications of the DXCC are reports on several DXpeditions.



**If you happen to be in St. Louis for
Halloween, stop by the 24th Annual
Halloween Hamfest.**

<http://www.halloweenhamfest.org/>

Say Again?

“If the people don’t want to come out to the ballpark, nobody’s going to stop them.”

Yogi Berra

Baseball Catcher for the New York Yankees, Manager for the Yankees and Mets, Member of the Baseball Hall of Fame

CONTEST CALENDAR

Here are a few of the contests that will be held in the next few weeks. Please refer to the contest web sites for full rules, scoring information, operating periods or time limits, and log submission information.

Some of the places on-line with information on contests include:

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| ARRL Contest Corral Web page | www.arrl.org/contests | ARRL's National Contest Journal | www.arrl.org/ncj |
| ARRL Contest Update | www.arrl.org/contest-update-issues | Contesting On-Line | www.contesting.com |
| WA7BNM Contest Calendar | www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/ | Contesting Wiki | https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Contesting |
| DX Zone Contesting | www.dxzone.com/catalog/Contesting/ | ARRL Contest Calendar | www.arrl.org/contest-calendar |

CALIFORNIA QSO PARTY			PENNSYLVANIA QSO PARTY			ARIZONA QSO PARTY		
OCTOBER 3, 1600Z	OCTOBER 4, 2200Z		OCTOBER 10, 1600Z	OCTOBER 11, 2200Z		OCTOBER 10, 1600Z	OCTOBER 11, 2359Z	
1.8-28	50, 144	PHONE, CW	1.8-28	50, 144	PHONE, CW, DIGITAL	1.8-28	50, 144	PHONE, CW, DIGITAL
SERIAL, COUNTY OR SPC			SERIAL, COUNTY OR SECTION			SERIAL, COUNTY OR SPC		
www.cqp.org/Rules.html			www.nittany-arc.net			www.azqsoparty.org		
NEW YORK QSO PARTY			IOWA QSO PARTY			SOUTH DAKOTA QSO PARTY		
OCTOBER 17, 1400Z	OCTOBER 18, 0200Z		OCTOBER 17, 1400Z	OCTOBER 17, 2300Z		OCTOBER 17, 1800Z	OCTOBER 18, 1800Z	
1.8-28	50+	PHONE, CW, DIGITAL	1.8-28	50+	PHONE, CW, DIGITAL	1.8-28	50, 144	PHONE, CW, DIGITAL
RS(T), COUNTY OR SPC			RS(T), COUNTY OR SPC			RS(T), COUNTY OR SPC		
http://nyqp.org/wordpress			www.wa0dx.org/IAQSO			www.kb0wsw.com/SDQP		
ILLINOIS QSO PARTY			ARRL SCHOOL CLUB ROUNDUP			ARRL EME CONTEST		
OCTOBER 18, 1700Z	OCTOBER 19, 0100Z		OCTOBER 19, 1300Z	OCTOBER 23, 2359Z		OCTOBER 31, 0000Z	NOVEMBER 1, 2359Z	
1.28-28	50, 144	PHONE, CW, DIGITAL	1.8-28	50+	PHONE, CW, DIGITAL	-	50+	PHONE, CW, DIGITAL
RS(T), COUNTY, OR SPC			RS(T), CLASS (I/C/S), SPC			CALL SIGNS, SIG RPT, ACKNOWLEDGEMENT		
www.w9awe.org/ILQP.html			arrl.org/school-club-roundup			www.arrl.org/eme-contest		

Anoka Halloween Capitol of the World 4th Annual Special Event Station

Friday, October 30th from 1400Z-2000Z (9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. local time)



The 4th annual Halloween special event station, W0YFZ, will be held on Friday, October 30th from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. local time. It will be operating on 28.375, 21.315 and 14.245. Please QSL to Anoka County Radio Club, PO Box 982, Anoka, MN 55303. For more information, see:

<http://www.anokaradio.org/>

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KALAMAZOO HAMFEST AND AMATEUR RADIO

SWAP AND SHOP

SUNDAY OCTOBER 18, 2015

KALAMAZOO COUNTY EXPO CENTER & FAIRGROUNDS

2900 LAKE STREET, KALAMAZOO, MI

OPEN 8 AM TO NOON

SPONSORED BY:

KALAMAZOO AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

SOUTHWEST MICHIGAN AMATEUR RADIO TEAM

<http://kalamazoohamfest.com>

Classified Ads

Items for Sale

Want to Buy



If you have something you would like to have listed in the classified section then please send an email to the newsletter editor at ab9zd@arrl.net.

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Membership Application for ACARTS OR FWRC

Name: _____ Call sign: _____ License class: _____
 Street address: _____ City: _____
 State: _____ ZIP: _____ - _____ 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 \$20.00/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	<input type="checkbox"/> \$12.00 / year
Additional family members ¹	<input type="checkbox"/> \$6.00 / year
Student membership ²	<input type="checkbox"/> \$6.00 / year
Associate membership ³	<input type="checkbox"/> \$6.00 / year
(New Regular memberships are \$1/month)	

Fort Wayne Radio Club Dues	
Regular membership	<input type="checkbox"/> \$20.00 / year
Family membership ¹	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30.00 / year
Student membership ²	<input type="checkbox"/> \$5.00 / year
Associate membership ³	<input type="checkbox"/> \$20.00 / year
Mailed newsletter premium	<input type="checkbox"/> \$20.00 / 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

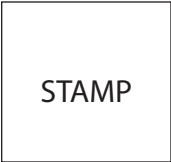
Please attach a check (number _____) for the appropriate amount and bring to a club meeting or mail to:

ACARTS	Fort Wayne Radio Club.
PO Box 10342	PO Box 15127
Fort Wayne, IN 46851-0342	Fort Wayne, IN 46885-5127

For dual membership, send a check to each club for your respective membership. Payment by check is strongly encouraged!

ACARTS AND FWRC REPEATERS		
W9INX		ACARTS
146.880 (-)	No tone	General use / Skywarn priority
147.255 (+)	No tone	General use
443.800 (+)	No tone	General use
144.390 (s)	Digital	APRS - wide
145.530 (s)	Digital	W9INX-1 Digipeater and Node
W9TE		FWRC
146.760 (-)	141.3 Hz	General use (Note 1)
146.940 (-)	No tone	General use with auto-patch (Note 1)
146.910 (-)	No tone	EchoLink connection repeater Node number 519521 (Note 1)
444.875 (+)	141.3 Hz	General use (Note 1)
439.25 In, 910.250 Out	ATV	144.340 Audio & control
442.99375	D-STAR	General use (Note 2)
224.880 (-)	No tone	W9FEZ, 1.6 MHz offset
Notes:		
1. Output 141.3 Hz, present		
2. Offset + 5.0 MHz, W9TE ___ B, W9TE ___ G		

AREA NETS					
Daily			Tuesday		
8:00 AM	3.535	Daily (QIN) Indiana Section CW net	8:00 PM	50.580 USB	FWRC 6 Meter Net
8:30 AM	3.940	Daily Indiana Traffic Net	9:00 PM	146.940-	Allen Co. ARES Training Net
6:00 PM	3.940	Daily Indiana Traffic Net	Wednesday		
6:30 PM	146.880-	IMO (alternate is 146.760)	7:00 PM	146.760-	FWRCYL Net
7:00 PM	147.015+	Tri State Two Meter Net	7:30 PM	147.150	21 Repeater Group
8:00 PM	3.535	Daily (QIN) Indiana Section CW net	8:00 PM	145.270	Whitley Co. ARES (131.8 PL disabled)
Week Days			9:00 PM	146.940-	Help and Swap Net
8:30 AM	3.820	Little Red Barn Net	Thursday		
Sunday			7:30 PM	D-STAR	Indiana D-STAR net (Note 3)
8:00 PM	444.550+	Whitley Co. Sunday (131.8 PL)	8:00 PM	50.580 AM	6 Meter AM Net
8:30 PM	1.965 & 146.910-	"No-Name" Net also on EchoLink Node number 519521	8:30 PM	145.510 (s)	Allen County ARES Digital Operations Team Training Net (Note 4)
9:00 PM	145.530	Northeast Indiana Packet Net (Note 2)	Saturday		
			8:00 PM	146.685-	Huntington ARES
Notes:					
1. All times local time. Any changes or corrections should be submitted to the newsletter editor AB9ZD (at) ARRL.NET.					
2. On 145.530 @ 1200 baud. 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.					
3. 1st and 3rd Thursday, Reflector REF024B.					
4. Net starts using BPSK-31 and switches to BPSK-250 after roll call to pass traffic etc. NBEMS suite of software (FLDIGI, FLMSG, and FLAMP) is preferred.					
5. Indiana HF Traffic Nets Web Site: http://www.inarrl.org/inhfnet.html					



To:

Activities Calendar



Date	Time	Event	Place
10/04/2015	1:30 PM	Foxhunt - River Greenway Trailhead/Cobin	Memorial Park near Lakeside Golf Course
10/10/2015	7:00 PM	FWRC Board Meeting	GSUMC
10/13/2015	7:00 PM	ACARTS Board Meeting	Salvation Army Facility
10/20/2015	7:00 PM	ACARTS General Meeting	Salvation Army Facility
10/20/2015	7:00 PM	FWRC General Meeting	GSUMC
11/01/2015	1:30 PM	Foxhunt - River Greenway Trailhead/Cobin	Memorial Park near Lakeside Golf Course
11/10/2015	7:00 PM	ACARTS Board Meeting	Salvation Army Facility
11/10/2015	7:00 PM	FWRC Board Meeting	GSUMC
11/14/2015	9 AM - 4 PM	2015 Fort Wayne Hamfest	Allen County War Memorial Coliseum
11/15/2015	9 AM - 2 PM	2015 Fort Wayne Hamfest	Allen County War Memorial Coliseum
11/17/2015	7:00 PM	ACARTS General Meeting	Salvation Army Facility
11/20/2015	7:00 PM	FWRC General Meeting	GSUMC