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Fort Wayne Radio Club Auction



The annual Fort Wayne Radio Club auction will be held again this year on Friday January 18, 2008. You may bring your items to the auction as early as 6:00 PM, and the auction will start at 6:30 PM sharp. The auction will conclude before 9:00 PM.

If you are planning to auction a high dollar value item, you may wish to place a message on the FWRC Yahoo group <<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/FWRC>>. Messages will be visible to group members

only.

In order to improve the auction experience for attendees and club officers, we suggest the following rules and procedures:

1 - Anyone selling or potentially buying equipment will be required to sign in and obtain an auction participant number.

2 - In order to encourage items of significant value at the auction, the club will limit its 10% fee (paid by the seller) to the first \$200 of value on each item. Thus, any item auctioned for over \$200 will have a club fee of only \$20.

3 - For auction participants who make large purchases and need to pay by personal check, the club will accept checks from year 2008 members or year 2007 members for amounts under \$500. Any checks from non-members or for values of \$500 or over will REQUIRE a government-issued photo ID

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Carl Rittenhouse, N9NRO - SK

CARL E. RITTENHOUSE [N9NRO], 65, of Fort Wayne, died Wednesday, Dec. 19, 2007, at home. Born in Huntington, he was an Electronic Engineer with Raytheon, retiring with 35 years of service. He was a Chaplin for the



Huntertown Masonic Lodge 689, F. & A.M., Fort Wayne HAM Radio Club member and a former Boy Scout Master. He loved gardening and was a Mr. Fix-it. Survivors include his wife, Donna M. Rittenhouse of Fort Wayne; son, Carl B. Rittenhouse of Fort Wayne; brother, Earl Rittenhouse of Fort Wayne; sister-in-law, Sara (Kent) Scharringhausen of Roselle, Ill.; niece, Melissa Erenberg of Roselle, Ill.; and mother-in-law, Jean Rashky of Fort Wayne. Service is 2 p.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, with calling two hours prior. The Rev. Stacy Downing officiating. Memorials to American Heart Association.

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Deadline for Feb. issue is Friday, 2/1/08.

Please do NOT send anything in all caps!!

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<http://www.fortwayneradioclub.org>

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President's Corner



It is hard to believe that 2008 is here; it seems only a couple of years ago that we were concerned about Y2K. Time continues to pass much too rapidly!

My first task of the new year is a sad one. I want to offer the entire club's condolences to the family of Carl Rittenhouse, N9NRO. Carl became a Silent Key shortly before Christmas. Carl was a great friend and great fellow member to everyone in the Fort Wayne Radio Club. He was active on ATV, was a premier Foxhunter, was a big contributor on 6 meters on Field Day weekend, was one of our January Auctioneers, and has always been a big asset to the club. His participation and friendship will be greatly missed.

In contrast, my second task of the new year is a most pleasant one. I want to thank Jim Moehring, KB9WWM, for his service to the club as president for the past two years. Anyone who has served on the radio club board, or any other board for that matter, knows that everyone comes in with more goals than time or resources. But your hope is that you leave the club "better" than when you started. Jim came to the presidency with a lot of great ideas and has been able to move us forward the last two years. We appreciate all of his hard work and look forward to his continued participation in the club.

The January meeting of the Fort Wayne Radio Club will be the annual ham radio and related equipment auction. As always the auction will be held at the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church at the corner of Reed Road and Vance Avenue across from Snider High School. We will not be in the "Hall" but back in the "Big 3" room. We ask that you begin to setup your items for auction starting at 6:00 PM. We will plan on getting started by 6:30 PM. We always have a lot of good items available and this year should be no exception. I believe that Bob, W8ST, has a separate

article with the auction operational details.

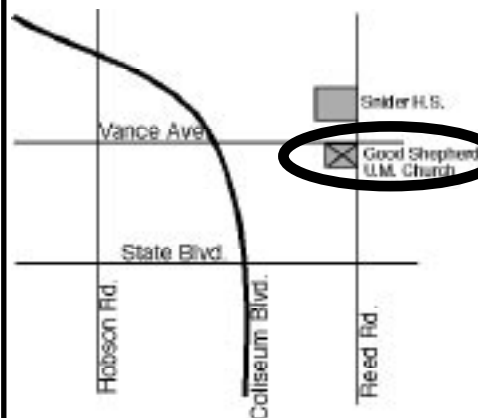
The February meeting will be our annual Skywarn training. That training will operate a little different this year. As you may remember, in the past the Fort Wayne Radio Club and ACARTS have taken turns hosting Skywarn training as the February General Meeting. This year the National Weather Service has decided to offer training only through the county EMA office and not offer any radio club hosted training. We learned about this change late enough in our 2008 planning that the board voted to use the EMA sponsored training as our February General Meeting. The training is Wednesday February 20th at the Public Safety Academy in Southtown Centre. The training will be offered at 2:00 PM in the afternoon and again at 7:00 PM in the evening.

We are looking forward to a great 2008 and we are planning on seeing you at the January Auction!

Tom / N9TB

Auction

Fri., Jan. 18, 6:30 PM



Fort Wayne Radio Club Christmas Party

photos by Al Burke & Jim Pliett



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President's Message



I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and will have Happy New Year. I hope Santa brought you everything that you asked for. The year does start on a sad note though. The local ham community saw two hams become SK within a few days of each other. Carl Rittenhouse, N9NRO, passed away on December 19th. Bill Thomas, KE9T, passed away on December 23rd. Both were very active in ham radio and will be greatly missed.

Last month was our annual Christmas Dinner. It was held at Casa D'Angelo and was well attended. There were several new faces this year. All enjoyed the good food and conversation.

The program for this month will be about DX, and will be presented by Carl Luetzelschwab, K9LA. He has written for the ARRL Letter on this subject, and is a avid DX'er. If you have been thinking about getting started, come and find out everything you need to know.

Even though there is snow on the ground as I write this message, our thoughts will turn to Skywarn soon. The training this year will be different from the past. The local radio clubs will not be the hosts this year. The training will be hosted by the Department of Homeland Security, and will be held on February 20th, at the new Safety Academy. We will not have a February general meeting since the Skywarn training takes place the following night of our scheduled meeting.

Mark your calendar for April 15, 2008, for our Spring Banquet. It's just a coincidence that it is also tax day. I could use some suggestions for a March program. If there is something that you would like to see or hear, let me know. That is all I have for now.

73,
Vic, KA9LTV

January Program

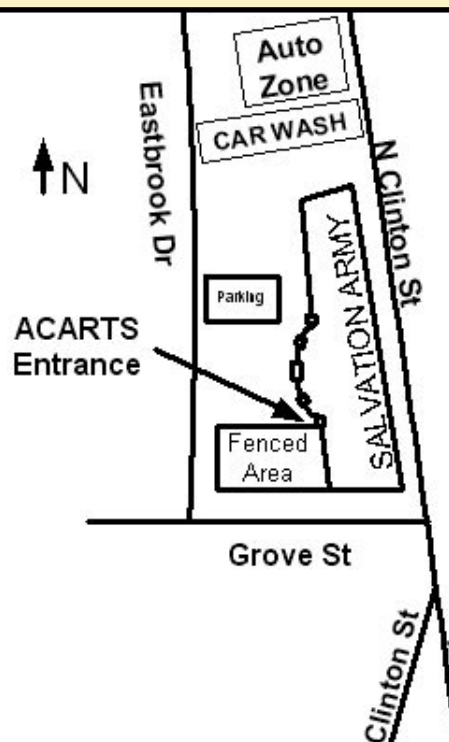
The program for January will be about DX'ing. Carl Luetzelschwab, K9LA will talk to us about DX, and how you can get started. If you have heard about DX or read about it in our newsletter and want to know more, come to the meeting and get your questions answered. Carl has written for the ARRL Letter, and several other articles about DX. It should be a very interesting program.

73,
Vic, KA9LTV

Meeting Schedule

General Meeting: Jan. 15, 7:30 PM. Program: DXing

Next Board Meeting: Jan. 8, 7:30 PM All members are encouraged to attend.



ACARTS Christmas Party



photos by Vic Guess, WB9UZA



December 2007 ACARTS Board Meeting Minutes



The meeting was called to order by Vic, KA9LTV.

Vic said that Howard, N9ADS, who was unable to attend the meeting, had sent an email suggesting that the club make donations to local charities as the Hamfest had made a profit in 2007. After a discussion, it was decided to donate \$500.00 to the Salvation Army, \$250.00 to the Food Bank, and \$250.00 to the Rescue Mission.

Because the National Weather Service will not be making a Skywarn training session specifically for the amateur radio clubs in 2008 and local hams are invited to attend the Skywarn sessions scheduled by the Allen County DHS on February 20, 2008, it was decided that the club will not hold a General Meeting in February. The joint Skywarn training had been the February meeting in past years.

No other business was discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Submitted by Dave Lindquist, W9LKH

Annual Skywarn Training



I spoke with Lori Mayer, assistant director office of homeland security, and she has nailed down the details for the annual Skywarn training with the NWS:

Date: Wed. February 20, 2008

Time: 2:00 p.m. and another session at 7:00 p.m.

Where: the new Public Safety Academy (Southtown Centre)

All amateur radio storm spotters are invited to attend either of these training sessions. There WILL NOT be separate training offered to the ACARTS and FWRC groups. The NWS office only wants to provide training coordinated through the county EMA offices. The specific meeting room at the PSA will be announced later (probably on the new Allen County ARES Training Net starting 01/01/08 on Tuesdays at 9pm on the 146.94 repeater).

Joseph, K9RFZ
Allen County ARES EC

FWDXA

Ft Wayne DX Association

Sunrise on 160 m - Carl Luetzelschwab K9LA

At the end of November, Ron KK9K and George K5KG visited the South Cook Islands out in the Pacific. Ron operated as E51NNN and George used E51MMM (E5 is the new prefix for the old ZK1 prefix).

I needed E5 on 160 m, so a quick session with W6ELProp showed the times when the path would be in darkness - from E5 sunset at about 0457 UTC (11:57 PM Ft Wayne time) to Ft. Wayne sunrise at about 1247 UTC (7:47 AM). See the accompanying figure for the short path from K9AL to E5 (the red line) at our sunrise.

One interesting propagation phenomenon on 160 m is the possibility of a signal strength enhancement at sunrise and sunset. So my first thought was to listen at E5 sunset and Ft. Wayne sunrise. But I get up at 5:30 AM during the week for work, so staying up until E5 sunset at midnight was a problem for me. And since I leave for work around 6:15 AM each morning, hanging around until Ft. Wayne sunrise just before 8:00 AM was also a problem.

Regardless, I listened for a few minutes each morning before heading off to work at 6:15. They were spotted on 160 m, but I never heard a thing. And judging from the lack of a big pile-up, it was obvious that not many others were hearing them well, either.

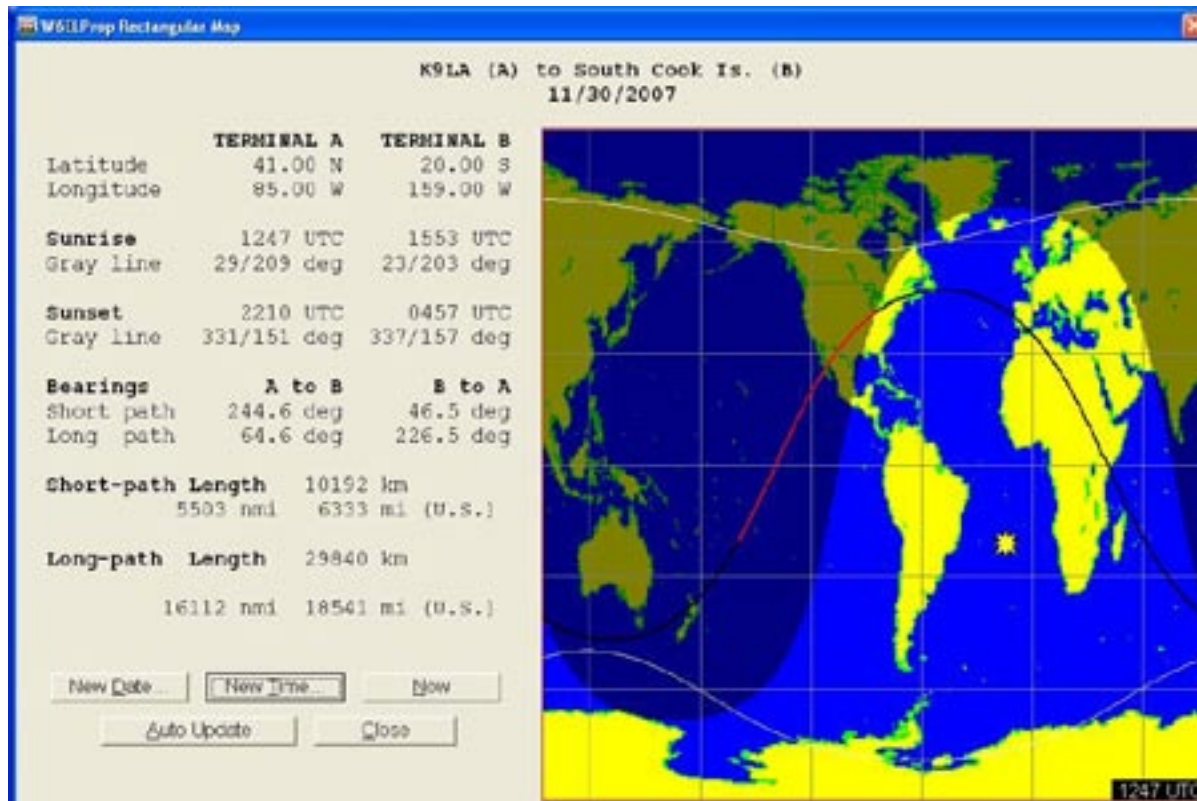
My best shot would be the weekend or on a day off - when I could stay up late and also be there for Ft. Wayne sunrise. It so happened that I needed to use up some vacation time, so I took Friday November 30 off. Although I planned on staying up until midnight Thursday night, I never made it - the tug to a nice warm bed was just too strong.

But I was up at 5:00 AM Friday morning and checked 160 m. Again they were spotted but I heard nothing. Every once in a while I'd hear someone call them, so again they were not being heard too well in North America. I went back to bed and came back down around 6:00 AM. Same story - nothing heard.

After getting up again around 6:45 AM to take care of the dog, I checked 40 m CW around 7:30 AM and found George E51MMM running stations at a pretty good clip. He had a very strong signal, even on my 40 m inverted-vee at only 32 feet. I worked him, and went back to 160 m to look for Ron E51NNN as sunrise approached.

Sure enough, around 7:43 AM E51NNN came out of the noise enough to copy. A couple calls and he was in the log on 160 m. Thankfully sunrise enhancement is selective as it moves across North America, so there wasn't a big pile-up for me to contend with.

The moral here is if you're doing DXing on 160 m, know when the path is in darkness. And especially pay attention to sunrise and sunset times.



W1AW 2008 Winter Operating Schedule

ZCZC AG01
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 ARRL Bulletin 1 ARLB001
 From ARRL Headquarters
 Newington CT January 2, 2008
 To all radio amateurs

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 ARLB001 W1AW 2008 Winter Operating Schedule

Morning Schedule:

Time	Mode	Days
1400 UTC (9 AM EST)	CWs	Wed, Fri
1400 UTC (9 AM EST)	CWf	Tue, Thu

Daily Visitor Operating Hours:

1500 UTC to 1700 UTC - (10 AM to 12 PM EST)
 1800 UTC to 2045 UTC - (1 PM to 3:45 PM EST)

(Station closed 1700 to 1800 UTC (12 PM to 1 PM EST))

Afternoon/Evening Schedule:

2100 UTC (4 PM EST)	CWf	Mon, Wed, Fri
2100 " "	CWs	Tue, Thu
2200 " (5 PM EST)	CWb	Daily
2300 " (6 PM EST)	RTTY	Daily
0000 " (7 PM EST)	CWs	Mon, Wed, Fri
0000 " "	CWf	Tue, Thu
0100 " (8 PM EST)	CWb	Daily
0200 " (9 PM EST)	RTTY	Daily
0245 " (9:45 PM EST)	VOICE	Daily
0300 " (10 PM EST)	CWf	Mon, Wed, Fri
0300 " "	CWs	Tue, Thu
0400 " (11 PM EST)	CWb	Daily

Frequencies (MHz)

CW: 1.8175 3.5815 7.0475 14.0475 18.0975 21.0675
 28.0675 147.555

RTTY: - 3.5975 7.095 14.095 18.1025 21.095 28.095
 147.555

VOICE: 1.855 3.990 7.290 14.290 18.160 21.390 28.590
 147.555

Notes:

CWs = Morse Code practice (slow) = 5, 7.5, 10, 13 and 15 WPM

CWf = Morse Code practice (fast) = 35, 30, 25, 20, 15, 13 and 10 WPM

CWb = Morse Code Bulletins = 18 WPM

CW frequencies include code practices, Qualifying Runs and CW bulletins.

RTTY = Teleprinter Bulletins = BAUDOT (45.45 baud) and AMTOR-FEC (100 Baud). ASCII (110 Baud) is sent only as time allows.

Code practice texts are from QST, and the source of each practice is given at the beginning of each practice and at the beginning of alternate speeds.

On Tuesdays and Fridays at 2330 UTC (6:30 PM EST), Keplerian Elements for active amateur satellites are sent on the regular teleprinter frequencies.

A DX bulletin replaces or is added to the regular bulletins between 0100 UTC (8 PM EST) Thursdays and 0100 UTC (8 PM EST) Fridays.

In a communications emergency, monitor W1AW for special bulletins as follows: Voice on the hour, Teleprinter at 15 minutes past the hour, and CW on the half hour.

All licensed amateurs may operate the station from 1500 UTC to 1700 UTC (10 AM to 12 PM EST), and then from 1800 UTC to 2045 UTC (1 PM to 3:45 PM EST) Monday through Friday. Be sure to bring your current FCC amateur radio license or a photocopy.

The W1AW Operating Schedule may also be found on page 94 in the January 2008 issue of QST or on the web at, <http://www.arrl.org/w1aw.html>.



Peter W. Dahl Company Going Out of Business

from *The ARRL Letter* – The Peter W. Dahl Company in El Paso, Texas, will be closing its doors as of December 31, 2007, according to Peter Dahl, K0BIT, owner and founder of the company that has made custom transformers for more than 40 years. Dahl, 67, has Parkinson’s Disease. The company manufactured a wide variety of transformers and reactors for Amateur Radio and commercial radio and television applications. According to Dahl, many are direct replacements for original equipment components that are no longer available from the manufacturer, while others have general-purpose applications in any number of different transmitters. He said that they had more than 4000 individual transformer designs on file. QST columnist John Dilks, K2TQN (“Old Radio”), said the closing of the Dahl Company was “sad news for those of us who restore the big iron.” Dahl told the ARRL, “I want to thank everyone for their business throughout the years. I have enjoyed making each Amateur Radio transformer.”





New Allen County ARES Training Net

Joseph Lawrence, K9RFZ, the recently appointed Allen County ARES Emergency Coordinator has initiated a new emergency and public service communication net. The net convenes **every Tuesday at 9:00 p.m. on the 146.94 W9TE repeater.**

The purpose of the net is to promote and discuss all topics pertinent to emergency and public service communications in Allen County. This net will provide ARES members an opportunity to stay informed about upcoming public service events, emergency drills, and other operational training exercises. This is a training net, not another traffic net. If you are an Allen County ARES member, then you should check-in to this net. All other stations are welcome to participate.

Joseph, K9RFZ
Allen County ARES EC

Bill Thomas, KE9T - SK



WILLIAM "BILL" BOSWORTH THOMAS [KE9T], 81, of Leesburg, Fla., formerly of Fort Wayne, died Sunday, Dec. 23, 2007, at Parkview Hospital. Born April 4, 1926, in Portland, Ind., he graduated from Portland High School and joined the Army Air Corp during World War II. Upon his return home, he earned a BS from Indiana University, where he was a member of Phi Gamma Delta. His primary work was sales of lumber products, which led to his founding of The Panel Mart, Inc., in 1968. Many remember his antics as "Marty Panel" the puppet used for nearly 20 years in local advertising. He loved to fish, golf and spend time with his wife, Marilyn. He was a longtime member of Leo United Methodist Church; was a Flying Shriner; member of the Leo Lodge F. & A.M. 224, The Fort Wayne Radio Club (KE9T), Fort Wayne DX Association, American Legion; and was a retired Allen County Sheriff's Department Merit Board member. His friends will remember his sense of humor and generosity. He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Marilyn; children, the Reverend Timothy (Marguerite) Thomas of Pompano Beach, Fla., Benjamin (Susette) Thomas of Austin, Texas, Rebekah (Bruce) Natale of Arlington Texas, Christopher Thomas of Mesa, Ariz., Carl (Renee) Thomas of Leo, and Mike (Ann) Thomas of Fort Wayne; and grandchildren, Benjamin, Magdalene, Kathryn, Teresa, Jessica, Angela, Matthew, Andrew, and Monica. He was preceded in death by two weeks by his sister, Hilda Martindale. Memorial service is 11 a.m. Saturday at Leo United Methodist Church, 13527 Leo Road, with calling one hour prior to service. The Rev. Toni Carmer officiating. Arrangements by D.O. McComb & Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road. Memorials to Boy Scout Troop 49 of Leo United Methodist Church. Published in the Fort Wayne Newspapers on 12/27/2007.

FWRC Auction cont'd.

(such as a driver-s license) issued to the person signing the check.

4 - We are suggesting that the seller be prepared to offer a brief description of their items as the auctioneer presents them for auction.

5 - This year the club will keep track of only the items that are successfully auctioned. No advance preparation other than identifying the auction items you own is needed. The club tracks the seller ID number, the item final auction value, and the buyer ID number. The club will use Post-it® notes to mark and record sold items for the 2008 auction. This should help control the record keeping. Only sold items will be tagged identifying the seller and buyer.

6 - Please be patient with the treasurer when the auction is over. We hope this change in record-keeping will decrease the check-out time when the auction is over. We always suggest you keep track of your purchases and sales (rather than depending on the club records) to eliminate any "What-- Oh My Gosh" factor at the end of the auction. We prefer that sellers allow buyers to pay up and make sure all records are straight before checking out and leaving the auction. Each participant will pay for all items they have purchased and will be paid for all items they have sold less the club 10% fee (up to \$20 maximum fee per item).

7 - Absolutely no equipment is to be left behind as trash.

9 - The auction will be over and the room emptied by 9:00 PM.

10 - Any help offered by auction attendees to keep the auction running smoothly will be appreciated by the club officers.

11 - Late arrivals will be accommodated as much as possible without disrupting the auction. The plan is to have some tables closer to the door available for late arrivals.

Bob, W8ST
2008 FWRC Treasurer



Test Points



10-Jan-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

02-Feb-2008
 Sponsor: W5YI VEC - ALLEN COUNTY
 Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
 Contact: JULIAN F FRANKE
 (260)484-1728
 VEC: W5YI VEC
 Location: ANTHONY WAYNE AREA COUNCIL
 8315 W JEFFERSON BLVD
 BOY SCOUTS COUNCIL HQ
 FORT WAYNE, IN 46804

22-Mar-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

10-Apr-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
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 GREENCROFT RETIREMENTCOMMUNITY
 HOMAN BUILDING
 GOSHEN, IN 46525



IPFW Amateur Radio Class

In the recent IPFW Continuing Studies Catalog, page 50:

GETTING ON THE AIR: EARNING YOUR FIRST HAM LICENSE

This is a course that will be taught by Joseph Lawrence, K9RFZ, running from Jan 19 to Feb 23, 6 meetings plus Saturdays 9 to 11 am. Cost: \$40.00 Check the IPFW website for details.

73, Steve, W9SAN

2008 Foxhunt Schedule

- Jan - No Hunt
- Feb 3 1:30
- Mar 2 1:30
- Apr 7 6:30
- May 5 6:30
- June 2 6:30
- July 7 6:30
- Aug 4 6:30
- Sept 8 6:30
- Oct 6 6:30
- Nov 2 1:30
- Dec - No Hunt



All foxhunts start at off track betting parking lot, Washington Ctr. & Lima Rds. - Carl, N9NRO

Regional Hamfests

Date	Location	Contact Phone	URL or E-mail
12 Jan 2008	Middletown, OH	513-934-0235	http://www.swohdigi.org
19 Jan 2008	Burton, MI	810-736-2126	http://www.gcaresinc.org
20 Jan 2008	Hazel Park, MI	248-850-7941	http://www.hparc.org
23 Feb 2008	LaPorte, IN	219-325-0043	http://www.k9jsi.org
15 Mar 2008	Marshall, MI	269-966-0770	http://www.w8df.com

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



For Sale & Wanted

Free: 8.5 ft satellite dish. Contact John at 260-485-5364.

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For Sale: Cushcraft A449-11s 440 beam

This beam has never been up the tower or out in the weather. AES is asking \$99.99 and I am willing to sell it for \$50.00.

Victor Keller, N9GK
n9gk (at) arrl.net

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I like trains, but due to illness would like to sell two Motorola radios set up with the receive channels only for legalities. Can you add to website and Newsletter

Here are the descriptions:

1) Motorola HT1000 Handi-Talki with good battery and charger. This radio is programmed with all 97 U.S. and Canadian railroad receive channels only. Can scan up 8 channels which are field programmable. Asking \$175.00

2) Motorola Spectra A4 mobile transceiver currently programmed with all 97 U.S. and Canadian Receive channels plus 161.610 receive channel used by Metra in Chicago. This unit has been tuned and tweaked to receive well on the Railroad band. Can be field programmed to scan up to 16 channels. Includes power cord, Motorola speaker, and mounting hardware. This would also make a nice Christmas present for someone who likes trains. \$275 negotiable.

Call Gary at 260-627-0334 or email at n9ijb(at) arrl.net

* * *

For Sale:

- Slide scanner - Nikon LS-20E, with SCSI card for PC, \$75
- 100 W amplifier with 10 W in, 2 m FM only, TPL PA3-1DE, \$70

call Vic, WB9UZA at 260-485-7472 or email wb9uza (at) arrl.net.

DXCC Desk Announces New Entity

from *The ARRL Letter*
– The ARRL DXCC Desk is pleased to announce the addition of St Barthelemy (FJ) to the DXCC List, making the island entity number 338



with an effective date of December 14, 2007. Cards with contacts dated December 14, 2007 or after will be accepted for DXCC credit. New card submissions for St Barthelemy will not be accepted until January 1, 2008 in order to allow time for administrative adjustments.

On February 21, 2007 the French Ministry issued a decree making St Barthelemy an Overseas Collective, where its status is now equal to that of Guadeloupe, Martinique and other French territories currently on the DXCC List. On November 8, 2007 the President of Association Des Radio Amateurs De St Barthelemy, Philippe Delcroix, FJ5DX, contacted the DXCC Desk, requesting that St Barthelemy be considered a new DXCC entity.

The “event date” that caused St Barthelemy to be added to the DXCC list was December 14, 2007, the date the US State Department added St Barthelemy to the “List of Dependencies and Areas of Special Sovereignty” with its Administrative Center in Gustavia, qualifying it under DXCC rules in Section II - 1 Political Entities (c): “The Entity contains a permanent population, is administered by a local government, and is located at least 800 km from its parent. To satisfy the ‘permanent population’ and ‘administered by a local government’ criteria of this sub-section, an Entity must be listed on either (a) the U.S. Department of State’s list of ‘Dependencies and Areas of Special Sovereignty’ as having a local ‘Administrative Center,’ or (b) the United Nations list of ‘Non-Self-Governing Territories.’”

French St Martin (FS), while also added to the List of Dependencies and Areas of Special Sovereignty, will remain on the DXCC List, but it is now considered a Point 1 Political Entity under the same classification as that of St Barthelemy.

Please direct any questions you may have about St Barthelemy, St Martin or the DXCC program to the ARRL DXCC Desk <dxcc@arrl.org>.

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

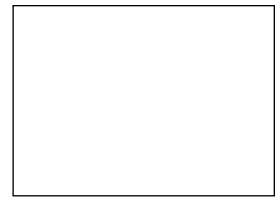
Area Traffic Nets

- (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 pm EDT or EST on 50.580
MHz Net controls: K9RFZ & W9SAN

Miscellaneous Nets

- Huntington ARES:** Saturday at 8:00 p.m. on 146.685
- Whitley Co. / ARES:** Wednesdays at 7:15 p.m. on 145.270 (Note 131.8 PL disabled for all nets)
- Whitley Co. Sunday:** Sundays at 7:45 p.m. on 444.550 +. (The 146.460 simplex crossbanding from both nets has been dropped.)
- 160 Meter "No-Name" Net:** Sunday 8:00 p.m. Indiana time, 1966 kHz, Wednesday 3866 KHz. Everyone welcome! Contact Larry Temenoff, KB9OS for more info.
- ARES Training Net:** Tuesdays at 9:00 p.m. on the 146.94 W9TE repeater.

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Activities Calendar

Date	Time	Event	Place
1/15/08	7:30 PM	ACARTS General Meeting	Salvation Army Center
1/18/08	6:00 PM	FWRC Auction	GSUMC
2/1/08	---	deadline for Feb. ACHN items	
2/3/08	1:30 PM	foxhunt off track betting parking lot, Washington Ctr. & Lima Rds.	
2/5/08	7:00 PM	FWRC Board Meeting	GSUMC
2/12/08	7:30 PM	ACARTS Board Meeting	Salvation Army Center
2/20/08	2:00 & 7:00 PM	combined SKYWARN training	Public Safety Academy (Southtown Centre)
2/29/08	---	deadline for Mar. ACHN items	
3/2/08	1:30 PM	foxhunt off track betting parking lot, Washington Ctr. & Lima Rds.	
3/4/08	7:00 PM	FWRC Board Meeting	GSUMC
3/11/08	7:30 PM	ACARTS Board Meeting	Salvation Army Center
3/14/08	7:00 PM	FWRC Meeting	GSUMC
3/18/08	7:30 PM	ACARTS General Meeting	Salvation Army Center
4/2/08	---	deadline for Apr. ACHN items	