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Fort Wayne Radio Club Auction



The annual Fort Wayne Radio Club auction will be held on Friday January 16, 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 2009 members or year 2008 members for amounts under \$500. Any checks from non-members or for values of \$500 or over will REQUIRE a government-issued photo ID (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 suc-

Attention FWRC Members

The printed and mailed FWRC ACHN issues will terminate with the January 2009 issue for FWRC members who have not paid the necessary fees to the FWRC. To obtain a 2009 FWRC printed and mailed ACHN copy, the club membership fee of \$15 must be paid in addition to the \$17 premium for the printed and mailed ACHN. The \$17 fee does not fully cover the current cost of printing and mailing. You might also find it useful to realize that the Fort Wayne Public Libraries will allow you to print pages from an internet source at a cost of \$0.05 per page at this time. For a 12 page issue (typical), this is \$0.60 per issue, or \$7.20 per year of costs remain the same. A typical home printer might be about double that cost for B&W printing. Bob W8ST, Treasurer

cessfully 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

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Please send any articles, corrections, for sale notices, etc. to the editor, Victor Guess, WB9UZA, wb9uza at arrl.net. Please put "for newsletter" in the subject line. Text should be plain ASCII, graphics should be JPEG or GIF. For those computer impaired: snail mail to 3311 Sanibel Drive, Fort Wayne, IN, 46815-4755.

**Deadline for the February issue is Friday, 2/6/09.
Please do NOT send anything in all caps!!**

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President's Corner



Like you, I can not believe that a whole year has come and gone already! 2009...I will be writing that wrong for a couple of weeks. But I am excited about the new year. This year promises to be another

busy year for the club. We will continue to work on a plan for the 146.91 repeater as well as all those new issues as they pop up. On behalf of the board I want to wish all of you a happy and safe New Year!

Let me also thank Clint Stedge, KB9LOF, for his service to the club as a 2008 board member and I want to welcome Carl Thomas, WB9YBI, as he joins the board as a general board member for 2009. I am looking forward to the fresh new ideas that Carl will be bringing to the board.

I have heard a lot of stories about antennas down due to our December 2008 ice storm. I lost four dipoles but I have one of the four back up. If you lost one or more antennas and will need assistance getting the antenna(s) back up, please let me or one of the other boards members know. We are a community and we want to make sure that everyone gets back on the air as quickly as possible.

The January 2009 general meeting will be our annual auction. This is always a fun time for the club. The rules will be the same as the last several years and you can read them elsewhere in the newsletter. You never know what is going to sell and there are always some fun grab bags as well. A small portion of the sales do benefit the club, so start collecting those treasures that did not sell at the Hamfest and bring them out on Friday January 16th at 6:30 PM.

For the February meeting, Joseph Lawrence, K9RFZ, will be doing a presentation on emergency preparedness. I know I already mentioned the

December ice storm; but the ice storm showed me a number of gaps in our personal emergency preparedness plans at home. Joseph will be helping us organize our plans and plug those gaps so that next time we will all be more prepared.

We are still filling in the rest of the 2009 calendar so if you have presentation ideas or would like to make a presentation, please let me or one of the other boards members know. We need your input to help us plan the right presentation that will be helpful to you.

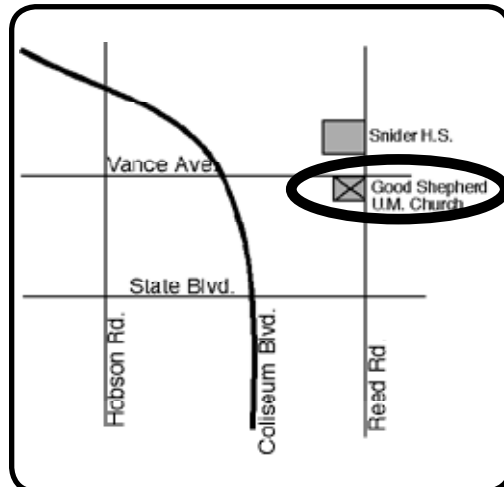
We have a lot of great opportunities in front of us: I already mentioned dealing with the options for the 146.91 repeater but there are other possible improvements we can make to our repeater operations for the future, Field Day 2009, more emergency communications activities, and more club activities. Come and be a part of the excitement!

Don't forget the January meeting is Friday January 16th at 6:30 PM for the annual auction.

Tom/ N9TB

FWRC Auction

Jan. 16, 6:30 p.m.



Fort Wayne Radio Club Christmas Dinner Photos



photos by Vic Guess, WB9UZA

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President's Message



I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I also hope everyone survived the ice storm. I was without power from Friday morning until Sunday afternoon. At the time that I am writing my article, I still do not have my cable / internet yet. I am on their list for January 7th for a service call. So my articles are being sent to the newsletter editor by way of snail mail. I guess we really do not know how much we depend on technology until it is not available to us. At least I did not have all my eggs in one basket as my telephone service is still with Verizon.

Last month was our annual Christmas Dinner. The weather was not the greatest as there was some freezing rain and snow that day. But, many souls braved the weather and ventured out to come to the dinner. It was our biggest turnout with many new faces. Everyone enjoyed the good food at Casa D'Angelo, as well as the conversation with our fellow hams. The weather sure has been weird for the end of December. We had snow, rain, freezing rain, and back to heavy rain. There was also lightning and thunder when the temperature was near freezing. Today as I write my articles, the temperature is 60 degrees.

A few things coming up in the future for you to put in your calendars. SKYWARN training is coming up soon. Since we no longer control the date, you will have to watch the newsletter and website for information. Our Spring Banquet is on April 21st. In July we will have no meetings. Our family picnic is in August. And of course November brings another Hamfest. I hate to see what my inbox looks like after not having internet service for two weeks. That is all I have for this month

73,
Vic, KA9LTV

ACARTS Program

The program for this month is a video tour of ARRL headquarters, and station W1AW. Find out what happens behind the scenes, and see what the station looks like.

73,
Vic, KA9LTV



Meeting Schedule

General Meeting: 1/20/09, 7:00 p.m. **Program:** Video tour of W1AW

Next Board Meeting: 1/13/09, 7:00 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend.



ACARTS Christmas Dinner Photos

photos by Vic Guess, WB9UZA



Technical Specialists Wanted

My name is Jim Osburn, WD9EYB. Starting in January I'll be the new Technical Coordinator (TC). I want to increase the number of Technical Specialists (TS) in the state so I'm sending this email to every ARRL affiliated radio club in the database with an email address to ask people to sign up as a TS. I've created an online TS application at this link. <<http://www.wirelessinfield.com/tswebapp>>

Thanks,

Jim, WD9EYB

December 2008 ACARTS Board Meeting Minutes



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

Vic stated that the board members had received an email from Howard, N9ADS, in regards to the club donations for 2008. It was proposed that the donation to the Salvation Army remain at \$500.00 and that the donations to the Rescue Mission and the Community Harvest Food Bank each be increased from \$250.00 to \$500.00, with the Salvation Army and the Rescue Mission donations being made now and the Community Harvest Food Bank donation being made in the spring when they get matching funds. The increase was approved by those board members present.

Jim, KB9IH, said that the Hamfest made around \$6000.00 this year, about half of which could be attributed to reduced advertising. He added that that the Coliseum has been charging \$38.50 for electrical hookups the day of the show, while the club has been charging the vendors the advance rate of \$27.50.

Jim, KB9IH, and Dave, W9LKH, reported on their meeting with the City-County Building Director of Buildings and Grounds in regards to placing the W9INX-1 packet node in the building with the antenna on the roof. The Building Director was favorable to the idea and would be willing to assist in the installation of power and feedline. The County Commissioners would have to approve the project before installation could begin. Whether plenum feedline would be necessary or if a less expensive cable could be used is yet to be determined.

No other business was discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Submitted by Dave Lindquist, W9LKH

CHU Changes Frequency -

FWDXA

**Carl Luetzelschwab
K9LA**

Ft Wayne DX Association

While reading the December 19 ARRL Letter, I ran across the following news item. After 70 years of broadcasting Canada's official time, the National Research Council's short-wave station CHU will move its transmission frequency for the 7335 KHz transmitter to 7850 KHz. The change goes into effect at 0000 UTC on January 1, 2009. Time transmissions on 3330 and 14670 KHz are not affected and will continue as before.

The story continued by noting that in April 2007 the ITU reallocated the 7300-7350 KHz band from the fixed service to the broadcasting service. Since then, the NRC said there has been a lot of interference on the 7335 KHz frequency from many around the world who have for so long considered the 7335 KHz frequency exclusively for time signals. This interference predicated the move.

Normally an announcement of this type would bring forth a "so what?" response. But for me, it reminded me of my Novice and early General days. The tie between CHU and my early Amateur Radio days was through my first receiver.

Mom and Dad bought me a National NC-60 when I was in grade school for my SWLing activities. The NC-60 was a five tube receiver that was typical of the late 1950s and early 1960s era. It consisted of a 12BE6 oscillator-converter, a 12BA6 IF amplifier, a 12AV6 detector-audio amplifier, a 50C5 audio power amplifier, and a 35W4 rectifier.

It covered 550 KHz to 31.0 MHz in four bands. Band 1 was the AM broadcast band from 550 KHz to 1600 KHz. Band 2 was 1.6 MHz to 4.5 MHz, which included the 160 m and 80 m bands. Band 3 covered 4.0 MHz to 12.0 MHz, which included my most important band - 40 m. Finally, Band 4 went from 10.5 MHz to 31 MHz, which included 20 m, 15 m, and 10 m.

Note that the tube complement of the NC-60 didn't include an RF amplifier. Thus the sensitivity on Band 4 was not very good, and severely limited my 15 m Novice activity. With an 80 m antenna just too long for our lot and the lack of sufficient sensitivity on 15 m limiting my ability to hear, I focused on the 40 m band for my Novice and early General days.

The NC-60 had a bandspread tuning knob, which allowed you to spread out a section of the spectrum you were listening to (nothing like nowadays, but it helped). This is where CHU on 7335 KHz provided a valuable service.

For my 40 m operations, I would tune the main tuning knob to zero beat with CHU on 7335 KHz. This was a reference point that was available most of the time at my QTH (I grew up in northwest Indiana). Then, after some help from some local General friends, I calibrated the bandspread scale over the entire 40 m band in 50 KHz increments with a taped-on piece of paper on the NC-60. See the accompanying image. Note that the scale is not linear - in other words, 50 KHz isn't the same distance on the bandspread scale across the entire band.

Looking back, this seems very crude. But it sure helped if you just had an entry-level SWL receiver. With this scale, I could actually set up a sked and pretty much find the desired station with ease. Now that was a step forward for me at the time!



Ice Storm Photos

photos by Don Gagnon, WB8HQ5



January 2009 Indiana Section News Summary

Section level staff is:

- Section Manager (SM) - John M. Poindexter W3ML
- Affiliated Club Coordinator (ACC) - Phillip Mehlman W9PM
- Official Observer Coord. (OOC) - open
- Public Information Coordinator(PIC) - Linda J. Harshbarger KC9GCH
- Bulletin Manager (BM) - Brian J. Murrey KB9BVN
- Section Emergency Coordinator (SEC) - Anthony J. "Tony" Langer W9AL
- Section Government Liaison (SGL) - David Spoelstra N9KT
- Section Traffic Manager (STM) - Jim Baughn K9EOH
- Technical Coordinator (TC) - James P. Osburn WD9EYB

The New Year started off by saying good-bye to Jim Sellers and hello to John Poindexter the new S.M. The Staff is currently updating the Section appointment list so that we know who is active and still interested in doing the job they signed up for. There are several positions open, especially for Emergency Coordinators in various counties. If you're interested in an EC position, please contact Tony, W9AL at w9al@arrl.net. If you have not replied to the various requests to let the appropriate Staff Member know that you still want your position, time is running out. You will be dropped from the position if you do not reconfirm that you want it.

Various staff members are working to update the web pages on the INARRL site at <http://www.inarrl.org/> Watch for the changes in the near future. Our thanks go out to Russell, WA0JTL for all the hard work his does to keep the web pages updated.

We are looking for hamfest information; classes; clubs' email and websites; workshops; and traffic nets.

If you have anything for these pages, please send them to the individual listed below for that update.

- Hamfest to kc9gch@arrl.net
- Clubs to kb9bvn@arrl.net
- Traffic nets to w9ilf@arrl.net
- Classes and Workshops to w3ml@arrl.org

73
John M. Poindexter, W3ML
Indiana Section Manager



2009 Foxhunt Schedule

Jan.	No Hunt
1 Feb.	1:30 p.m.
1 Mar.	1:30 p.m.
5 Apr.	1:30 p.m.
4 May	6:30 p.m.
1 June	6:30 p.m.
6 July	6:30 p.m.
3 Aug.	6:30 p.m.
14 Sept.	6:30 p.m.
4 Oct.	1:30 p.m.
1 Nov.	1:30 p.m.
Dec.	No Hunt



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



IMO SKYWARN



2009 Advanced Spotter Training

“Severe Weather - A Midwestern Perspective” is the theme of the 2009 Indiana-Michigan-Ohio Skywarn Advanced Spotter training. The all-day seminar will focus on the specific types of severe thunderstorms which occur in Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, and Ohio.

Date of the seminar is Saturday March 28, 2009. There is a change of location: it will be held at the Maple City Chapel on US 33 just southeast of Goshen. Lunch/snacks are included.

Speakers at the seminar are all experts in their fields. Chris Novy WA9V - who spoke in 2007 - will be returning to make a presentation on storm spotting. Ron Przybylinski KC0WWE - science officer at NWS St Louis - is one of the world's leading experts on squall lines. His presentations include analysis of a tornadic squall line which affected Chicago and northwest Indi-

ana, as well as an in-depth look at the November 5, 2005 Evansville tornado. The third speaker is Al Pietrycha KB0ZXY - science officer at NWS Goodland, Kansas. His primary area of interest is mesoscale and storm scale studies, and he is also involved in the spotternetwork.org website. The seminar will conclude with a panel discussion.

More information, registration, and any updates will be available in the near future on the IMO website at www.imoskywarn.org and at the Fort Wayne Hamfest. Those who register at the hamfest will be eligible for a special drawing. First prize is the refund of their registration fee, second and third prizes are National Weather Service rain gauges.

from Joel KB9RH

Test Points



08-Jan-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.HTML
HTML
GREENCROFT BLVD

GREENCROFT RETIREMENTCOMMUNITY
HOMAN BUILDING
GOSHEN, IN 46525

27-Jan-2009
Sponsor: GRANT COUNTY ARC
Time: 5:00 PM (No walk-ins)
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Email: DAVIS@COMTECK.COM
VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: MARION COMMUNITY SCIENCE AND TECH BUILDING
135 N BRANSON ST
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23-Feb-2009
Sponsor: GRANT COUNTY ARC
Time: 5:00 PM (No walk-ins)
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VEC: ARRL/VEC
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28-Mar-2009

Sponsor: UNSPONSORED
Time: 2:00 PM (No walk-ins)
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VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: VAN WERT COUNTY EMA
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BUSINESS US 30 EAST
HOMELAND SECURITY BUILDING
VAN WERT, OH 45891

09-Apr-2009
Sponsor: GOSHEN ARC
Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
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VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: WWW.GOSHENARC.ORG/VE_TESTING.HTML
GREENCROFT BLVD
GREENCROFT RETIREMENTCOMMUNITY
HOMAN BUILDING
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28-Apr-2009
Sponsor: GRANT COUNTY ARC
Time: 5:00 PM (No walk-ins)
Contact: JAMES C DAVIS
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VEC: ARRL/VEC
Location: MARION COMMUNITY SCIENCE AND TECH BUILDING
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For Sale & Wanted



WANTED: Titan DX vertical antenna made by Gap Antenna Products. Must be in good working condition with complete assembly details Call me at 260-982-0607 or email, efbarr@gmail.com

Francis Barr, W9ETT
21 Oak Drive
N. Manchester, IN 46962-9656

For Sale:

- Telex-HyGain Explorer EX-14 tri-band HF beam, \$200
- Kenwood MC-60A desk mic, \$75
- MFJ-945E compact antenna tuner (160-6 meters), \$50
- MFJ-901B compact antenna tuner, \$30
- KLM 2M-11X 11 element 2 meter SSB antenna, \$75
- Cushcraft A50-3S 3 element 6 meter antenna, \$75
- Rohn 60' tower 25G, guy cables, guy ground anchors, guy tower anchors, tilt base, base anchors, top section. This is in storage. \$400

Contact Brad Witte, N9EHK at 260-627-3316 or n9ehk (at) arrl.net

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

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

Free, as is: Epson Stylus Color 800 ink jet printer. Vic Guess, WB9UZA, 260-485-7472, wb9uza (at) arrl.net.

For Sale: Comet SBB2NMO dual band mobile antenna - BRAND NEW - 19 inches tall, 2.15dBi gain on 2M, 3.8Dbi gain on 70cm. NMO mount, and package includes a car body mount NMO base. \$30

Don Gagnon WB8HQS, don.gagnon(at)verizon.net, 260-484-3317

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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
FWRC Treasurer

A Few Items That Will Be At The Auction

- (2) Heath "Can-tenna" high-power dummy loads
- 300+ ft. of 3/16" galvanized steel guy wire in excellent condition
- CD rotator (not sure of model) with controller and approx. 160 ft. of control cable
- RG8 coax in the following approximate lengths: (2) runs @ 150 ft.; runs at 35 ft., 75 ft., and 170 ft.
- Also: antennas, speakers, code keys, and more

All of the above was donated to the club and was said to be all in good working condition when put in storage, and the storage was climate-controlled. Terry, K9FMX

Regional Hamfests

Date	Location	Contact Phone	URL or E-mail
10 Jan 2009	Middletown, OH	513-934-0235	http://www.swohdigi.org
18 Jan 2009	Hazel Park, MI	248-399-7970	http://www.hparc.org
18 Jan 2009	Nelsonville, OH	740-767-2554	duncan10847@embarq.com
25 Jan 2009	St. Charles, IL	630-604-0157	http://www.w9ccu.org
15 Feb 2009	Livonia, MI	734-513-8784	http://www.livoniaarc.com/

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

ARRL Triple Play WAS Award



Get Ready For The ARRL Triple Play WAS Award

from *The ARRL Letter* – As of January 1, 2009, the ARRL will offer another award: The Triple Play Worked All States Award <<http://www.arrl.org/awards/#tripleplay>>. This new, exciting award is available to all amateurs who confirm contacts with each of the 50 states using three modes for each state:

CW, phone and RTTY/digital. All 150 contacts must be made on or after the starting date and must be confirmed via Logbook of the World (LoTW) <<http://www.arrl.org/lotw/>>. All bands -- with the exception of 60 meters -- may be used in pursuit of the Triple Play Award.

In their July 2008 meeting, the ARRL Board of Directors decided to implement this new award. Based on a suggestion by former ARRL Dakota Division Vice Director Hans Brakob, KOHB, the League's Programs and Services Committee referred the award's parameters to the Board where it received enthusiastic approval.

According to ARRL Chief Executive Officer David Sumner, K1ZZ, the Triple Play Award is a one-time award -- once you have made the required 150 confirmed contacts via LoTW, you're done. "Even so," Sumner writes in "It Seems to Us" in the January issue of QST, "there are many possible variations on the theme. You can try to be the first (or at least the first on your block) or you can set your own pace. Think it's too easy? Limit yourself to QRP while operating your favorite mode (or all three). Maybe you prefer to be the quarry; it will quickly emerge which states are the most difficult to find, offering opportunities to earn the gratitude of your mates by activating the ones you can get to with your portable or mobile rig."

The Triple Play Award is not a contest, but Sumner points out that the ARRL RTTY Roundup <<http://www.arrl.org/contests/rules/2009/rty.html>> takes place the first weekend in 2009, with the North American QSO Party (CW and Phone) <<http://www.ncjweb.com/naqprules.php>> following soon after. "Contesters are among the most loyal devotees of LoTW," Sumner writes, "so participating in these three events should take care of all of the easy states, as well as some of the more difficult ones." He warns that it can be addictive once you begin making your contacts for the Triple Play Award!

The rules for the Triple Play Award state that two-way communication must be established on the amateur

bands with each state on each mode (the District of Columbia may be counted for Maryland). There is no minimum signal report required. Contacts must be made from the same location, or from locations no two of which are more than 50 miles apart. Club station applicants must include their club name and call sign of the club station or trustee on their application. The Triple Play Award will be issued on sequentially numbered certificates, starting with #1, as determined by the time stamp of the electronic application as submitted via LoTW. There are no endorsements for this award.

Contacts made through repeater devices or any other power relay method may not be used for WAS confirmation (a separate WAS award is available for satellite contacts). All stations contacted must be land stations; contacts with ships, anchored or otherwise, and aircraft, cannot be counted. The only exception to this rule is permanently docked exhibition ships (such as the Queen Mary) and other historic ships will be considered land based.

Triple Play Award applicants who reside in the US must be ARRL members to be eligible to receive the award. DX stations do not need to be ARRL members.

ITN Net Manager Needed

IN-ARRL Bulletin 20
12/18/08 22:54 EST

FROM IN-ARRL HQ

We are looking for individuals who may be interested in an ARRL position. We have a need for an ITN Net Manager to handle the Indiana Traffic Net. This is the sideband net.



Also, we are looking for a Net Control Station to take over the position that John Wallace AB9AA's has held for over 40 years on the ITN.

John would like to retire from the position.

I, W3ML, would like to personally thank John for the service he has provided to Indiana and the National Traffic System.

If you are interested in either or both positions please contact Jim Baughn, K9EOH at k9eoh@arrl.net

John, W3ML
ARRL Indiana Section Manager Elect

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

Fort Wayne Radio Club Repeaters

- Voice: 146.76 (-) General use
- 146.94 (-) General use with autopatch
- 146.91 (-) EchoLink connection repeater
Node number 16636
- 444.875 (+) General use
- ATV: 439.25 In, 910.250 Out, 144.340 Audio & control

Area Traffic Nets

- (please submit any changes or corrections to the editor)
- IMO:** meets nightly at 6:30 p.m. on 146.88-
 - Tri State Two Meter Net:** meets daily at 7 p.m. on 147.015+
 - 21 Repeater Group:** meets each Wednesday at 9 p.m. on 147.150
 - Help and Swap Net:** Mondays at 9:00 p.m. 146.94(-)
 - 6 Meter SSB/AM Net:** Tuesdays at 8:00 p.m. EDT or EST on 50.580 MHz
Net controls: K9RFZ & W9SAN
 - Daily Indiana Traffic Net** 3.910 @ 8:30 a.m. & 4:30 p.m. local

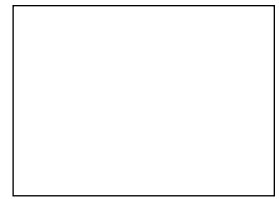
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Daily (QIN) Indiana Section CW net 3.535 @ 9:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. local times

Miscellaneous Nets

- Allen Co. ARES Training Net:** Tuesdays at 9:00 p.m. on the 146.94 W9TE repeater.
- Huntington ARES:** Saturday at 8:00 p.m. on 146.685
- Whitley Co. ARES:** Wednesdays at 7:15 p.m. on 145.270 (Note 131.8 PL disabled for all nets)
- Whitley Co. Sunday:** Sundays at 7:45 p.m. on 444.550 +. (The 146.460 simplex crossbanding from both nets has been dropped.)
- 160 Meter "No-Name" Net:** Sun. 8:00 p.m. Indiana time 1966 kHz., Wed. 9:00 p.m. 3866 KHz., Cross-band link on 146.49 MHz. Everyone welcome! Contact Larry Temenoff, KB9OS for more info.
- Little Red Barn Net:** M, W, F @ 8:30 a.m. on 3820 kHz. Net control is K9ODF
- Northeast Indiana Packet Net:** Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. on 145.530 @ 1200 baud. We use unconnected converse mode to communicate for a roundtable net setting. Use your "UNPROTO" command or equivalent to set Digi path(s) through the strongest station(s) needed between you and your destination. Only use those that are necessary! Have all your "Monitor" settings on so you can see everyone.

Allen County HamNews
 PO BOX 10342
 FORT WAYNE, IN 46851



TO:



Activities Calendar

Date	Time	Event	Place
1/13/09	7:00 PM	ACARTS Board Meeting	Salvation Army Center
1/16/09	6:00 PM	FWRC Auction	GSUMC
1/20/09	7:00 PM	ACARTS General Meeting	Salvation Army Center
2/1/09	1:30 PM	foxhunt off track betting parking lot, Washington Ctr. & Lima Rds.	
2/6/09	--->	deadline for Feb. ACHN items	
2/10/09	7:00 PM	FWRC Board Meeting	GSUMC
2/10/09	7:00 PM	ACARTS Board Meeting	Salvation Army Center
2/17/09	7:00 PM	ACARTS General Meeting	Salvation Army Center
2/20/09	7:00 PM	FWRC Meeting	GSUMC
3/1/09	1:30 PM	foxhunt off track betting parking lot, Washington Ctr. & Lima Rds.	
3/6/09	--->	deadline for Mar. ACHN items	
3/10/09	7:00 PM	FWRC Board Meeting	GSUMC
3/10/09	7:00 PM	ACARTS Board Meeting	Salvation Army Center
3/17/09	7:00 PM	ACARTS General Meeting	Salvation Army Center
3/20/09	7:00 PM	FWRC Meeting	GSUMC
4/3/09	--->	deadline for April ACHN items	
4/5/09	1:30 PM	foxhunt off track betting parking lot, Washington Ctr. & Lima Rds.	