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Jamboree On The Air Special Event

On Saturday, October 15th, several members of the FWRC met at the Kruse World War II Victory Museum in Auburn to set up stations for this year's JOTA, or Jamboree on The Air special event. Boy Scouts from the Anthony Wayne Area Council were camping behind the museum for various events, and we were contacted to help provide an Amateur Radio operation. Three stations were placed on the air, two on HF (40 and 20 meters), and one VHF (2 meters Echolink), to connect with other JOTA stations around the country and world. In all, approximately 3 dozen scouts attended the site, with several getting on the air.

My thanks to the following amateurs: N9HRA, ND9T, KC9GGV, and KB9IBW who helped with setup and operating. TNX to AB9IZ for getting the club trailer out of "jail" for the event!

Steve Nardin,
WB9ZIY



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President's Corner



The October Fort Wayne Radio Club General Meeting on Friday October 21st was election night for the club. The following are the results of the election for the 2006 board:

President: Jim Moehring, KB9WWM
Vice President: Woody Woodbury, KC9CGN
Secretary: Al Burke, WB9SSE
Treasurer: Bob Streeer, W8ST
Communications: Steve Nardin, WB9ZIY
Newsletter: Vic Guess, WB9UZA
Directors (3): Carole Burke, WB9RUS;
Larry Temenoff, KB9OS;
Tom Baker, N9TB
Station Trustee: Carole Burke, WB9RUS

In addition to the 2006 board positions, the club also voted to accept the changes to the club Constitution and By-laws as recommended by the board. All of the board positions are effective January 1, 2006 and are for a term of one year. The only exception is the Station Trustee, which has an unlimited term. We had a number of good choices going into the meeting and a number of additional nominations at the meeting. Thanks to everyone who participated and I again want to thank Lynn Hyndman for his years of service to the club as Station Trustee. As I look over next year's board I am excited. I know the officers will do a great job and the club is in good hands.

The last two FWRC General Meetings will be held on the second Friday of the month. This is a week earlier than normal for us. The November meeting is one week early because the third weekend is the Fort Wayne Hamfest and we will all be busy at the Memorial Coliseum. The December meeting is one week early because the third Friday gets too close to Christmas and everyone is busy.

The program for the November general meeting will be QRP night this year. Brian Jenks, N9RYI, will be presenting on QRP operation and we are inviting anyone and everyone to bring their

favorite QRP rig for a show and tell portion as well. We have done this on occasion in the past this has been a lot of fun and I know this year will be no exception. We will start at the normal 7:00 PM start time.

The program for the December general meeting will be the annual Christmas Banquet. The Banquet will be a carry-in at the Church. We have asked Al, WB9SSE, and Jim, K9OMA, to present a slide show summary of this year's great repeater move. The banquet is always a very special time. Setup will be at 6:30 PM and we will start the carry-in food line at 6:45. Make sure you are present.

Tom / N9TB



**Nov. Meeting:
Fri, Nov. 11, 7:00 PM
QRP Night by Brian
Jenks, N9RYI**



Fort Wayne Radio Club Minutes 21 October 2005

The October 2005 meeting of the Fort Wayne Radio Club was held at the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church on 21 October 2005 with President Tom Baker as the host. There were about 28 persons present.

OLD BUSINESS:

The September meeting minutes were read and there was one correction. In the description of folks nominated to run for the Communications Manager position in the October elections, Terry Bowman's call was (incorrectly) identified as KC9FMX when in fact it is K9FMX. (Sorry Terry).

Treasurer Bob Streeter gave the Treasurer's report. As of 21 October 2005 the FWRC had realized an income of \$3,768.03 and expenses of \$4,591.13 for the year. This represents a deficit of some \$823.10 for the year to date, the majority of it the result of expenses associated with the repeater move. Cash on hand was \$131.66 and we had a total of \$5,459.44 in Checking/Savings.

NEW BUSINESS:

Al Burke reported on the most recent foxhunt. Woody Woodbury was the fox and he hid out near the pond in the Classic Heights Addition near Cedar Canyons Rd. and Indiana 3. The team of Jim Pliett and Carole & Al Burke were first to find the fox soon followed by a bevy of other foxhunters including Carl Rittenhouse, Jim & Kim Machamer and Clint Stedje. While the foxhunters were roaming around Classic Heights Addition they were accosted by a female resident of the addition claiming to be an electrical engineer who was convinced that we were attempting to pick up home computer based local wireless nets in order to rape and pillage the computers in the addition for personal data. In fact she called the cops on us, which resulted in a sheriff's deputy pulling up behind Jim's parked van, turning on his red lights, and scaring the Be-Jesus out of Carole Burke who was sitting in the van while Al and Jim were out searching for the fox on foot.

Of course when she spotted the laptop computer sitting in Carole's lap (that we use to track our location during a Foxhunt via GPS), she was really convinced we were collecting data off all the computers in the addition! She demanded to see Al and Jim's licenses and then demanded to know why our operating fre-

quencies were not listed on our licenses. When Carl Rittenhouse pulled up, rotating his yagi to localize the fox, she ran over to his van and literally put a death grip on his antenna mast so hard that he couldn't rotate it.



After much discussion with her and the Sheriff's deputy, Al & Jim were finally able to convince her that we were in fact just hams out on a foxhunt. In fact, as she was leaving she almost agreed to join us on the next foxhunt. And the good Lord was with us because as she got out of earshot she didn't hear that devil Jim jokingly say, "By the way, that's some pretty hot stuff you've been downloading lately".

Tom Baker read proposed changes to the FWRC constitution/bylaws for the second time as per requirements specified in the existing bylaws. The proposed changes were to be voted upon in the elections that followed later during the meeting.

Nominations were re-opened for various positions. Following the close of nominations the slate for Officer/Board positions, and the position of club Trustee was as follows:

President – Jim Moehring, KB9WWM

Vice President – Woody Woodbury, KC9CGN, Clint Stedje, KB9LOF, Brian Jenks, N9RYI

Communications Manager – Steve Nardin, WB9ZIY, Terry Bowman, K9FMX, Brian Jenks, N9RYI

Secretary – Al Burke, WB9SSE

Treasurer – Bob Streeter, W8ST

Editor – Vic Guess, WB9UZA

Board of Directors – two positions, Garry Stebbins, KC9GGV, Larry Temenoff, KB9OS, Chris Fisher, N8YGO, Carole Burke, WB9RUS, Chad Beach, W9GGA.

Trustee – Carole Burke, WB9RUS, Phil Hooper, AB9IZ, Clint Stedje, KB9LOF and Chad Beach, W9GGA

And in addition, proposed changes to the constitution/by-laws as read at this (October) and the September meeting were to be voted upon.

Since there were only one candidate each for the positions of President, Treasurer and Secretary, it was moved and seconded that these positions should be staffed by the folks willing to run for them by acclima-

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President's Message



There is a change of meeting dates for this month. This is necessary so that we will have a board meeting right before the Hamfest, and the general meeting after the Hamfest. We use the general meeting to do a wrap-up of the Hamfest. The board meeting will be on November 15th. The General meeting will be on November 22nd. Besides the Hamfest wrap-up, we will be holding the election of officers for 2006. All of the current officers have indicated that they will run for another term. So far, there is no candidate for Activities Manager. This position is responsible for setting up programs and refreshments for the general meetings. Several of the months are already set since they are annual events. For the last several years the board has been handling the responsibilities as we have not had an Activities Manager. We need your help in coming up with interesting programs for next year. If there is something you would like to see let us know so we can arrange a program. If you know someone who may be of interest to the membership, have them contact us. If you have something that may be of interest, volunteer to do a program.

The Hamfest is going to be here real soon. It will be important to see how this year turns out. Most hamfests have been down in both attendance, and vendor participation. It winds up being a catch-22 situation. If vendors do not come, attendance can drop. It also works in reverse, if attendance drops, vendors may not return. This can affect the future of our Hamfest. This is our fundraiser that keeps the repeaters going.

A few more words from Computer Man. I think I finally got everything back to normal with my computer. I still have to put in my G-Force 3D Video card. The onboard video just does not cut it. The video card has 64MB of memory, and high speed graphics. I did not use the onboard audio. I used the audio card from my old computer because it had a joystick port. The motherboard did not have one. One thing I did add to my new computer was a hard drive

cooling fan. These things really work. Before, when you would touch the hard drive, it was hot. With the cooling fan, it is cool to the touch. This means that there is less stress on the hard drive, and less chance of a failure from heat. If you go to the Hamfest, check the computer vendors, and get yourself one. You protect your computer with a CPU Fan, why not your hard drive. Well, that is all I have for this month. See you at the Hamfest and November Meeting.

73,
Vic, KA9LTV



Meeting Schedule

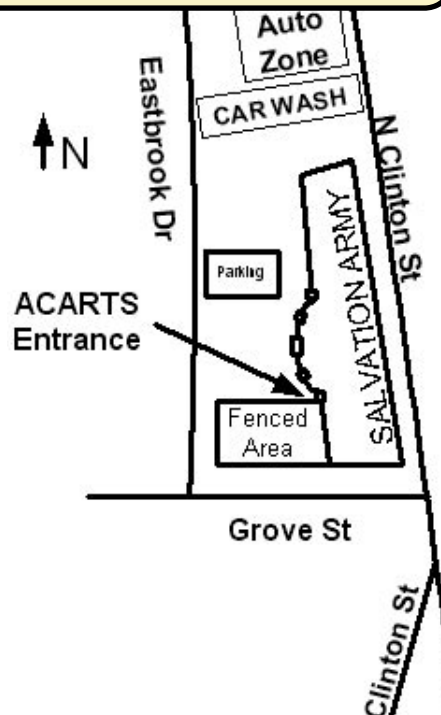
Meeting Location: Salvation Army Center, 2901 N. Clinton St. (see map)

November General Meeting:

Nov. 22, 7:30 PM. Program: Hamfest Wrap-up. Also elections of 2006 Officers & Managers

Next Board Meeting: Nov. 15, 7:30 PM

All members are encouraged to attend.



ACARTS November Program

The program for the November General Meeting will be a wrap-up of the Hamfest. There will be a critique of what went right and what needs to be changed. We will also have the workers prize drawings. We will finish the evening with the election of officers for 2006.

73,
Vic, KA9LTV

ARRL's Role In Rescue Offers Lessons For Future

An article by Mark David in the Oct. 13 *Electronic Design* magazine was very favorable to the roll of ham operators in recent emergency communications. Mr. David stressed the importance of distributed networks that don't rely on a central infrastructure and that "ham radio operators proved that older technology can be the most reliable technology."

"Amateur radio was the primary means of contact with the outside world for many shelters. It's estimated that some 1000 amateur radio volunteers helped serve the hurricane-ravaged communities and shelters, even providing communications for the Red Cross.

Still, the real lesson of the ham radio successes isn't that old sometimes trumps new. Upgraded, reliable hardware is vital for adequate emergency response. Amateur radio has continued to upgrade too. Hams use satellites, digital systems, cross-band repeaters, and more. As the American Radio Relay League (ARRL) puts it, the Morse code key may still be on the desk, but generally it's next to a modern system operable under extreme emergency conditions."

"Katrina taught two key lessons. First, the Amateur Radio Emergency Service (ARES) organization proved effective because hams don't depend on a centralized infrastructure. When cell towers, phone switching centers, or other central communication-networks are down, hams aren't. Many operators have their own generators and are ready to fire them up to get on the air when there's no power. National disaster response plans must assume that the centralized communications infrastructure likely will be crippled, so the emergency system must include a distributed or "mesh" networking scheme."

Mr. David's complete article can be found on line at <http://www.elecdesign.com/Articles/Index.cfm?AD=1&ArticleID=11164>

October 2005 ACARTS Board Meeting Minutes

The ACARTS business meeting started at 1940 hrs.



Vic: October General meeting will be Nominations for offices and Fort Wayne on the air.

Howard: The first weekend of December is Skywarn recognition. They are looking for operators to help out.

Steven: Talked about 146.255 search updates. Discussed the ham shack repairs.

Jim: Need meals ideas for the Hamfest since Ryan's closed. Looking for any ideas/alternatives.

Meeting was adjourned at 2100.

Robin Berrier (kb9pcf)

October 2005 ACARTS General Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Vic, KA9LTV.

Vic said that he had checked with restaurants near the Hamfest, and that Casa Mare on Parnell Avenue, across from the Coliseum, would be willing to accept \$5.00 vouchers for Hamfest worker meals. Workers would be able to pick from the menu and get a \$5.00 credit by presenting the voucher.

Howard, N9ADS, said that the Hamfest table reservations were increasing and that the numbers looked better that they had the week before.

Jim, KB9IH, stated that he has no chairman for the Announcer's table, but Mike, KF9UG, and Bill, W9SA, were working on recruiting workers.

It was decided that the November General Meeting would be moved to the fourth Tuesday, or November 22, so that the Hamfest recap and worker prize drawings could be held.

After refreshments, the video, "Fort Wayne on the Air, Part Two", that depicted the history of radio and television in Fort Wayne was shown.

Submitted by Dave Lindquist, W9LKH



Ft Wayne DX Association

Contests - A Great Way to Add to Your DX Totals - Carl Luetzelschwab K9LA

Working towards the ARRL's DXCC (DX Century Club) award or CQ's WAZ (Worked All Zones) award can be a daunting task - especially nowadays as we approach solar minimum (which is predicted to occur in late 2006 or early 2007). One method of improving your totals is to enter a DX contest. You don't have to be competitive to enter one of these - many enter contests specifically to increase their DX totals - they are not competing to win a plaque or trophy. Additionally you can get on during the contest when your schedule allows, knowing that there will always be lots of DX available.

October is generally accepted as the start of the contest season. There are eight DX-type contests that should enable you to increase your DX totals.

CQ World Wide Phone is the first one, but it's already over. It was run on October 29 and 30. If you missed this one, you missed some good opportunities to add to your DX totals. The next biggie is CQ World Wide CW, which will be held on November 26 and 27 (Thanksgiving weekend). For both of these contests, the exchange is signal report and CQ zone. You receive your signal report and the DX station's zone (for example, 599 14). You send his signal report and zone 4 (for example, 599 04 - which assumes you're in the Ft. Wayne and surrounding area!).

The next contest is one of three 160 m contests. It's the ARRL 160 m contest on December 3 and 4, and this is only a CW event (there is no Phone version). This is a good one if you're working on 160 m DXCC.

The ARRL's 10 m contest is next, on December 10 and 11. Since we're nearing solar minimum, this event for this year and the next several years is going to be a tough one due to a lack of worldwide

propagation (not enough sunspots). If there are any openings at all, more than likely these will be to the Caribbean and South America. If the Sun hiccups and provides us with some unusual sunspot activity, there may be some openings to Western Europe.

The CQ 160 m CW contest is January 29 and 30. This is undoubtedly the premier 160 m contest, and you can count on lots of DX activity for this one. Conditions should be very good, as 160 m is best around solar minimum.

Following on the heels of CQ 160 m CW is the ARRL DX CW contest on February 18 and 19. This is a particularly good contest for us, as the DX stations are only allowed to work US and Canadian stations. So they're specifically looking for us. You send signal report and your state (for example, 599 IN), and the DX station will send you your signal report and his power level (for example, 599 400).

The CQ 160 m PH contest is February 25 and 26. This one is a decent one for working on your 160 m DXCC.

Finishing off what is considered to be the major portion of the contest season is the ARRL DX PH contest on March 4 and 5. Like the CW event, this one is especially good for us.

There are two more major contests in the Spring that have lots of DX activity: CQ WPX PH in March and CQ WPX CW in May. These are contests where anybody can work anybody, and the multipliers are

prefixes. So you'll have to sort out the DX calls from the US and Canadian calls if you're interested solely in DX.

For complete rules of each contest (including the exchange for those I didn't give), see QST and CQ.

One final comment about solar minimum is in order. Due to a lack of sunspots, more than likely your best bands for these all-band contests will be 20 m and 40 m. But keep an eye on 15 m - it could be a big player. 10 m will probably not be too productive.

Upcoming Contests

CQ WW CW	November 26 and 27
ARRL 160m (CW only)	December 3 and 4
ARRL 10m	December 10 and 11
CQ 160m CW	January 29 and 30
ARRL DX CW	February 18 and 19
CQ 160m PH	February 25 and 26
ARRL DX PH	March 4 and 5
[see QST and CQ for the rules]	



Indiana Section News for September 2005

Only 5 stations reported their traffic counts (ORS Reports) for the month of September I have first-hand knowledge that there are more than 5 stations handling traffic in the Indiana Section. Come-on folks! Send me a traffic activity report at the end of the month. I do check into the Section Traffic nets several times each month. To those stations listed below who did report, THANK YOU!.

If you have news that you would like to see listed in the Indiana Section news column, please drop me a copy by any means: letter, e-mail, radiogram, etc. I just need it by the 10th of each month.

Hurricanes Katrina and Rita played a major rold in September activities. While we are hundreds of miles from the affected areas, activities of Health and Welfare traffic nets and other support activities can be counted A total of 11 Public service events generated 323.11 Person-Hours of public service were counted. 8 Emergency Nets with 98.65 person-hours of activity. 94 ARES operations and 599.41 person-hours of activity was reported.

A number of hams from the Indiana Section went down to the Gulf-Coast area to provide communications support according to SEC Dave Pifer N9YNF. If you went down to the Gulf-Coast area for communications support, or you know of someone who did, please let me or our SEC know of your activity. I would like to recognize this valuable public service activity.

November 19-20th is the annual Fort Wayne Hamfest/Computer Expo/Indiana ARRL Convention. You can visit the hamfest website at: at www.fortwaynehamfest.com for the details and a downloadable flyer. There are numerous forums listed and two floors of flea market to browse through. I hope to see you there. Our Central Division Director Dick Isley W9GIG will be there along with a League official from Newington, Connecticut..

If you've never looked into the Public Service Honor Roll award, you might find it interesting. Not that many hams have earned this award, and it makes for an interesting award to hang on the wall in your station. Give it a look over. The details are available on the League's website.

September Section Net Activity:

NET	FREQ	DAILY TIMES (UTC)	QNI	QTC	QTR	SESS	
ITN	3910KHZ	1330/2130	2081	121	1253	59	
QIN	3656KHZ	1430/0000	236	128	972	48	
ARES	3910KHZ	4TH SUN/MO @ 1300Z	8	0	15	1	
HOOSIER VHF NETS 8 REPORTING				410	18	608	37
HOOSIER DIGITAL NETS (5)			26	5	--	150	

September ORS Traffic Reports:K9PUI 185, KJ9J 141, WA9JWL 49, AB9AA 14 KC9UU 14.

September Public Service Honor Roll Reports

CALLSIGN	1	2	3	4	5	6	TOTAL
WA9JWL	40	40	10	15	20	0	125

73,

ARRL Indiana Section
 Section Manager: James S. Sellers, K9ZBM
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FWRC Minutes, continued

tion. The motion was voted upon and approved.

Elections were then conducted by secret written ballots. Following the count of the ballots the following result of the voting was presented by Tom Baker.

For the 2006 club year the following folks will be serving as our club Officers and Board of Directors:

President, Jim Moehring, KB9WWM

Vice President, Woody Woodbury, KC9CGN

Treasurer, Bob Streeter, W8ST

Secretary, Al Burke, WB9SSE

Editor, Vic Guess, WB9UZA

Communications Manager, Steve Nardin, WB9ZIY

Board of Directors, Carole Burke, WB9RUS and Larry Temenoff, KB9OS, (In addition, Tom Baker as outgoing President fills the position as the third Board member for the CY 2006 club year).

The position of club Trustee was won by Carole Burke, WB9RUS. The term of the club Trustee is unlimited

and may be terminated by one or more of the following events:

Resignation,

Death,

Action of the Board of Directors,

Getting thrown into the Hoosegow by the FCC.

The proposed changes to the Constitution/By-laws were approved unanimously. Plans are to post the revised Constitution/By-laws on the FWRC web site in the near future.

Following the close of elections the 50-50 raffle was held. The pot of \$22.00 was split between Melodie Moehring, KB9YWG and the club treasury.

After the business meeting Tom Baker gave a presentation on APRS including demonstrations of hardware and software.

Respectfully submitted,
Al Burke, WB9SSE

**Fort Wayne Hamfest and Computer Expo
Indiana State A.R.R.L. Convention
November 19 - 20, 2005, Fort Wayne, Indiana**

The 33rd Annual Fort Wayne Hamfest & Computer Expo and Indiana State A.R.R.L. Convention, sponsored by the Allen County Amateur Radio Technical Society (AC-ARTS), will be held at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum at the corner of Indiana 930 (Coliseum Blvd) and Parnell Ave. Open to the public 9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. EST on Saturday and 9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. EST on Sunday. Vendor setup is Friday evening and Saturday morning. Admission is only \$5.00 (good for both days) at the door only. Parking is \$3.00. There are over 1000 commercial and flea market tables (152,000 sq. ft.), all under one roof, containing both new and used radio, computer, and general electronics items. Vendors include several International ham equipment manufacturers. Activities will include many forums and meetings, and VE testing on Saturday. Talk-in on 146.88(-). For more information leave a message on the answering machine at (260) 450?4869 and you will be contacted. You can also send an SASE to AC-ARTS / Fort Wayne Hamfest, P.O. Box 10342, Fort Wayne, Indiana 46851-0342, or visit our World Wide Web site at <http://www.fortwaynehamfest.com>.

Test Points

19-Nov-2004
 Sponsor: FORT WAYNE VE TEAM
 Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
 Contact: Tom Baker
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 VEC: W5YI VEC
 Location: ALLEN COUNTY WAR MEMORIAL COL
 4000 PARNELL AVENUE
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26-Nov-2005
 Sponsor: W5YI-VEC -- WHITLEY COUNTY ARC
 Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
 Contact: ROGER L MC ENTARFER
 (260)503-9008
 Email: N9QCL@ARRL.NET
 VEC: W5YI VEC
 Location: PEABODY LIBRARY
 1160 E STATE ROAD 205
 COLUMBIA CITY, IN 46725

26-Nov-2005
 Sponsor: UNSPONSORED
 Time: 2:00 PM (No walk-ins)
 Contact: WALTER C VOGEL
 (419)394-2976
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 VEC: ARRL/VEC
 Location: VAN WERT COUNTY EMA
 1220 OLD LINCOLN HWY
 HOMELAND SECURITY BUILDING
 VAN WERT, OH 45891

28-Jan-2006
 Sponsor: W5YI-VEC -- WHITLEY COUNTY ARC
 Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
 Contact: ROGER L MC ENTARFER
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 VEC: W5YI VEC
 Location: PEABODY LIBRARY
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On the Lighter Side

From the Tech support Department:
 Tech support: What kind of computer do you have? Female customer: A white one...
 Tech support: Click on the 'my computer' icon on to the left of the screen.
 Customer: Your left or my left?
 Customer: Hi, good afternoon, this is Martha, I can't print. Every time I try, it says 'Can't find printer'. I've even lifted the printer and placed it in front of the monitor, but the computer still says he can't find it...

Customer: I have problems printing in red... Tech support: Do you have a color printer? Customer: Aaaah..... thank you.
 Tech support: What's on your monitor now, ma'am? Customer: A teddy bear my boyfriend bought for me at the 7-11

Tech support: Your password is the small letter a as in apple, a capital letter V as in Victor, the number 7. Customer: Is that 7 in capital letters?

Customer: I can't get on the Internet.
 Tech support: Are you sure you used the right password?
 Customer: Yes, I'm sure. I saw my colleague do it. Tech support: Can you tell me what the password was? Customer: Five stars.

Customer: I have a huge problem. A friend has placed a screen saver on my computer, but every time I move the mouse, it disappears.

2005 Foxhunt Schedule

Nov 6 – 1:30 PM
 Dec. – none

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
19-20 Nov 2005	Fort Wayne, IN	260-489-6700	http://www.fortwaynehamfest.com
26 Nov 2005	Evansville, IN	812-333-4116	http://w9ear.org/hamfest.htm
18 Dec 2005	Lowell, MI	616-897-7659	http://www.argyl.org

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



For Sale & Wanted

For Sale:

- 1) Midland LMR-055C converted six meter transceiver.
- 2) Cherokee AH-50 five channel, six meter handheld transceiver.
- 3) MFJ-9406 SB&CW transceiver with mike and CW module.
- 4) Cushcraft A-503 six meter three element antenna
- 5) Unimetrics Ultracom two meter crystal control transceiver

Anyone wanting more info can contact me at the places listed below.

Robert E Hilton
 contact N9SJV on 146.520
 n9sjv@wmconnect.com (put "Swap&Shop" in the subject)
 260-489-5821 (no long distance calls returned)

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For Sale from KA9FFT Estate:

Icom Micro 2AT-\$50
 Icom IC4AT-\$50
 Icom Micro 4AT-\$50
 Realistic HTX100 10 meters SSB/CW-\$85
 Genave GTX600 6 meters-\$35
 Heathkit Commanche MR1-\$50
 Heathkit Cheyenne MT1-\$50
 Heathkit HW-8-\$100
 Heathkit Twoer-\$35
 Heathkit Sixer-\$25
 MFJ-422 Keyer/Paddle-\$50
 Icom 720-\$300
 Pyramid PS21KX Power Supply-\$50
 Motorola S1350A Wattmeter, 100W, 25-1000MHz-\$100

Contact N9ADS at n9ads@juno.com or 747-5252

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For Sale:

Mobile VHF radios: These commercial radios were in daily use until just last month, and are in working order. They are 40 watt, 16 channel, and are PLL controlled. They operate from 160 - 174 MHz, and are model number 344A4210P3. Each radio comes with two mic's, one is the old back up mic.

Stephen Huxhold at 574-269-1181 or Wildinsider1954@aol.com

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For Sale:

- SGC QMS7 mobile auto antenna tuner with 7 foot whip.
 - SGC 2020 ADSP tranceiver (see <http://www.sgcworld.com> for details)
 - Standard 6m-144/440 MHz mobile transceiver with 3-band auto antenna
- Dave Feustel N9MYI
 dfeustel(at)mindspring.com
 1-260-458-9248

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For Sale:

- VHF Power Amp, TPL Model PA3-1DE, 8-15 W in, 80-120 W out, \$70
- Delta Mark Ten Capacitive Discharge Ignition, new, in the box, \$20. These systems are for use with older autos to give a hotter spark and prolong the life of the points.
- Collector's Item: Norelco Continental 450 cassette recorder. Needs new belt. \$5. This was one of the very first cassette recorders marketed.

Contact Vic Guess, WB9UZA, 260-485-7472, wb9uza(at)arrl.net

ARMAD News

ARMAD will be conducting it's Military Appreciation Monday event on November 14, 2005 from 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM at the Golden Corral on Lima Road. We will begin setting up around 3 PM and will operate on APRS, Echolink, IRLP, VHF, and HF. Come out and join us as we "Ham It Up For The Troops" and Veterans.



This year we have received replies from Clubs in almost all of the Call regions that will be on the air.

Thank you members of the FWRC, and ACARTS for your support. We will make contacts with local Amateur's on the area repeaters if you cannot attend. Let's show our community what Amateur Radio is all about, and have fun as we provide a great public service.

For more information visit www.armad.net.

Sincerely;
 Emery / KB9IBW

Membership Application for FWRC - and/or - ACARTS

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 \$6.00/yr. premium.

How would you like your newsletter delivered? by snail mail download from web site.

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 \$6.00 / year

(Memberships for Jul - Dec are 1/2 the stated amounts.)

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)

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:

Fort Wayne Radio Club
PO Box 15127
Fort Wayne, IN 46885

A.C.A.R.T.S.
PO Box 10342
Fort Wayne, IN 46851

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 (-) General use
- 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. (2330 UTC) on 146.88
- Auburn:** meets Mon., Tue., Wed., Thur., Fri., & Sat. at 6 p.m. (2300 UTC) on 147.36(+)

- 21 Repeater Group:** meets each Wednesday at 9 p.m. (0200 UTC) on 147.150

Help and Swap Net: Mondays @ 8:30 p.m. 146.94(-)

Miscellaneous Nets

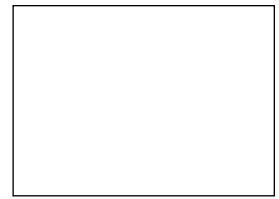
Huntington ARES: Saturday at 8:00 p.m. (0100 UTC) on 146.685

Whitley Co. / ARES: Wednesdays at 7:15 p.m. (0015 UTC) on 145.270 (Note 131.8 PL disabled for all nets)

Whitley Co. Sunday: Sundays at 7:45 p.m. (0045 UTC) on 444.550 +. (The 146.460 simplex crossbanding from both nets has been dropped.)

160 Meter "No-Name" Net: Sunday and Wednesday nights at 8:00 PM Indiana time (0100 UTC). On 1966 kHz. Everyone welcome!

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TO:



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Activities Calendar



Date	Time	Event	Place
11/6/05	1:30 PM	Foxhunt	off track betting parking lot, Washington Ctr. & Lima Rds.
11/11/05	7:00 PM	FWRC Meeting	GSUMC
11/15/05	7:30 PM	ACARTS Board Meeting	Salvation Army Center
11/19-20/05		Fort Wayne Hamfest	Memorial Coliseum
11/22/05	7:30 PM	ACARTS General Meeting	Salvation Army Center
11/25/05		deadline for Dec. ACHN items	
11/29/05	7:00 PM	FWRC Board Meeting	GSUMC
12/6/05	7:30 PM	ACARTS Board Meeting	Salvation Army Center
12/9/05	6:30 PM	FWRC Christmas Party	GSUMC
12/13/05	6:30 PM	ACARTS Christmas Party	Salvation Army Center
1/6/06		deadline for Jan. ACHN items	
1/10/06	7:00 PM	FWRC Board Meeting	GSUMC
1/10/06	7:30 PM	ACARTS Board Meeting	Salvation Army Center
1/17/06	7:30 PM	ACARTS General Meeting	Salvation Army Center
1/20/06	6:00 PM	FWRC Auction	GSUMC