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Allen County Amateur Radio Technical Society

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Fort Wayne Radio Club

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## President's Corner



Christmas gifts before the holiday shopping gets into full swing. Beat the rush!

Thanks to each of the club members and other hams that helped out with two very successful walks in October. The Breast Cancer Walk was held early on Saturday morning, October 6<sup>th</sup>, in downtown Fort Wayne. Joseph, KB9RFZ, successfully coordinated the event. There were 10 hams providing communications support. The second event, the JDRF walk was held later the same day at Franke Park. That event was coordinated by Chad, W9GGA and communication support was provided by a similar number of Hams. It was great to present Amateur Radio to both of these groups and the walkers that attended the event. Fortunately, both events were without incident.

I extend my thanks to Tom Baker, N9TB, for accepting the nomination for president of the club for the next year. I had decided not to run for the position as my work position will be changing next year and I felt that I would not have the time to pay proper attention to club matters next year. I also declined to accept the Board position usually filled by the outgoing President. Doing so allowed the club to elect the officers by acclamation. I would also like to welcome Clint, KB9LOF to the board. Clint was the only member nominated to fill a board position. Many thanks to Clint for volunteering to serve on the Board.

It has been a pleasure to lead the club for the past 2 years. We have a great membership and a great group of club officers that work tirelessly to make sure that we maintain a very active club. It is difficult to do so as there are many distractions and other activities pulling members away from amateur radio clubs. It is the responsibility of each and every one of the membership to pitch in, let your voice be heard and maintain the high standards of the club. Thank you

for a very enjoyable 2 years.

As the Hamfest falls on the same weekend on which our club meeting falls, please remember that we will meet on Friday, November 9, 2007 at our usual location. Our program for the night will be preparation for the Hamfest (our club table). We may have another short technical program, so listen for announcements on the IMO net and on the 146.94 machine.

Finally, please plan now to attend our annual Christmas banquet held in lieu of our general meeting in December. There is always plenty of good food, fun and other activities. I especially would like to encourage everyone to participate in the gift exchange. It is great fun to see the creativity of the club when it comes to finding appropriate gifts. Look for more information on the banquet from Carol, WB9RUS in the coming weeks.

That's it for now. See you at the meeting and at the Hamfest.

De  
Jim, KB9WWM

**November Meeting**  
**Fri., Nov. 9, 7:00 PM**  
**Program: Hamfest Prep. + TBA**





### Fort Wayne Radio Club Minutes 9 October 2007

The October 2007 meeting of the Fort Wayne Radio Club was held at the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church on 9 October 2007 with President Jim Moehring serving as the host. There were about 20 persons present.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Jim Moehring started the meeting by calling all to attention for the pledge of allegiance.

The September minutes were read and there were no corrections.

Bob Streeter presented the October Treasurer's report. As of 9 October 2007 the club had realized a year-to-date income of \$2,266.76, & year-to-date expenses of \$1,847.91. The club had cash on hand of \$134.36 and had \$6,562.88 in checking/savings.

Jim Moehring reported that both of the separate Breast Cancer Awareness and Juvenile Diabetes Walks that the club provided communications support for on the same day worked out well. There were about 5000 participants running around in downtown Ft. Wayne for the Breast Awareness walk, and several hundred in Franke Park for the Juvenile Diabetes event. About 15 club members participated in support of the two walks which apparently were very successful fundraising events.

Steve Nardin announced that the club's support of the Boy Scout 100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary campout event at IPFW went very well. About 1000 Boy Scouts set up overnight camp on the IPFW campus over the weekend. The FWRC erected three Field Day masts and strung two Alpha-Delta dipoles plus VHF antennas to give HF and VHF demos to the groups of Boy Scouts that circulated through the area all day Saturday. The club also provided Foxhunt demos with individual Scouts participating in the hunts. Hopefully, the ham radio bug was planted in several of the Scouts that participated. About 10 club members supported this event and it was much appreciated by the Boy Scout organization's management. (A few of the participating club members even learned (relearned) how to tie pretty fancy Boy Scout approved knots in the course of antenna setups).

Al Burke reported that AEP Engineering had stated that a fence that we proposed to attach to the existing AEP fence at the Robison Park site, which would surround our repeater equipment shack, would require that we also install a ground grid in the area created by our fence. AEP estimated that the grid would cost around \$3000.00. Since this is beyond the where-with-all of the club Al inquired if the ground grid would be a requirement if the FWRC

were to install a fence that surrounded the shack, but did not attach to the AEP fence. He is awaiting a response from AEP Engineering. In the mean time Al and Jim Pliett are building an alarm system that will result in a loud alarm being activated along with a red "bubble-gum" rotating alarm light if the shack door is opened when the system is armed, or if someone attempts to enter the shack through the window. The system should be installed within the next week. In addition, motion detector flood lamps will be installed on the outside of the shack. Plans are also afoot to paint the shack exterior side walls and the roof, and to replace the existing air conditioner with a more efficient unit thanks to a donation from Terry Bowman.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Jeff Dailey of Taylor University noted that there would be another balloon launch carrying a vhf/uhf transponder on Saturday 20 October. The launch would occur from the Science Central site in Ft. Wayne targeted for a 13:30 launch with an uplink on 146.46 MHz, and a downlink on 442.025 MHz. The balloon flight was scheduled to last about six hours.

Woody Woodbury reported on the last Foxhunt. Carl Rittenhouse ensconced the Fox inside a pumpkin in the midst of several hundred pumpkins that were being offered for sale at a pumpkin stand. It turns out that pumpkin is a pretty effective attenuator at VHF. However, after an appropriate amount of DF'ing both Jim Pliett and Woody Woodbury identified that guilty pumpkin housing the fox and were thus considered co-winners. The outlook for the guilty pumpkin is not known for sure, but it is hoped (by the Secretary) that it will show up in the guise of a pumpkin pie at the end of season Foxhunt party that will occur out at Jim & Annie Pliett's place following the final Foxhunt of the year. This year-end hunt will occur on Sunday, 4 November starting at 13:30. It is rumored that some of the famous "augmented" apple cider will again show up at this years party provided a few wing tanks from some of the Air National Guard F-16's can be drained.

Jim Moehring noted that the November club meeting would occur on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month (9 November) instead of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday. The meeting is occurring on the 9<sup>th</sup> because of the fact that the ACARTS Hamfest would occur on the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend of the month, and many FWRC members and officers would be supporting set-up Friday night.

Jim Moehring announced that the club is intending to raffle off a suitable Ham Radio item at the ACARTS Hamfest in order to raise some money for the club treasury. The prize will be obtained from Phil Hooper from his ham radio store (Philshamradiostore.com).

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P.O. Box 10342, Fort Wayne, IN

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## President's Message



This is November and that means it is time for the Hamfest again. The dates for this year are November 17th and 18th. In thinking about what to write, I decided to re-visit the past about our Hamfest. The Hamfest is 35 years old. The first Hamfest that I remember attending was held at the Sheriff's Reserve. It was a small room, and you could see who the people were on the other side. The following few years, it was held at Shiloh Hall. There was twice the room, but it was cramped, and not very well lit. Then the big move was made to the Coliseum. We had the Exhibition Hall as the Expo did not yet exist. We usually sold out of tables each year. One year the arena was available so we used it. It really did not work out very well. It was cold upstairs as the ice was still down. They put pads and wood flooring down, but it was still cold. We did not do that again. Then the Coliseum started work on the Expo. At that time I was Table Chairman, and we had to come up with a table layout for the following year. We would be moving into the Expo for the next Hamfest. That was a real challenge as the Expo was still under construction. All we had was a copy of the floor grid to go by. Using that grid, we drew up a floor plan which worked out quite well. After a few years we added the Exhibition Hall back in as we grew. Most Hamfest's have been going down in attendance, especially the big one, Dayton. We seem to be holding our own so far.

As long as I am re-visiting the past, I heard a archive radio program a few weeks ago that brought back memories of some names from the past. It was a Saturday night, and I was coming back from somewhere. The program was "America Coast to Coast". The program date was from 1997. The host was Art Bell, and his guest was Wayne Green. Does anyone remember these two characters. Both are Hams. On his radio show, Art usually talked about extraterrestrials and Wayne Green published a Ham Radio magazine. I think it was 73 Magazine. Those of you who remember them can imagine how the conversation went.

A final side note. I saw something in the ARRL

Newsletter the other day that I did not know. The lead singer of my favorite group, the Eagles, is a Ham. He is Joe Walsh, and his call is WB6ACU. You can tell by his WB prefix that he has been licensed for a long time.

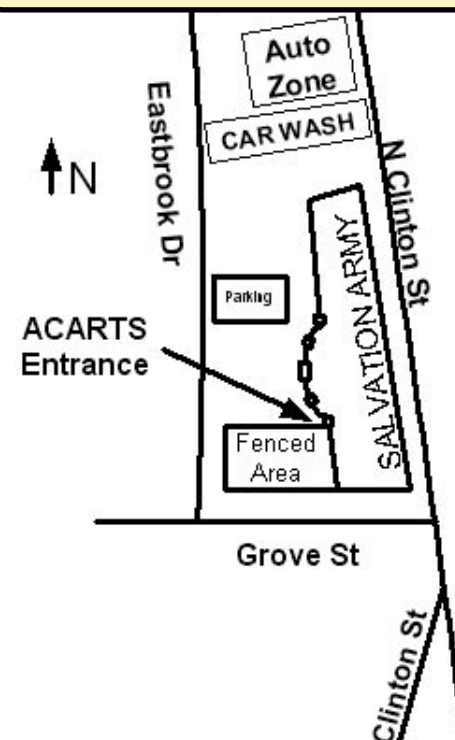
The November program is a wrap up and critique of the Hamfest. We will also have the election of officers for 2008. The December program will be a Christmas Dinner at Casa D'Angelo. It will be on our regular meeting night, and the club will be paying for the dinner. More details as they become finalized. That is all I have for the moment. See you at the Hamfest.

73, Vic, KA9LTV

## Meeting Schedule

**General Meeting:** Nov. 20, 7:30 PM. - Program: Hamfest Wrap-up + election of officers.

**Next Board Meeting:** Nov. 13, 7:30 PM All members are encouraged to attend.



## ACARTS Christmas Dinner



The program for December will be our Christmas dinner. It will be at Casa D'Angelo on Fairfield Ave, on December 18, 2007. The starting time is 7:00 PM. We will be ordering from a special menu that I will select. The club will be paying for the cost of the meal for members on record as of April 2007. You may bring a guest, but will have to pay for their meal. Reservations are required as we need to know how many people to set up for. The deadline for reservations is December 14th. You can send me a e-mail, or call 456-2012, and let me know how many members/guests will be attending.

73,  
Vic, KA9LTV

## ARMAD News



Hello Everyone:

ARMAD's 911 event is over, and the trip with Families United For A Strong America to Washington D.C is history. Both of these events were exciting and gave ARMAD, and Amateur Radio more publicity. People are asking about how they can have Amateur Radio events like this in their communities. To see pictures visit [www.armad.net](http://www.armad.net).

The next Holiday to show support for our Troops and Veterans over Amateur Radio is Veterans Day. Also The Golden Corral Military Appreciation Monday is a very neat way to express support. Plan an event at these celebrations or just get on the air and let our Veterans and Troops here our support.

There is a lot of support out there for what we are doing over Amater Radio to help our Troops, Veterans, and Retired Military. If you plan radio events let your local media know about it, and let them know that you are a part of other locations that work with ARMAD nation wide. This will help us gain media attention so that we can promote the hobby.

On Friday 10/13/07 I received a proclamation from the Governor of Indiana dated for November 17, 2007. The Proclamation declares and appoints KB9IBW / Emery McClendon, as a DISTINGUISHED HOOSIER. This award is for all of the hard work promoting ARMAD throughout the State of Indiana, and the nation. The Proclamation is posted on the ARMAD website.

The Proclamation is intended to coincide with the Fort Wayne Hamfest, and we are forwarding it to the Area Clubs for a reading during the Hamfest.

We thank the Governor for such a prestigious honor intended to help us promote ARMAD, and Amateur Radio.

Please feel free to pass along the information about ARMAD

## October 2007 ACARTS Board Meeting Minutes



The meeting was called to order by Vic, KA9LTV.

Vic announced that the October program would be a presentation by Emery, KB9IBW, on his recent trip to Washington, D.C., and that the November meeting would be the Hamfest Wrap-up and the election of club officers for 2008.

He added that the December meeting would be the Christmas party at Casa D'Angelo on Fairfield Avenue.

Jim, KB9IH, stated that preparations and mailings for the Hamfest were on schedule.

No other business was discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Submitted by Dave Lindquist, W9LKH

## October 2007 ACARTS General Meeting Minutes

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Vic announced that the November meeting would be the Hamfest Wrap-up and the election of club officers for 2008. He added that the December meeting would be the Christmas Party at Casa D'Angelo on Fairfield Avenue.

Jim, KB9IH, stated that the Hamfest mailing to area clubs had been sent. He added that he still had not heard who the representative from the ARRL would be.

After refreshments, Emery, KB9IBW, gave a presentation of his recent trip to Washington, D.C.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Submitted by Dave Lindquist, W9LKH

to family, friends, and to military members, and their families. We can help promote our hobby, and provide a great public service. Our military members deserve to hear our voices expressing support, so that thier morale can remain high.

If you have any suggestions that will help us make ARMAD more successful please let us know. We are trying to help grow Amateur Radio, and give our hobby some positive media hits.

Write letters to the editor and let your communities know how Amateur Radio is helping to support our Troops. Also ask your fellow Ham Radio friends, and military Amateur Radio Operators to join us on the air during these events. Contact local Guard and Reserve Units and let them know

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# FWDXA

## Ft Wayne DX Association

### The Deer Don't Like My Beverage - Carl Luetzelschwab K9LA

Although we have a Ft. Wayne address, Vicky and I live pretty far north - a mile or so southeast of Huntertown. We live in a rural area (at least at the moment - who knows what will happen in the next 5 to 10 years), and are in a low noise environment. This is good for DXing on all the bands - especially the low bands.

I've managed to work 160 m DXCC using only my inverted-L for receive. I know I could hear more signals if I had some form of low-noise receive antenna (a Beverage or a 4-Square, for example). So when Gary, KD9SV, asked me to evaluate one of his newly-introduced products - a reversible Beverage - I jumped at the chance.

A normal Beverage only receives in one direction, so you have to deploy one for every desired direction. That requires lots of real estate, since a 160 m Beverage should be at least 500 feet long.

To save space, several topband operators use reversible Beverages. These consist of two wires running together (either a twisted-pair or twinlead-type) and feed and reflection transformers to allow the Beverage direction to be electronically switched from the forward direction to the reverse direction. Thus one reversible Beverage covers two directions with the simple flip of a switch.



The reversible Beverage I deployed was 700 feet long, and I cleared a path in the woods in back of the house to run it. It was an easy choice as to the two directions I wanted to cover - the upcoming 3B7C DXpedition to St. Brandon Island in the Indian Ocean dictated northeast-southwest. The northeast heading, in addition to covering 3B7, also covered Europe as an added bonus.

The installation of the Beverage only took two hours. It was about waist high. After putting it all together, I was happy to note that I could hear much better.

But that didn't last long. One evening 160 m sounded dead. A quick check with my MFJ-259B indicated the antenna was broke. So I took a walk along the Beverage. A little bit more than halfway down the length the Beverage took a sharp turn to the right, and it was obvious the deer had run into it and took much of the wire with them (and they didn't even leave me a thank you note). Undaunted, I put it back up at the same height (although shorter now).

A couple evenings later I had the same problem again - 160 m sounded dead. A quick visual check showed the deer did it again. I can't totally blame them, though, as we put out corn to feed them - so we take some of the blame for attracting them here in the first place.

I'm happy to report that the third version of the Beverage is about 7 feet high (hey, I finally learned), and it's still up. That's good news for DXing on the low bands, and it's really amazing how much more I can hear compared to the inverted-L.

### ARMAD News cont'd.

that Amateur Radio is there to support them.

I want to thank each of you for your support, and participation of ARMAD over the past four years. It has not been easy to organize these events. However, we are helping our friends, neighbors, relatives, and countless others to know that America cares by providing this service. Let's continue to "Ham It Up For The Troops" and make year five our best one yet.

We continue to receive many requests from recording artists, and civic groups that will donate time and talent for ARMAD. If you plan an event for your community feel free to ask these folks for their help to make your event more successful.

ARMAD can be the result of an Amateur Radio Operator working from his home station, or local clubs organizing an event. You may want to network with an event that is going on in your community. The main thing that we need to do is to let our communities know about Amateur Radio, and let them see us operating on the air.

Working together we can promote Amateur Radio, and see growth in the future. That is what ARMAD hopes to accomplish. This is an event for all of us in this hobby, and for our local communities, and Coalition Forces to work together to support our men and women that serve in uniform and as First Responders.

Sincerely;  
Emery / KB9IBW, [www.armad.net](http://www.armad.net)

## Indiana Section News for September 2007



On September 3, Indiana lost its most well-known radio personality: Robert S. Sievers W9FJT. Bob was well known as Mr. WOWO, and his voice can still be heard on some announcements on this radio station. Always a gentleman, and a pleasure to work on 75 meters, Fifty Jumping Tigers will certainly be missed by all. Thank you Tom Lyons for a fine written tribute.

I am pleased to announce that Indiana has a new Public Information Coordinator (PIC). She is Linda Harshbarger KC9GCH of Greenwood, Indiana. Thank you Linda for your willingness to step into this most important staff appointment.

September has flown past, and many early October S.E.T.s of taken place. Tony W9AL reports that we have 464 registered ARES members in the Indiana Section. The number of EC/DEC Reports has grown to 24 for the month. (Way To Go Team!). The Indiana ARES portion of the INARRL website has been upgraded with a complete listing of information. Repeating Tony’s Monthly Tip: “If your group, club, organization, etc., is going to hold an event outside your local area, but near the local area of another club, it makes sense to contact the other club with information regarding your operation. It is a good way to ‘network’ meet people you may need to talk to in an emergency, and maybe scrape up a few volunteers if needed.”

ARES and NTS are a couple of very close “family” members. Handling formal traffic on a local or section level net is a much needed and appreciated skill. If you feel that you’re rusty, pick up a copy of the ARRL Operating Manual. It doesn’t matter if it’s a couple of years old. The techniques of properly handling formal radiograms haven’t changed, and are not likely to. During an emergency, those skills will be very, very valuable. Pay attention to the delivery part of the chapter of Message Handling. None-ham folks are almost always surprised to receive a radiogram.

Fall seems to be a time when SKYWARN spotters tend to let down their “guard”. When conditions are right, severe weather can occur at any time of the year. Within the last day or so, the town of Nappanee was struck by an EF-3 tornado. There was a lot of damage to the town and utilities. Fortunately, no fatalities occurred. I will try to have a complete report of this in the October Indiana Section news.

The following VHF/UHF Net Managers reported their net’s activity during September: KC9BHJ, KB9NYC, KB9JLF, N9XVB, KF9EX, WB9RVN, WB9FHP, WD9BKA, WB9NCE, KB9RFO, W3ML, W9THD, W9AU, KA9QWC. If your Net Manager’s callsign does not appear in this list, then your net’s activity was not reported to our Section VHF/UHF Net Manager, John Kinley KC9BHJ. Please send net activity reports to John at: kc9bhj@arrl.net .

I hope to see many of you at the Fort Wayne Hamfest/Indiana ARRL Convention in November. Put the dates on your calendar: November 17-18.

### September Section Net Activity:

NET	FREQ	DAILY TIMES (UTC)	QNI	QTC	QTR	SESS
ITN	3910 KHZ	1230/2030	2555	225	1469	60
QIN	3535 KHZ	1330/0000	126	116	675	54
ARES	3910 KHZ	4TH SUN/MO @ 1200Z	10	0	17	1
HOOSIER VHF NETS 15 REPORTING			1033	27	2073	84
HOOSIER DIGITAL NETS (4)			---	---	---	---

September ORS Traffic Reports: K9GBR 158, KJ9J 140, K9PUI 129, NA9L 94, W9ILF 20, W9PC 18, KA9QWC 12, AB9AA 8, W9AL 6.

September PSHR Reports: NA9L 1/40 2/40 3/30; Total 110 Points.//W9AL 1/40 2/12 3/30 4/35, Total 117

James S. Sellers K9ZBM  
Indiana Section Manager








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**Fort Wayne Hamfest and Computer Expo**  
**Indiana State A.R.R.L. Convention**  
**November 17 - 18, 2007, Fort Wayne, Indiana**

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-----The 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Fort Wayne Hamfest & Computer Expo, and Indiana State A.R.R.L. Convention, sponsored by the Allen County Amateur Radio Technical Society (AC-ARTS), will be held at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum at the corner of Indiana 930 (Coliseum Blvd) and Parnell Ave. Open to the public 9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. EST on Saturday and 9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. EST on Sunday. Vendor setup is Friday evening and Saturday morning. Admission is only \$6.00 for both days or \$4.00 for just Sunday at the door only; Children 11 and under are free when accompanied by an adult. Parking is \$4.00. There are 892 commercial and flea market tables (133,000 sq. ft.), all under one roof, containing both new and used radio, computer, and general electronics items. Advance table reservations are required - there will be no table sales at the door. Vendors include several International ham equipment manufacturers. Activities will include many forums and meetings, and VE testing on Saturday. Talk-in on 146.88(-). For more information leave a message on the answering machine at (260) 579-2196 and you will be contacted. You can also send an 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>-----

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**Fort Wayne Radio Club Minutes, cont'd.**

Bob Streeter reported that following the Board's direction, he has cancelled the club insurance policy that had been placed with Grange Insurance replacing it with a policy through the ARRL. This change will result in a yearly savings of about \$300.00.

Carole Burke announced that the Christmas Party is planned for the December club meeting. It will be a Carry-In starting at 6:30 PM with entertainment (music) provided by Jim Moehring and will feature a gift exchange.

Jim Moehring then conducted club elections for the 2007-2008 club year. There were no votes taken for the various offices as only one person per office (three for the three Board of Directors slots) agreed to put their name into nomination. Thus those persons willing to put their names up for nomination were elected by acclamation. As a result, the Officers and Board members for the 2007-2008 club year will be:

President – Tom Baker, N9TB  
 Vice President – Woody Woodbury, KC9CGN  
 Treasurer – Bob Streeter, W8ST  
 Secretary – Al Burke, WB9SSE  
 Operations Manager – Steve Nardin, W9SAN  
 Editor – Vic Guess, WB9UZA  
 Board of Directors – Carole Burke, WB9RUS, Terry Bowman, K9FMX, Clint Stedje, KB9LOF

Following the Business meeting Jim Moehring conducted the 50-50 raffle. The \$14.00 pot was split between the club treasury and winner Carole Burke (WB9RUS). Carole was heard to state that her share of the pot would finance a trip or two to Starbucks.....and that Al was out of luck.

Following the 50-50 raffle, Steve Nardin provided a presentation on ten Ham Radio myths.

Respectfully submitted,  
 Al Burke, WB9SSE





## Test Points

27-Oct-2007  
 Sponsor: UNSPONSORED  
 Time: 2:00 PM (No walk-ins)  
 Contact: STEPHEN J KOUTS  
 (419)795-5763  
 VEC: ARRL/VEC  
 Location: VAN WERT COUNTY

EMA  
 1220 OLD LINCOLN HWY  
 HOMELAND SECURITY BUILDING  
 VAN WERT, OH 45891

27-Oct-2007  
 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

22-Dec-2007  
 Sponsor: UNSPONSORED  
 Time: 2:00 PM (No walk-ins)  
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 VEC: ARRL/VEC  
 Location: VAN WERT COUNTY EMA - HOMELAND SECURITY BUILDING  
 1220 OLD LINCOLN HWY  
 ALSO CONTACT: LOUIS THOMAS  
 419-238-2812  
 VAN WERT, OH 45891

## 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

## For Sale & Wanted

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

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Free: I have guy cable for just picking it up. It 3/8 in. dia. Not rusty. I have three pieces that I used to guy my sixty foot tower. Just come over and pick it up.

Victor Keller, N9GK, n9gk (at) arrl.net



## IRCC A.O.Y. Nominees

### FOUR HOOSIER HAMS ARE TOP NOTCH

Congratulations to four outstanding Hoosier Amateur Radio Operators who have been nominated for the prestigious 2007 IRCC Outstanding Amateur of the Year award. Each year the Indiana Radio Club Council selects one amateur who has recruited new hams, taught classes, volunteered to conduct exam sessions, participated in public service events and worked to advance amateur radio in the community.

Four individuals have met that criteria and will be honored in a special forum at the Ft. Wayne Hamfest November 17, 2007.

Those being honored are:

Gary Adams W9EEU of Terre Haute  
 Bill Kennedy WY9T of Indianapolis  
 Tony Langer W9AL of North Judson  
 Emery McClendon KB9IBW of Ft. Wayne

Join us for the IRCC forum and Outstanding Amateur of the Year presentation at 11:30 am in the White Room.

Jack Parker W8ISH  
 IRCC Chairman



## 2007 Foxhunt Schedule

Nov 4 1:30 PM  
 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
28 Oct 2007	Massillon, OH	330-837-3091	<a href="http://www.marcradio.org">http://www.marcradio.org</a>
10 Nov 2007	Richmond, KY	859-624-9156	<a href="http://www.qsl.net/ckars/hamfest/">http://www.qsl.net/ckars/hamfest/</a>
17-18 Nov 2007	Fort Wayne, IN	260-579-2196	<a href="http://www.acarts.com/hfmain.htm">http://www.acarts.com/hfmain.htm</a>
15 Dec 2007	Lowell, MI	616-897-7659	<a href="http://www.argyl.org">http://www.argyl.org</a>

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

### More Scout Camporee Photos



### Taylor University Balloon Launch Scheduled for November 3, 2007

As reported at the October meeting, Taylor university students will be participating in a mass balloon launch on November 3, 2007. Lift off of the balloon from the Upland, Indiana campus is scheduled for approximately 1030 hrs and the flight is scheduled to last 3 - 4 hours.



This launch will be part of a mass launch of 10 balloons from universities around the country.

Part of the Taylor University balloon payload will be an amateur radio repeater. This is the same repeater that has flown on balloons launched in August and on October 20th. FWRC members have assisted in testing the repeater on those. During the August flight, members successfully worked a Cincinnati station through the balloon.

The cross band repeater being carried by the balloon will have an input frequency of 146.46 MHz and an output frequency of 446.025 MHz. The output power of the repeater is approximately 600 mW.

During the flight, position of the balloon can be followed on APRS. The Taylor University balloon will be using the call sign, KB9ZNX-1. The other balloons will be using the call signs KB9ZNX-2 through KB9ZNX-10, however at press time, the specific school call sign assignments had not been made. APRS tracking will also be available on the internet at [www.findu.com](http://www.findu.com). Once to the page, search for the reports on KB9ZNX-10.

Please join the FWRC on the air, Saturday morning, November 3, 2007 at 1030 and work a fascinating aspect of our hobby.

Jim Moehring, KB9WWM



### ARLB023 Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH, Special Counsel, Retires

Riley Hollingsworth, K4ZDH, Special Counsel in the FCC's Enforcement Bureau, announced his retirement this week, effective Thursday, January 3, 2008.

While his successor has not been named, Hollingsworth was quick to point out that the FCC's Amateur Radio enforcement program will continue.

Hollingsworth told the ARRL: "After about a year of thinking about the 'if not now, when?' question, I decided to retire

January 3. I love working for the FCC and I've always had great jobs, but this one involving the Amateur Radio Service has been the most fun and I have enjoyed every day of it."

He continues, "For nine years I've worked with the best group of licensees on earth, enjoyed your support and tremendous FCC support and looked forward every day to coming to work. The Amateur Radio enforcement program will continue without missing a beat, and after retirement I look forward to being involved with Amateur Radio every way I can. I thank all of you for being so dedicated and conscientious, and for the encouragement you give us every day."

## 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 <sup>1</sup>  \$6.00 / year  
 Student membership <sup>2</sup>  \$6.00 / year  
 Associate membership <sup>3</sup>  \$6.00 / year  
 (New Regular memberships are \$1/month)

### Fort Wayne Radio Club Dues

Regular membership  \$15.00 / year  
 Family membership <sup>1</sup>  \$21.00 / year  
 Student membership <sup>2</sup>  \$6.00 / year  
 Associate membership <sup>3</sup>  \$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 PM Indiana time, 1966  
 kHz, Wednesday 3866 KHz. Everyone welcome! Contact Larry  
 Temenoff, KB9OS for more info.

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TO:



### Activities Calendar

Date	Time	Event	Place
11/4/07	1:30 PM	Foxhunt	off track betting parking lot, Washington Ctr. & Lima Rds.
11/9/07	7:00 PM	FWRC Meeting	GSUMC
11/13/07	7:30 PM	ACARTS Board Meeting	Salvation Army Center
11/17-18/07	9-4, 9-3	Fort Wayne Hamfest	Memorial Coliseum
11/20/07	7:30 PM	ACARTS General Meeting	Salvation Army Center
11/30/07	--->	deadline for Dec. ACHN items	
12/4/07	7:00 PM	FWRC Board Meeting	GSUMC
12/11/07	7:30 PM	ACARTS Board Meeting	Salvation Army Center
12/14/07	6:00 PM	FWRC Christmas Banquet	GSUMC
12/18/07	7:00 PM	ACARTS Christmas Party	Casa D'Angelo - Fairfield Ave.