

# Allen County HamNews

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## FORT WAYNE RADIO CLUB CHRISTMAS PARTY

Can it be this time of year already? Must be, the Hamfest just occurred and Thanksgiving just flew by, so; the annual Fort Wayne Radio Club Christmas party is Friday, December 9, set up time is 6:30 P.M. with dinner around 6:45 - 7:00 P.M. It is a total carry-in with the club providing punch, coffee, and table settings. Please bring a covered dish to share and a gift for the gift exchange, if you choose to participate. Please put on the gift if it is a man's gift or a woman's gift and please, please put your name as the giver. No one likes to get an anonymous gift and I always like to thank whoever gave the gift. Looking forward to seeing you all there. Carole, WB9RUS



### Attention ACARTS Members

In looking for a new home for the 147.255 MHz repeater, it has come to my attention that the club has other equipment that could be utilized at the new site. Before proceeding with wind load and RF interference studies, I would appreciate any input that the club membership and local amateur operators might have in placing this equipment at the new site. I can be contacted via e-mail at KB9BGW@arrl.net or by phone at (260) 749-8974.

for the return of the club's ATV station. Which brings up another point, If anyone knows the whereabouts of any club equipment, please contact me so I can verify my inventory list.

I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Steven G. Berrier  
Station Manager, A.C.A.R.T.S.

I would also like to thank Steven Chobot WB9RKB

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Please do NOT send anything in all caps!!**

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**ACARTS:**

<http://www.acarts.com>

**Ft Wayne DX Association:**

<http://www.qsl.net/fwdxa/>

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## President's Corner



The amateur radio calendar in Northeast Indiana is winding down for 2005. The Hamfest has come and gone. I want to give a big thank you to everyone in the Fort Wayne Radio Club that helped with the hamfest.

It was a great time and a successful weekend for everyone.

Thanksgiving has come and gone. The next FWRC meeting will be the Christmas Banquet. Carole, WB9RUS, will have more specific details elsewhere in the newsletter. But remember that the Christmas banquet is the second Friday of December rather than the third Friday. The carry-in is December 9th and you can start filling the tables at 6:30 PM.

This is my last letter as president, at least for a while. Starting in January Jim Moehring, KB9WWM, will assume the duties of president of the club. The last four years have been a lot of fun for me. There have been a lot of high points and a few low points but I would not trade the experience for anything. I have gotten to know so many more area amateurs than I would have otherwise. I am thankful to call all of you friends.

I want to thank everyone who has served on the board with me. I have said many times that the FWRC board is a "team sport". Everyone on the board contributes to the success of the club. Thank you as well to everyone who has helped out with the various public service opportunities such as walk-a-thons. Thank you to everyone who has helped with Field Day. There is a lot of work involved and we have successful field day activities year after year.

And a special thank you this year to our Secretary, Al Burke, WB9SSE. Al took ownership of the repeater move and really made it happen. We started the year thinking we might still have another year on the Spy Run tower, but the schedule moved up

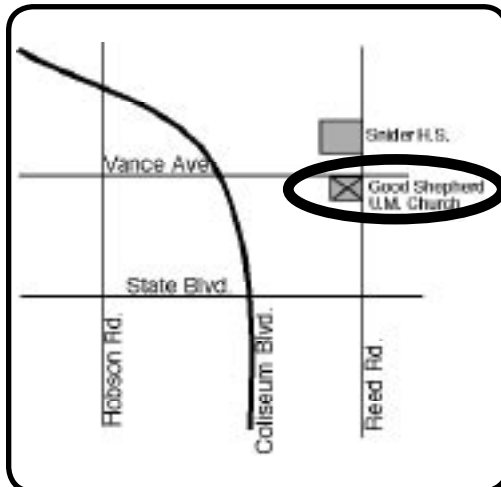
and Al made sure it got done. The entire club can not thank you enough.

There are so many great people in this hobby. The areas of interest are diverse; we cover HF activity through microwave, audio and video, analog and digital, commercial equipment and kit building, emergency communication, and rag-chews. And the people are diverse; we cross national boundaries, ethnic boundaries, gender boundaries, and occupational boundaries. That probably gives amateur radio even more diversity than most other hobbies. If we take advantage of it, that diversity can be and should be a strength for amateur radio. We need to continue to work at working together to make the hobby better and stronger.

In closing I have to say that I am extremely excited about the future of the club. We are in good hands. Jim has a lot of great ideas and he will be doing a fantastic job setting the vision for the club next year. I am sure that you all join me in wishing Jim "Good Luck", and in giving Jim our full support for the future.

Tom / N9TB

**Dec. Meeting:  
Fri, Dec. 9, 6:30 PM  
Christmas Party**



## Fort Wayne Radio Club Minutes November 11, 2005

The November 2005 meeting of the Fort Wayne Radio Club was held at the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church on 11 November 2005 with President Tom Baker as the host. There were about 20 persons present.

### OLD BUSINESS:

The October meeting minutes were read and there were no corrections.

There was no Treasurer's report.

### NEW BUSINESS:

Tom Baker announced that we would be holding an open house at the new repeater site Saturday, 12 November from 09:00 till noon. All are welcome to attend.

Tom noted that the Board of Directors had voted to raise the fee for a mailed copy of the Ham News from the present \$6.00 per year surcharge to a \$12.00 per year surcharge. This will cover the actual expense of printing and mailing a hardcopy of the Hamnews. The change will take effect concurrent with the CY 2006 dues.

Al Burke reported on the November Foxhunt. Jim and Annie Pliett and Al and Carole Burke were the fox. For this hunt Carole fabricated a black flag with a pocket in it that contained the fox. The flag was raised beneath the US flag at the front entrance to Carroll High School, and the flag contained the legend "El Zorro" (Spanish for "The Fox"). We had intended to imprint the flag with the legend "Vulpes volpes est sursum hic!" which is Latin for "The Fox is up here!", but the flag wasn't big enough so we settled for the Spanish. Needless to say with the fox up that high the signal was quite strong and the hunters started snooping around the general location of the high school in short order. But they were certainly confused when they got out on foot and were walking around the base of the flag pole trying to figure where the darned thing was. Then Carl Rittenhouse looked up and noticed a suspicious bulge in the black flag. Thus Carl was the first to find the quarry. After Carl, Jim & Kim Machamer and crew and then Woody Woodbury found the prize. Following the hunt everyone dropped by Carole and Al Burke's house for drinks, hot chili and a lot of friendly conversation.

Tom Baker announced that the club would have two tables at the ACARTS Hamfest and passed around a sign-up sheet for volunteers to man the tables. Tom also discussed the ground rules for anyone wishing to place an item or items at the table for sale.

Carole Burke noted that the Christmas banquet would be held at the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church on Friday, December 9th starting at 7:00 pm with set-up at 6:30pm. The banquet will be a carry-in (entrée or dessert) with the club providing the drinks and table ware. Jim Moehring is providing the music, Jim Pliett and Al Burke are providing a presentation (photos) of the repeater move project, and there will be a volunteer gift exchange (suggested value \$5.00).



Tom Baker announced that January's meeting will be the auction (January 20).

Steve Nardin noted he is studying the requirements to provide Echo Link capability for the 146.91 MHz machine.

Rich Andrew announced that he is looking for hams willing to provide emergency communications support in the event of a natural disaster that takes out commercial and/or fire/police/first responder communications capability. The volunteers would participate in "table top" exercises that simulate loss of communications scenarios in order to form an effective team should the real thing occur. Anyone interested can contact Rich via phone (260-373-0644) or via email (n9hra@arrl.net).

The 50-50 club raffle pot was \$19.00 split between the club treasury and Carole Burke, WB9RUS.

Following the business meeting Steve Nardin and Rich Andrew gave a presentation on QRP equipment and techniques.

Respectfully submitted,  
Al Burke, WB9SSE



FWRC outgoing and incoming trustees (Lynn Hyndman and Carole Burke) taken at the hamfest.

Photo by Al Burke

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## President's Message



A few words about what has been happening as we come to the end of another year. The 2005 Fort Wayne Hamfest is now in the history book. I do not have final results as I write my message, but it appears that attendance was close to that of last year. Many area hamfests have seen a drop in attendance this year. The high cost of gas may have been a factor in those drops. We are thankful that the prices dropped prior to our hamfest.

We will not have a Christmas party this year. It was difficult in coming up with a date when people could attend. In the past we had an average of 10 people attend the parties. With so many conflicting activities, many people would be unable to attend. So with much regret, we decided not to have a party this year.

The election of Officers and Managers for 2006 was held during the November general meeting. The current slate of officers was re-elected to another term. One position remained unfilled. That position is the Activities Manager. The person in this position is responsible for the programs and refreshments at the general meetings. About half of the year is set as they are annual activities, so that just leaves the rest of the year. If you are interested in the position let me know. In the absence of a Activities Manager, the board would like your help with program ideas. If there is something you would like to see, let us know so we can find someone to put on a program. If you have something that you think would be of interest to the members, volunteer to put on a program.

Now for another installment of Computer man. I picked up a virus that disabled my McAfee software. It also would not let me reinstall that software. It also affected Outlook Express, as it would not let me open hyper links in my emails. It also prevented access to secure

web sites. I used a couple of different anti virus programs and they all located the same three viruses, but could not remove them. I was able to locate them and tried to manually remove them. When I rebooted, they came right back. That left just one option. I had to reformat the hard drive, and then reinstall all of the programs I had on the hard drive. But first I had to get all my files off of the hard drive. I had almost a years worth of newspaper, and editorial articles. I also had many images that were too large to save to

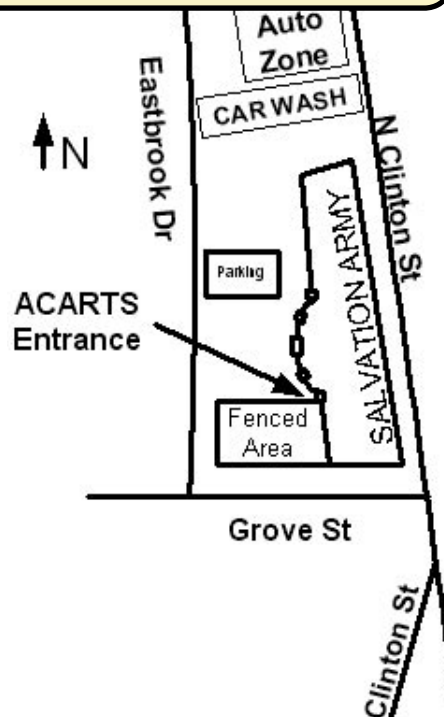
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## Meeting Schedule

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

**There is no December meeting**

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



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a floppy disk. It took me two days to copy everything to CD's. In the future I am going to transfer everything on a monthly basis. It took me almost three hours to get everything back on my computer. That includes the time I spent on the phone with my ISP to get my internet connection back up and running. It is a shame that some people use their computer talent being destructive, instead of productive.

That is all I have for this month. I hope everyone had a Happy Thanksgiving. I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year.

73,  
Vic, KA9LTV

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## November 2005 ACARTS Board Meeting Minutes

The ACARTS meeting started at 1930 hrs.

Vic: Discussed this year's Christmas party. Because of past Christmas party's low attendance, this year's Christmas party was canceled. The next board meeting is scheduled for the 13th of December.

Howard: Had lots of table orders for the Hamfest. More than we had in the past year. Need more air time for Hamfest ads.

Steven: Nothing new to report.

Jim(KB9IH): Had meeting with radio station LDE for radio ad broadcast for Hamfest in November. Had ad in Ft. Wayne newspaper for Hamfest. Nov 15, in the Living Section. Hamfest workers should be receiving packets with info for the Hamfest any time this week. This year will have \$ 5.00 off meals at Casa Mare, located across from the Coliseum on Parnell, since Ryan's is closed.

Meeting was adjourned by Vic at 2025 hours.

Robin



## November 2005 ACARTS General Meeting Minutes



The ACARTS General meeting started at 1933 hours.

Vic: No Christmas party this year due to low attendance by members and cost. There will be a skywarn class in February at the Salvation Army building. Still have no candidates for activities position. Any member that has ideas for activities let Vic know.

Howard: Broke even at Hamfest. Need to decide whether or not to continue having Hamfests due to declining numbers of people attending.

Steven: Status of finding a new repeater site the same as before. Have contacted someone from FWPD to see if we could put 147.255 at their site. Repeaters are running ok. Previous problems with 146.88 repeater was caused by a rodent.

Nominations for officers:

Current officers are nominated for positions.

Need program manager. Motion was made for Election of current officers to positions, and seconded.

Hamfest Wrap-up by Jim: Numbers are down from last year. There were numerous radio stations advertising the Hamfest. There was also an article in Saturday evening newspaper about the Hamfest. Financially broke even this year.

Howard: Renewal payments for tables were up about 20%.

Bernie: Suggested using pressurized cans of pop for the workers instead of cases. The club will check into the prices.

Dan: 284 people attended the forums both Saturday and Sunday, including the VE testing session. There is still some confusion over the forum rooms locations. There are questions as to whether or not to continue having Sunday forums, because of low attendance.

Jim: Has an idea of having specific volunteers to help with vendor's unloading/loading their stuff.

Dave(WB9UNL): Having difficulty recruiting volunteers for oil cleanup. Need some ideas on how to get more volunteers to help out.

Meeting was adjourned at 2130 hours.

Robin

# FWDXA

## Ft Wayne DX Association

### DX Activities at the Ft Wayne Hamfest – Carl Luetzelschwab K9LA

In addition to the diverse vendors, the great flea market, the nice prizes, and the interesting forums, this year's Ft Wayne hamfest again offered two activities for DXers and other award chasers: DXCC, VUCC, and WAS card checking, and a DX dinner.

Card checking included DXCC applications by Scott N9AG, Mike N9NS, and Carl K9LA. VUCC and WAS card checking was handled by Vicky AE9YL. The DXCC card checkers handled thirteen applications totaling about 900 QSOs. AE9YL handled three VUCC applications and one WAS application.

The DX dinner (that name is quite loose for this function - in reality it included more than just DXers) took place Saturday evening at the Red River Steakhouse in the Ft Wayne Marriott (Coldwater and I-69). This was the second annual DX dinner - the first one was held last year at the Tumbleweed restaurant on Lima Rd (now closed), and was attended by about 12 people. The festivities for this year's event started at 5 PM, with

some participants showing up a bit earlier to partake of some adult beverages in the bar.

The staff of the Red River restaurant did a wonderful job. The service was excellent, the food was great, and the conversation was enjoyable. The dinner was set up with one long table that accommodated all 22 attendees.

Those attending included Pete N0FW, Kirk W8QID, Mike N9NS, Scott N9AG, Bill K8CJQ and Terrie W8CJQ of Prosoft Plus in Michigan, Rich KL7RA (visiting relatives in North Judson), Chip K7JA from Yaesu, Vicky AE9YL, Carl K9LA, Dave N9FN, Jim KR9U and his wife Lisa, Nancy WZ8C (Editor of WorldRadio magazine) and her mom Irene WO8E, Dave W9DF, Tim N9LF, Dave WB9BRX, Gerd WB8IFM and Steve K8UD representing AMSAT at the hamfest, and Ray K9DUR and his lady friend.

Conversation at the DX dinner ran the gamut from DXpeditions of past, present, and future to contest activities, and from other facets of amateur radio to light-hearted discussions of recent world happenings.

Indeed, the old saying "a good time was had by all" applied to the Second Annual DX dinner. And it is likely that the Third Annual Ft Wayne hamfest DX dinner next year will be even better.



Two of the twenty two attendees at the 2005 Ft Wayne hamfest DX dinner - on the left is Nancy WZ8C (Editor of WorldRadio) and on the right is her mother Irene WO8E.



## Indiana Section News for October 2005

The Hoosier DX and Contest Club <[www.hdxcc.org/inqp/scores.html](http://www.hdxcc.org/inqp/scores.html)> has the latest scores for the 2005 Indiana QSO Party posted on the club website. Congratulations to the top scoring Indiana Station: K9NW, and the top scoring station outside Indiana, KK8I. Other top scores were K9EU (Single-OP Hi Pwr/Out of state); KJ9D(Single-OP Lo Pwr/In State); W3BBO (Single-Op Lo Pwr/Out of State); K9NX (Single-Op QRP/In State); KK8I ( Single-OP QRP/Out of State); K8MR (Mobile/In State); K1KI (Mobile/Out of State); AK9F (Multi-OP/In State); W6RK (Multi-OP/Out of State); WN9O (Portable/In State). A complete list of the scores for the 2005 Indiana QSO Party is available at the HDXCC website listed here.

Indiana SEC Dave Pifer N9YNF reports a good Section SET net on October 1st. All Indiana ARES groups need to hold a SET sometime between September 1st and December 1st each year. Once again there will be forums at the Fort Wayne Hamfest/Indiana ARRL Convention. Everyone interested in Emergency Communications should attend the ARES and ARRL Forums.

As many of you know, early Sunday morning November 6, a tornado swept through Vanderburgh and Warrick Counties in SW Indiana. Cleanup and mitigation of this local disaster is continuing. More information about who and what will follow in the November Section news. Much of the existing local communications infrastructure was badly damaged and unusable. Last reports from the Evansville area are that Amateur Radio really had a chance to “shine”.

N9JPX reports that 10 amateurs provided communications for the Martinsville Fall Foliage parade on October 9th. Participating were W9SWC, KA9NYS, KA9JQR, KA9ZZR, KA9NFD, K9AMA, WK9G, KA9NPY, KA9UVA, and N9JPX. On October 22, Morgan County amateurs provided communication for the Hoosier Hikers Fall Walk/Run in the Morgan-Monroe State Forest. Amateurs participating were N9QHW, KC9GLT, WK9G, KB9SKH, and N9JPX.

There are at least 33 known VHF/UHF nets in Indiana. Our Section VHF/UHF Net Manager John Kinley KC9BHJ [john.kinley@sbcglobal.net](mailto:john.kinley@sbcglobal.net), reports that 8 Net Managers sent him reports for October. The following NMs reported their net’s activity: KC9BHJ (Anderson ARES/RACES Net), N9DGQ (East Central Rptr Assoc.), KE9WI (Huntington Co.), KF9EX (Lake Co. ARES/RACES), WB9RVN ( Lafayette-WIRES), WD9BKA (Owen Co ARES), WB9NCE (Pike County), and WD9HTN (SCAN). Thanks to those who put forth the effort to report. If your local VHF/UHF Net/NM is not listed here, then the Net Manager for your area is not sending John a monthly report.

### October Section Net Activity:

NET	FREQ	DAILY TIMES (UTC)	QNI	QTC	QTR	SESS
ITN	3910 KHZ	1330/2130	2039	105	1180	53
QIN	3656 KHZ	1430/0000	219	134	981	47
ARES	3910 KHZ	4TH SUN/MO @ 1300Z	8	0	15	1
HOOSIER	VHF NETS	8 REPORTING	359	18	539	31
HOOSIER	DIGITAL NETS (5)		26	0	---	155

**October ORS Traffic Reports:** KO9D 132, K9GBR 75, WA9JWL 61, K9PUI 48, AB9AA 18, KC9UU 10, WB9NCE 6, W9XD 4.

### October Public Service Honor Roll Reports

CALLSIGN	1	2	3	4	5	6	TOTAL
WA9JWL	40	40	10	10	10	0	110

James S. Sellers K9ZBM  
Indiana Section Manager



### Fort Wayne Hamfest Memories







### For Sale & Wanted

For Sale:  
Mobile VHF radios:  
These commercials 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(at)aol.com

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For Sale:

- VHF Power Amp, TPL Model PA3-1DE, 8-15 W in, 80-120 W out, \$70
- Collector's Item: Norelco Contenental 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

### On the Lighter Side

More from the Tech Department:

A woman customer called the Canon help desk with a problem with her printer.

Tech support: Are you running it under windows? Customer: "No, my desk is next to the door, but that is a good point. The man sitting in the cubicle next to me is under a window, and his printer is working fine."

Tech support: What anti-virus program do you use? Customer: Netscape.

Tech support: That's not an anti-virus program. Customer: Oh, sorry...Internet Explorer.

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### Test Points

28-Jan-2006

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

25-Feb-2006

Sponsor: UNSPONSORED

Time: 2:00 PM (No walk-ins)

Contact: WALTER C VOGEL  
(419)394-2976

Email: AWVOGEL@BRIGHT.NET

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: VAN WERT COUNTY EMA

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



### 2006 Foxhunt Schedule

Jan – none

Feb 12 – 1:30 PM

March 5 – 1:30 PM

April 2 – 1:30 PM

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
4 Dec 2005	Mount Clemens, MI	586-465-2797	<a href="http://www.n8lc.org">http://www.n8lc.org</a>
18 Dec 2005	Lowell, MI	616-897-7659	<a href="http://www.argyl.org">http://www.argyl.org</a>
14 Jan 2006	Flushing, MI	810-233-7889	<a href="http://www.arayclub.org">http://www.arayclub.org</a>
14 Jan 2006	Middletown, OH	513-727-3456	<a href="http://www.swohdigi.org/">http://www.swohdigi.org/</a>
14 Jan 2006	Hazel Park, MI	248-691-1130	<a href="http://www.qsl.net/w8hp">http://www.qsl.net/w8hp</a>
25 Feb 2006	LaPorte, IN		<a href="http://www.laporteamateurradioclub.org">http://www.laporteamateurradioclub.org</a>
19 Mar 2006	Maumee (Toledo), OH	419-535-6594	<a href="http://www.tmrahamradio.org">http://www.tmrahamradio.org</a>

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



## 2005 IRCC Outstanding Amateur Of The Year

Jim Edwards, KA9DIF

It's with great pleasure the Indiana Radio Club Council presents the 2005 OUTSTANDING AMATEUR OF THE YEAR award to Jim Edwards, KA9DIF.

Jim has been active in amateur radio for over two decades. He continues to lend his expertise as a volunteer examiner to the Wabash Valley Amateur Radio Association.

Jim is the director of the Ryves Hall Youth Center, a facility for underprivileged children, here in Terre Haute. Since becoming director in 1982, Jim has been a positive role model to countless children in the Terre Haute area. Amateur Radio is an important part of the his life and that of his family. Three members of his family are licensed as well.

Our outstanding amateur of the year is always ready at a moment's notice to aid local Amateur Radio projects. Earlier this year, on short notice, he stepped in and offered his facility for the local ham radio Tailgate swap meet..

Over the years, Jim Edwards has demonstrated a dedication and passion for bringing Amateur Radio to underprivileged kids. Under his direction, his school has developed a thriving Amateur Radio program.

With the help of a few others, his school has expanded it's curriculum beyond the classroom by holding regularly scheduled Technician classes. Those extracurricular classes have lead to Amateur Radio licenses for many under privileged youths and some of their parents as well. His ability to discover and take advantage of various grants and donations has provided funds to build a complete Amateur Radio station at his educational facility covering 2 meters, 70 centimeters and HF. Jim has also organized a school Amateur Radio Club, with the call sign KC9EKW (every kid wins).

With such a distinguished background it's easy to see why not only the kids win, but his community and amateur radio as well.

Six nominees from around the state were also honored. They include Kevin Berlen-K9HX, Clay City, Ernest Clark KB9SKI, Greenwood, Ed Conder N9IZN, Camby, Peter Crasher W9DRB, Chrisney, Robert Griggs W9MKA, New Castle and Carl Zager KB9RVB, Bloomington.

For more info contact Jack Parker W8ISH, [jparker@iquest.net](mailto:jparker@iquest.net) or 317-881-0817

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Tech support: How may I help you?

Customer: I'm writing my first e-mail.

Tech support: OK, and what seems to be the problem?

Customer: Well, I have the letter 'a' in the address, but how do I get the circle around it?

Tech support: "Okay Bob, let's press the control and escape keys at the same time. That brings up a task list in the middle of the screen. Now type the letter "P" to bring up the Program Manager."

Customer: I don't have a P.

Tech support: On your keyboard, Bob.

Customer: What do you mean?

Tech support: "P".....on your keyboard, Bob. Customer: I'M NOT GOING TO DO THAT!

## ARMAD News

Hello everyone:

It was nice to see all the old, and new faces at the Hamfest on this week. It looks like another year has come and gone. I hope that everyone got the equipment that they were planning on getting all year.



I also want to thank everyone from both Clubs that helped out at the ARMAD Military Monday event. We had a great time, and had several Golden Corral's on the air from around the Country. Fort Wayne had special visitors from the Monroe Amateur Radio Club at this years event. They had a great time and learned a lot about ARMAD. Many Clubs have expressed interest in future ARMAD events.

I hope everyone will have a great Holiday season, and will resolve to help make Amateur Radio even greater in 2006.

Thanks again to all of the ARMAD operators, and best wishes to all Club members as we head into 2006.

Sincerely,  
Emery / KB9IBW

[www.armad.net](http://www.armad.net)

## 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                | <input type="checkbox"/> \$15.00 / year |
| Family membership <sup>1</sup>    | <input type="checkbox"/> \$21.00 / year |
| Student membership <sup>2</sup>   | <input type="checkbox"/> \$6.00 / year  |
| Associate membership <sup>3</sup> | <input type="checkbox"/> \$15.00 / year |
| Mailed newsletter                 | <input type="checkbox"/> \$12.00 / year |

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

### A.C.A.R.T.S. Dues

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| Regular membership                     | <input type="checkbox"/> \$12.00 / year |
| Additional family members <sup>1</sup> | <input type="checkbox"/> \$6.00 / year  |
| Student membership <sup>2</sup>        | <input type="checkbox"/> \$6.00 / year  |
| Associate membership <sup>3</sup>      | <input type="checkbox"/> \$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

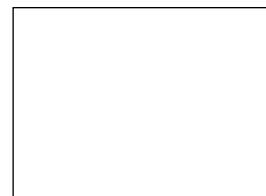
**Huntington ARES:** Saturday at 8:00 p.m. (0100 UTC) on 146.685

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

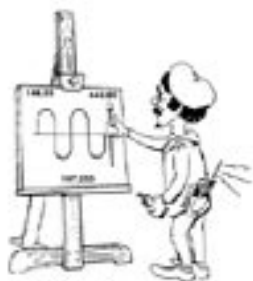
**Whitley Co. Sunday:** Sundays at 7:45 p.m. (0045 UTC) on 444.550 +. (The 146.460 simplex crossbanding from both nets has been dropped.)

**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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### Activities Calendar



Date	Time	Event	Place
12/9/05	6:30 PM	FWRC Christmas Party	GSUMC
12/13/05	6:30 PM	ACARTS Board Meeting	Salvation Army Center
	NOTE:	no Dec. ACARTS General Meeting	
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
2/10/06		deadline for Feb. ACHN items	
2/14/06	7:00 PM	FWRC Board Meeting	GSUMC
2/14/06	7:30 PM	ACARTS Board Meeting	Salvation Army Center
2/21/06	7:00 PM	combined FWRC/ACARTS Skywarn training	Salvation Army Center