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## WRAPPING UP THE 2011 HAMFEST

Did you make it to the hamfest this year? Along with all of the items for sale, several major manufacturers, including Icom and MFJ, were there to show off their latest products.

There were several forms and other meetings including a forum on using D-STAR. It was standing room only and packed a relatively large meeting room. Paul Prestia KA3OPZ discussed and demonstrated our new D-STAR repeater. Advice was provided on how to join in on the D-STAR fun.



Photos from the 2011 Fort Wayne Hamfest. More on Page 9.



Don't forget the Christmas parties this month!

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# Hamsplatter

Fort Wayne Radio Club

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## THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

As we enter the joy of the Holiday season, we are looking back at the year gone by as well as looking forward to the year to come. We certainly have had a fantastic 2011 for the Radio Club! We have had a fun time on the air with the June ARRL VHF QSO Party, then on to a new Field Day site for a successful on the air experience. In between, we have run Public Service events and a complete Fox Hunt season. And we couldn't forget all the fun (!) of our dive into the pool of D-STAR, which required a new site, new hardware and software, and a new cooperation with the other big club here in town, ACARTS. More recently, many of us helped out at the Fort Wayne Hamfest as well.

So as I look back at 2011, the year the sunspots came back big time, I am extremely proud of the Fort Wayne Radio Club and its members. When it comes time to count our blessings, we always end up with broad smiles on our faces. From the huge effort to bring Fort Wayne into the Digital era, to our social events, to the YL group, to our fantastic web site and the great Allen County Ham News (easily one to the best, if not THE best in the state!), we have proven to our ham brethren that Amateur Radio is alive and well here in Northeast Indiana. And let's not forget the contributions from the ARES folks, either!

Looking forward to our 92nd year as a contiguously operating club, there is every indication that next year will be just as good as the last. We are working on these plans already. First off, we need to come up with an effective means of raising money to support our goals. Hopefully, we will be ready to vote on one of these ideas, the ARAMARK concessions work, by the January meeting. Secondly, we hope to improve the receive coverage of the 146.91 repeater and Echolink node. Third, we will work to provide great programs at



our upcoming meetings. And of course we will look to do our usual operating events and hopefully pick up some new ones, such as CW contesting, the CQ VHF and WW DX contests, YL and QRP contests, and others that perhaps you can suggest? Winter Field Day maybe?

Our calendar for meetings looks like this at present:

- Jan: Auction
- Feb: EW in WWII
- Mar: Go-Kit Contest & SKYWARN Update
- Apr: Stealth Antennas
- May: Spring Banquet
- Jun: Field Day Planning and Contesting Workshop
- Jul: Field Day Wrap-Up
- Aug: Tailgate Hamfest (And Maybe Antenna Shoot-Out?)
- Sep: Nominations and WWV Presentation
- Oct: Elections (?? Rig Clinic or Other ??)
- Nov: 94 Advanced Features Presentation
- Dec: Christmas Banquet

Some of these ideas have come from the members, so if you have an idea that you might like to see a presentation on, please let us on the BOD know. We'll see what we can do. If we can't squeeze it in, then maybe send the ideas to ACARTS.



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**December 16:** Christmas Banquet starting at 6:30pm in the larger Raasch Hall.

Unless otherwise scheduled, all meetings are held at the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church, 4700 Vance Avenue, Fort Wayne, IN.

They are looking for good content as well.

Our last meeting of the year is on Friday the 16th, starting at 6:30pm at the Good Shepherd Church, in the larger Raasch Hall. Please bring your favorite

dish, whether it is a main course, side dish, or yummy dessert. We will provide plates and utensils as well as coffee and other drinks. You are invited to bring a wrapped present if you wish to participate in the gift exchange. Gifts up to \$10 in value,

marked for a man or woman, with your name or call so you can thank those who gave it.

Best Regards, Steve Nardin, W9SAN

## FORT WAYNE RADIO CLUB MEETING MINUTES

The November Meeting of the Fort Wayne Radio Club was held at the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church on 11 November 2011 with club president Steve Nardin, W9SAN, serving as host. There were about 40 persons present.

### Old Business:

Steve started the meeting with the pledge of allegiance and followed this by having all in attendance introduce themselves and their calls.

The minutes from the October meeting were read, and there were no corrections.

Bob Streeter, W8ST provided the Treasurer's report dated 11 November, 2011 indicating the following:

Year to date income, \$5,515.85

Year to date expenses, \$5,317.23

Cash on hand, \$164.99

Savings/Checking balance, \$6,802.78

The report was approved as read.

Steve Nardin reported that the Fort Wayne Radio Club placed 4th overall and 3rd in Indiana in category 6A for Field Day. And the club placed 13th overall in the June Indiana QSO party.

### New Business:

Steve Nardin discussed a potential club fund raising activity, brought to his attention by club Vice-President John Martin, N9UWR involving operating one of the refreshment stands at the Coliseum. He determined that ARA manages the concession stands for Coliseum events and that they provide training for non-profit groups interested in manning the food concession stands at the Coliseum. If we can get our name on the list, we should be able to work five to ten events per year and we should be able to earn between \$200.00 to \$300.00 per event for the club

treasury. Steve said we will vote on proceeding with this endeavor at an upcoming meeting.

Al Burke, WB9SSE noted that the last Foxhunt of the year would occur on Sunday, 11 November, and that following the foxhunt the end-of-season Foxhunt Party would be hosted at Jim & Annie Pliett's QTH.

Steve announced that the December meeting would feature the Christmas Banquet. Carole Burke, WB9RUS has volunteered to organize it and commented that it will be a carry-in as in the past with the club providing dinner-ware and cutlery, and refreshments. Carole said that a gift exchange was planned again this year.

Steve reported that we have not yet located a suitable replacement club trailer that is within our (\$2,000.00) budget. We will continue searching.

Steve announced that we are looking into raising the height of the 146.910 (Echo-Link) repeater antenna from its current position on the roof of Kettler Hall (IPFW) another 50 to 100 feet, up on the Kettler Hall tower, and replacing the current (3db gain) antenna with a commercial Station Master (10 db gain) antenna. The antenna would be donated thanks to the largess of ACARTS. If we are successful the footprint of the 146.910 machine will be significantly improved.

Steve noted that Regal-Beloit has been cleaning out several of its electronic component storerooms and have donated the surplus material to the FWRC. Steve is looking for a few volunteers to help him remove the material from Regal-Beloit and package it for sale at the January auction. Contact Steve if you willing to help.

Steve noted the club meeting calendar for 2012 presently features meeting presentations / activities as follows:

January – Club auction.

February – Rig Clinic plus a demonstration of coaxial cable crimp connectors.

March – ARES Emergency Preparedness "Go-Kit" demonstration and contest.

April – To be determined..

May – Spring Banquet.

June – Field Day preparations and plans.

July – Field Day wrap-up.

August – Tailgate Hamfest.

September – WWV technical details and applications.

October – To be determined.

November – Special functions available on the 146.94 machine.

December – Christmas Banquet.

Larry Teminoff, KB9OS announced that the IPFW Radio Club will have a table at the Fort Wayne Hamfest. He invited everyone to stop by and say "Hi".

Tom Baker, N9TB announced that there will be V.E. testing sessions at the Fort Wayne Hamfest Saturday.

Dan Ward, N9WLW reported that the Indiana Traffic Net is now operating starting at 6:00 pm seven days a week on 3.900 MHz.

Following a break after the conclusion of the business meeting Carl Luetzelschwab K9LA provided a fascinating discussion of the current Sunspot Cycle entitled "The High Bands Are Alive" which focused on its implications on HF operations. Carl's take-away message was... "Get on the higher HF bands and operate NOW!"

Respectfully submitted,

Al Burke, WB9SSE

Secretary, FWRC

# State of the Arts

Allen County Amateur Radio Technical Society

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## ACARTS PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Another great Fort Wayne Hamfest has passed and a good time was had by everyone. It is too bad that this year's Hamfest was not profitable with the event showing a significant loss. Plans are already underway to cut various expenses so that next year's Hamfest will be just as good as well as profitable. Many thanks to the workers who spent countless hours helping out and special thanks to the vendors and attendees who made it all possible.



would like to see incorporated.

Finally, the annual club Christmas Dinner will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 20th at Casa Ristorante at 7545 West Jefferson Blvd. at Engle Road. The club will pay for members' dinners and guests

will have to purchase their own dinners. Reservations are necessary. Contact me at w9lkh(at)comcast.net or 260-485-6135 to let me know how many members and guests will be attending.

Dave Lindquist, W9LKH

We have elected a couple of new Officers for 2012. We still have several vacant Manager Positions. It is a start, but not enough. We would like more involvement in shaping the programs and activities of the club. Let me know what programs or activities you would like. We will be most likely revising and updating the club's constitution next year to make it more fitting to the club as it is now rather than as it was several years ago. The present constitution is posted online at [www.acarts.com/images/manual.pdf](http://www.acarts.com/images/manual.pdf). Look it over and let me know of any changes that you

**December 20:** The **ACARTS Christmas Dinner** will be on Tuesday, December 20th, at 7:00 p.m. at Casa! Ristorante at 7545 West Jefferson Blvd. at Engle Road. We will be ordering from a limited menu of five choices of entree, with salad and drink included. Reservations are necessary and must be made by Friday, December 16th. The club will pay for members' dinners while guests must purchase their own dinners. Contact Dave, W9LKH, at [w9lkh\(at\)comcast.net](mailto:w9lkh(at)comcast.net) or 260-485-6135 to advise how many members and guest will be attending.

Unless otherwise scheduled, all meetings are held at the Salvation Army Center, 2901 N. Clinton Street, Fort Wayne, IN.

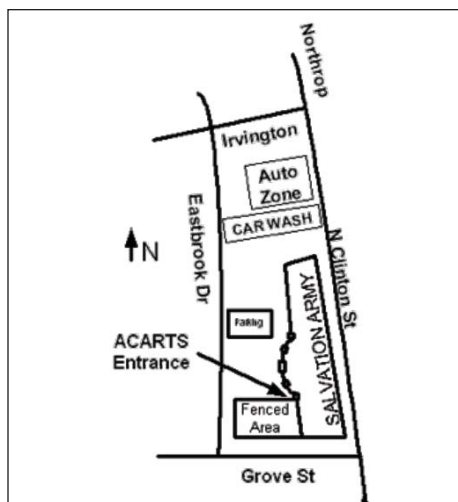
## NOVEMBER 2011 ACARTS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Dave Lindquist, W9LKH.

Dave announced that the club Christmas Dinner would be held on December 20th at Casa Ristorante at 7545 West Jefferson Blvd, at Engle Road, at 7:00 p.m. on December 20th.

Howard, N9ADS, reported that Hamfest table sales and ticket sales were down from last year and he predicted about a \$2500 loss for the event.

It was suggested that inside traffic operations on 145.53 MHz be moved to



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Open

145.51 MHz to avoid hearing Packet use on .53. The issue of having workers in place for early Premium Vendor check-in at Door Four was addressed.

Rita Alvey offered that the "Insight" interview program on Channel 21 might be a good source of publicity for future Hamfests.

After refreshments, Dan, KB9MGN, reported that the Forums at the Hamfest were very well attended. He added that the club could possibly eliminate the Sunday Forums next year as a cost saving measure. Dan also said that the rental of TV sets and other miscellaneous equipment from the Coliseum could be eliminated.

The Hamfest Worker drawing was held. The winner was Howard, N9ADS.

Dave, W9LKH, presented a slate of candidates for officers and managers for 2012. He asked for any additional nominations from the floor. None were made and Bernie, K9JDF made a motion that the nominations be closed. The motion was seconded by Bob, N9PWM, and was passed by a voice vote. Bernie, K9JDF, then made a motion to elect the slate of candidates by acclamation. The motion was seconded by Bob, N9PWM. The motion was passed by a voice vote.

Officers elected for 2012 were Dave Lindquist, W9LKH, president; Dave Keiser, WB9UNL, vice president; Rita Alvey, secretary; and Howard Pletcher, N9ADS, treasurer.

Managers elected for 2012 were Dan Soper, KB9NGM, Emergency Preparedness; and Jim Boyer, KB9IH, Fund Raising.

A motion to adjourn was made by Bob, N9PWM, and seconded by Bernie, K9JDF. The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Submitted by Dave Lindquist, W9LKH

## NOVEMBER 2011 ACARTS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Dave Lindquist, W9LKH.

Dave reminded everyone that the November General Meeting would be held on the fourth Tuesday instead of the third Tuesday so that it would be after the Hamfest.

Howard, N9ADS, reported that table sales for the Hamfest were about the same as last year.

Jim, KB9IH, stated that he had received a package from Yaesu containing literature and prize coupons. He added that the TV ad would run from November 14th through November 19th.

Dave, W9LKH, said that the Fort Wayne Radio club had expressed an interest in one of the extra antennas that Howard, N9ADS, is storing so that the can have a better antenna on their 146.91 MHz repeater. He also said that as Station Trustee, he had given permission to ARES for the use of the 147.255 MHz repeater for possible digital use.

It was decided to use a flipchart for posting the Hamfest prize drawing numbers rather than trying to resurrect the computer program and find a source for an adequate display monitor.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Submitted by Dave Lindquist, W9LKH

## PROGRAMMING A D-STAR RADIO FOR VOICE

by Paul Prestia KA3OPZ

Here is a table summarizing the setups for the various Linking and Gateway usage.

The first row demonstrates calling "CQ" on simplex, on 70cm .

The second demonstrates calling "CQ" on the local repeater ports of the W9TE system.

The third demonstrates calling a specific station, KC9MUT, using the gateway.

The fourth shows how to call "CQ" through the gateway when there is a reflector connected.

The last shows how to call "CQ" through

the gateway to a remote system 2 meter port, in this case W9ICE. In each case you are transmitting on 70cm. Note that there is a slash '/' right in front of W9ICE's call sign.

Remember: The repeater fields RPT1 and RPT2 have eight positions for characters, and the last one is where the 'port switch' needs to be. Adjust spaces accordingly, or be frustrated!

NOTE: Always replace the "KA3OPZ" call sign in the MyCALL field examples above with your own station call sign.

Also, replace the "KC9MUT" shown in the UrCall column with the call sign of the radio you wish to reach.

SETTING	MyCALL	UrCALL	RPT1	RPT2
Simplex	KA3OPZ	CQCQCQ	Off	Off
Repeater, Local Area Only	KA3OPZ	CQCQCQ	W9TE_ _ _B	Off
To a Single Receiver	KA3OPZ	KC9MUT	W9TE_ _ _B	W9TE_ _ _G
Gateway CQ 1	KA3OPZ	CQCQCQ	W9TE_ _ _B	W9TE_ _ _G
Gateway CQ 2	KA3OPZ	/W9ICE-C	W9TE_ _ _B	W9TE_ _ _G

Reflector REF024B is the Official Reflector for the Indiana State-Wide D-STAR Network. State-Wide D-STAR Net is First and Third Thursdays of Month and includes all repeaters connected to REF024B.

The Fort Wayne D-STAR repeater is connected to REF001C on Sundays. During the D-STAR QSO Party, Ken Helms AB9ZD heard hams from ten other countries in about an hour with that reflector. Others that weekend made contacts in over 20 countries.

### The Four Stages of Man:

He believes in Santa Claus

He doesn't believe in Santa Claus

He is Santa Claus

He looks like Santa Claus

# FWDXA

Fort Wayne DX Association

## CQ WORLD WIDE PHONE

### Carl Luetzelschwab K9LA

After a one year hiatus, the K9LA Multi-Two team was back on the air in the extremely popular CQ World Wide Phone DX contest at the end of October. This year the team consisted of Gary KC9GGV, Josh W9HT, Joe KJ9R, Jay W9LW, Mike WB-9NOO, and of course me.

Since Cycle 24 was providing world-wide propagation on 10-meters, we decided to make a big effort on that band. I bought a 5-element 10-meter Yagi to help this cause (I always wanted one, so this was fulfilling a long-time dream). We had some problems with the new tower for this antenna, so we ultimately had to erect a temporary 24-foot tower to hold the new Yagi. Regardless of the low height, it played well (more on that later).

Our two stations were divided by bands as follows: Station 1 did 40, 20, and 15-meters. Station 2 did 160, 80, and 10-meters. Station 1 used an OMNI-VI driving a Commander HF-1250 (single 3CX800), with an inverted-vee for 40 and my Tennadyne T6 log periodic array at 60 feet for 20 and 15. Station 2 used an OMNI-VII driving an AL-811H (four TV sweep tubes), with an inverted-vee on 160/80 and the 5-element monobander at about 25 feet. Station 2 also had a 4-element 10-meter monobander fixed to the Southeast for the Caribbean and South America.

Our claimed score is shown in the accompanying table. It should beat our 2009 score, when we won the 9th call area in the Multi-Two category (it helped that we were the only 9 in the Multi-Two category!). As expected, 10-meters was our best band. It was full of DX, and the highest frequency we worked someone on was 29.007 MHz. Note that we worked DXCC on 10-meters over the weekend, with 32 of the 40 CQ zones in the log.

Band	Qs	Countries	Zones
160	7	4	3
80	17	8	6
40	52	27	9
20	113	54	22
15	198	76	27
10	377	103	32
total	764	272	99
claimed score 775,761			

15 and 20-meters were in good shape, too, and we did quite well on those bands. We didn't spend a lot of time on 40-meters, and we had brief excursions to 160 and 80-meters. The biggest improvement to help the low bands would be low-noise receiving antennas.

A couple other improvements are already in the works for next year (well, they're just thoughts at the moment). First, the bands that the two stations covered were not optimal. I should have had 10-meters paired with 40-meters, and 160/80 paired with 20 and 15. That way when 10-meters closed, the station could go to 40-meters – which is the easiest of the low bands – while the other station stayed on either 15 or 20. The way to remedy this is to move antennas around.

Second, although the 10-meter monobander played well at 25 feet near the house, it will do better at 50 feet in the clear. I certainly have enough tower sections to do this – just have to do a better job of planning (and not wait until a couple weeks before the contest!).

Finally, I have some equipment to work on. The OMNI-VI needs some basic maintenance – for one, the audio gain control is scratchy. And the HF-1250 amp has a problem on 20-meters – cleaning the transmit/receive relay is the first order of business (I've had to do this before). I guess that's what winter is for – to stay inside and fix radios.

In summary, everyone had fun. If you'd like to join us next year, drop me an e-mail at k9la@arrl.net. We had lots of open time slots this year. Our goal is to have fun, so don't worry if you haven't done much contesting.

### Say Again?

"We just won't have arthritis in the year 2000."

*Dr William Clark  
President of the Arthritis  
Foundation, 1966*

### LITTLE RED BARN NET

The Little Red Barn Net web page includes a tribute to Bob Sievers and WOWO. It's address is:

<http://www.wix.com/gmrepair1/little-red-barn#>

There is also a Little Red Barn Net Yahoo group site anyone can join:

[http://groups.yahoo.com/group/LRBN\\_NET/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/LRBN_NET/)

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Photos of this month's of club events were provided by Al Burke, WB9SSE, Ken Helms, AB9ZD, and Jim Pliett, K9OMA.

# Classified Ads

Items for Sale

Want to Buy

Here's the list of test equipment that will be available at the January FWRC auction:

- HP 8590A Spectrum Analyzer
- Hp 8656A RF generator
- Phillips 6668A 1 Ghz counter
- HP 461A amplifier 1Khz to 150Mhz
- Marconi 2022 1 Ghz generator
- Step attenuator
- 3 assorted scope probes

Regards,

Woody/KC9CGN

*If you have something you would like to have listed in the classified section then please send an email to the newsletter editor at [ab9zd@arrl.net](mailto:ab9zd@arrl.net).*

## IPFW AMATEUR RADIO CLUB

The IPFW Amateur Radio Club would like to thank everyone that stopped by our table at the Fort Wayne Hamfest and offered words of encouragement.

We would also like to thank those individuals that donated equipment to the club. We received a Heathkit HW-101 with power supply and speaker, an Icom V-8000 mobile transceiver, and an Icom IC-2AT hand held. We look forward to getting these on the air once we find a location at IPFW for a shack.



Sincerely,

IPFW Amateur Radio Club, KM9DON

Antennas that inflate at the Hamfest.



## INDIANA TRAFFIC NET TO CHANGE TIME, FREQUENCY

ARRL Indiana Section Traffic Manager (STM) Lou Everett, WA5LOU sent an email message November 9 announcing a new time and frequency for the evening session of the Indiana Traffic Net (ITN).

Beginning November 21, 2011, the net moved from 4:30 p.m. ET on 3910 KHz. It now operates at 6 p.m. ET on 3940 KHz.

"It is management's hope that the time change will facilitate growth," Lou wrote, "With the change to 6 p.m., we are hoping to attract some of the working hams who cannot get on at the 4:30 Eastern time."

Lou wrote that the morning session of ITN would remain, for now, on 3910 KHz at 8:30 a.m. ET.



# THE FOXHUNT CHRONICLES FOR THE OCTOBER HUNT

The tenth and final Foxhunt of the 2011 season was held on Sunday afternoon, the 13th of November. The weather was in the mid 50's, a little spritzzy and quite windy, but otherwise tolerable for a fox-hunt.

The November hunters consisted of eight groups including the team of Jim and Kim Machamer, KB9's DOS and DOT, the team of Mark Berke, WA7NXI and Steve Irving, KC9AUQ, , the team of Steve and Linda Nardin, W9's SAN and LAN, the



team of Brian and Debbie Jenks, A9BGJ and KB9ZQG, the team of Carl Thomas, WB9YBI and Lisa, the team of Charles Ward, KC9MUT and Fred Gengnagle, KC9EZP, single hunter John Martin, K9UWR and single hunter Bob Dean, KC9UHU.

For this hunt Jim Pliett, K9OMA and Al Burke, WB9SSE served as the fox while soul-mates Annie and Carole slaved away at Jim's QTH preparing food for the annual



after-foxhunt party. The fox, a cross-band HT was ensconced in a coffee bag and placed under a trash bag in the woods between Dupont Circle Drive East and I-69. They also planted a faux fox in a second coffee bag in plain view on a nearby utility pole with a note on it that taunted "Nope, this isn't the Fox".

The foxhunters heard the initial fox transmissions and raced off towards their quarry. The first team to localize the fox was that of Charles Ward and Fred Gengnagle followed by the rest of the pack in fairly short order.

Charles Ward was the first to find the fox, ironically after John Martin walked up to the trash bag the fox was hidden under, lifted it, but didn't notice the fox, and after Steve Nardin walked OVER the bag and actually stomped on it, much to my horror.

Following Charles's discovery the order of hunters finding the fox were:

The Nardin team, John Martin, the Machamers, Bob Dean, Carl Thomas and Lisa, the Jenks, and Mark Berke and Steve Irving.

Based upon the mileage and time-to-find scoring criterion, the scores for this hunt were as follows:

WB9YYI / K9OMA / WB9RUS / WB9SSE	596 points
KB9DOS / KB9DOT	705 points
W9SAN / W9LAN	743 points
WA7NXI / KC9AUQ	670 points
KC9MUT / KC9EZP	797.5 points
WB9YBI / LISA	672.5 points
W9BGJ / KB9ZQG	589.5 points
N9UWR	764.5 points
KC9UHU	711.5 points

So the role of the fox for the first hunt of the CY 2012 foxhunt season will be provided by the Ward / Gengnagle team.



Following the hunt, most everybody who could proceeded over to Jim and Annie Pliett's QTH for the end of season foxhunt party. Because of the high winds Jim & Annie decided not to ignite the



## FOX HUNT YEAR TO DATE POINTS

K9OMA	KA9YYI	WB9SSE	WB9RUS	KC9TIK	AB9YB	KB9OS	KC9MUT	KC9EZP	AB9IZ	NATHAN	KB9VTK
4940	4940	5348	5348	525	525	1917.5	7102.5	4905	863	507.5	450
W9SAN	W9LAN	ALEX	KB9DOS	KB9DOT	KC9CGN	WA7NXI	KA9AUQ	WB9BGJ	KB9ZQG	N9WLW	N9UWR
4711.5	3235	2122	6107.5	6107.5	2512.5	4945	3432.5	2329.5	2329.5	340	2105.5
KA9SLN	KC9UHU										
623	711.5										



## MORE PHOTOS FROM THE 2011 FORT WAYNE HAMFEST



usual bonfire that is a major attraction at their parties because of the fire hazard and the distinct possibility of setting their woods and neighbor's homes afire. However, there was abundant food and drink, prepared by Annie and Carole, and also brought in by party participants to fill everyone's bellies, and a good time was had by all.

Respectfully submitted,

Al Burke, WB9SSE



# CONTEST CALENDAR

Here are a few of the contests that will be held in the next few weeks. Please refer to the contest Web sites for full rules, scoring information, operating periods or time limits, and log submission information.

Some of the places on-line with information on contest include:

ARRL Contest Corral Web page: <http://www.arrl.org/contests>

WA7BNM Contest Calendar: <http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/>

ARRL's National Contest Journal calendar: <http://www.ncjweb.com/contestcal.php>

Contesting On-Line: <http://www.contesting.com/>

HF	Contest Title	Ph	CW	Dig	Exchange & Frequencies (MHz)	Logs Due
VHF+	Dates / Times				Sponsor's Web Site	
28	ARRL 10 Meter Contest	X	X		RS(T) and State/Prov or serial	Jan 11
	Dec 10, 0000Z - Dec 11, 2400Z				<a href="http://www.arrl.org/contests">www.arrl.org/contests</a>	
	NA High-Speed Meteor Scatter Contest			X	Both calls, grid square, acknowledgement	Jan 15
50-222	Dec 11, 0000Z - Dec 15, 0200Z				<a href="http://www.ykc.com/wa5ufh">www.ykc.com/wa5ufh</a>	
1.8	Russian 160 Meter Contest	X	X		RS(T), serial, square ID (see website)	Jan 20
	Dec 15, 2100Z - Dec 15, 2300Z				<a href="http://www.radio.ru/cq">www.radio.ru/cq</a>	
1.8-28	Lighthouse Christmas Lights QSO Party	X	X	X	Serial or ARLHS number	Jan 31
50,144	Dec 17, 0001Z - Jan 2, 2359Z				<a href="http://arlhs.com">arlhs.com</a>	
3.5-28	ARRL Rookie Roundup		X		Both calls, name, check, S/P/XE or "DX"	See web
50	Dec 18, 1800Z - Dec 18, 2359Z				<a href="http://www.arrl.org/contests">www.arrl.org/contests</a>	
1.8-28	Holiday Spirits Homebrew Sprint		X		RST, S/P/C, ARCI number or Power	Jan 3
	Dec 18, 2000Z - Dec 18, 2359Z				<a href="http://www.qrparci.org/contests">www.qrparci.org/contests</a>	
3.5-14	NAQCC Milliwatt Sprint		X		RST, S/P/C, and NAQCC mbr nr or power	4 days
	Dec 29, 0130Z - Dec 29, 0330Z				<a href="http://naqcc.info">naqcc.info</a>	
3.5-28	ARRL Straight-Key Night		X		General QSO information	Jan 31
50+	Jan 1, 0000Z - Jan 1, 2400Z				<a href="http://www.arrl.org/straight-key-night">www.arrl.org/straight-key-night</a>	

## MORE D-STAR INFO

The FWRC website now has a page dedicated to information about Fort Wayne's Digital Smart Technologies for Amateur Radio (D-STAR) repeater and D-STAR in general:

<http://www.fwrc.info/index.php/d-star.html>

The Fort Wayne Radio Club and Allen County Amateur Radio Technical Society jointly operate a Digital Smart Technologies for Amateur Radio (D-STAR) repeater.

The page is designed to provide helpful information to present and potential D-STAR users.

The following is a list of the current Indiana D-STAR repeaters.

	FREQ (MHz)	DUP OFFSET	OFFSET FREQ (MHz)	MODE	UrCALL	RPT1	RPT2
INDIANAPOLIS - W9ICE - VHF	147.390	+	0.6	DV	CQCQCQ	W9ICE __ C	W9ICE __ G
INDIANAPOLIS - W9ICE - UHF	444.125	+	5.0	DV	CQCQCQ	W9ICE __ B	W9ICE __ G
LAFAYETTE - W9ARP - VHF	146.730	-	0.6	DV	CQCQCQ	W9ARP __ C	W9ARP __ G
LAFAYETTE - W9ARP - UHF	444.300	+	5.0	DV	CQCQCQ	W9ARP __ B	W9ARP __ G
MUNCIE - W9DUK - VHF	145.490	-	0.6	DV	CQCQCQ	W9DUK __ C	W9DUK __ G
BLOOMINGTON - W9IU - UHF	444.900	+	5.0	DV	CQCQCQ	W9IU __ B	W9IU __ G
MARION - W9EBN - UHF	443.400	+	5.0	DV	CQCQCQ	W9EBN __ B	W9EBN __ G
FORT WAYNE - W9TE - UHF	442.99375	+	5.0	DV	CQCQCQ	W9TE __ B	W9TE __ G
FISHERS - WR9AND - UHF	441.450	+	5.0	DV	CQCQCQ	WR9AND __ B	WR9AND __ G

## Membership Application for ACARTS - and/or - FWRC

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Call sign: \_\_\_\_\_ License class: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_  
 State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ 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 \$20.00/yr. premium.

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

<b>A.C.A.R.T.S. Dues</b>	
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)	

<b>Fort Wayne Radio Club Dues</b>	
Regular membership	<input type="checkbox"/> \$20.00 / year
Family membership <sup>1</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/> \$30.00 / year
Student membership <sup>2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/> \$5.00 / year
Associate membership <sup>3</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/> \$20.00 / year
Mailed newsletter premium	<input type="checkbox"/> \$20.00 / 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

Please attach a check (number \_\_\_\_\_) for the appropriate amount and bring to a club meeting or mail to:

ACARTS	Fort Wayne Radio Club.
PO Box 10342	PO Box 15127
Fort Wayne, IN 46851	Fort Wayne, IN 46885

For dual membership, fill out both sides and send two checks to either club. Payment by check is strongly encouraged!

### ACARTS Voice Repeaters

146.880 (-) General use / Skywarn priority

147.255 (+) General use

443.800 (+) General use

(For autopatch 88 has only speed dial emergency #'s.)

### ACARTS Digital Repeaters (digipeaters)

144.390 (s) APRS - wide

145.530 (s) W9INX-1 Digipeater and Node

### Fort Wayne Radio Club Repeaters

Voice:

146.76 (-) General use

146.94 (-) General use with autopatch

146.91 (-) EchoLink connection repeater

Node number 519521

444.875 (+) General use

ATV: 439.25 In, 910.250 Out, 144.340 Audio & control

### Fort Wayne D-STAR Repeater

442.99375, Offset + 5.0 MHz, W9TE \_\_\_ B, W9TE \_\_\_ G

Indiana D-STAR net, 1st and 3rd Thursday, 7:30 - 8:30,

Reflector REF024B

### 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 7:00 p.m. on 147.015+

**21 Repeater Group:** Wed. at 7:30 p.m. on 147.150

**Help and Swap Net:** Mon. at 9:00 p.m. 146.94(-)

**Daily Indiana Traffic Net:** 3.910 @ 8:30 a.m. & 4:30 p.m. local.

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

### Miscellaneous Nets

**Allen Co. ARES Training Net:** Tue. at 9:00 p.m. on 146.94-

**Emergency Preparedness Net:** Thurs. at 9:00 p.m. on 146.88-

**Huntington ARES:** Sat. at 8:00 p.m. on 146.685-

**Whitley Co. ARES:** Wed. at 8:00 p.m. on 145.270

(Note 131.8 PL disabled for all nets)

**Whitley Co. Sunday:** Sun. at 8:00 p.m. on 444.550+, 131.8 PL

**"No-Name" Net:** 8:30 pm Sunday and Wednesday nights. 1.965 MHz or cross band on the 146.91 repeater.

**Little Red Barn Net:** Weekdays @ 8:30 a.m. on 3820 kHz.

Thursdays at 3826 kHz.

**Northeast Indiana Packet Net:** Sunday at 9:00 p.m. on

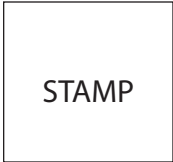
145.530 @ 1200 baud. We use unconnected converse mode to communicate for a roundtable net setting. Use your "UNPROTO" command or equivalent to set Digi path(s) through the strongest station(s) needed between you and your destination. Only use those that are necessary! Have all your "Monitor" settings on so you can see everyone.

**FWRC YL Net:** Wed. 7:00 p.m. on 146.76-

**FWRC 6 Meter Net:** Tue. 8:00 p.m. on 50.580 USB

**6 Meter AM Net:** Thurs. 8:00 p.m. on 50.580 AM

**FW Area Student Net:** Wed. 9:00 p.m. on 146.91-



To:

## Activities Calendar



Date	Time	Event	Place
12/06/2011	7:00 PM	FWRC Board Meeting	GSUMC
12/13/2011	7:00 PM	ACARTS Board Meeting	Salvation Army Facility
12/16/2011	6:30 PM	FWRC Christmas Banquet	GSUMC
12/20/2011	7:00 PM	ACARTS Christmas Dinner	Salvation Army Facility
01/10/2012	7:00 PM	FWRC Board Meeting	GSUMC
01/10/2012	7:00 PM	ACARTS Board Meeting	Salvation Army Facility
01/20/2012	6:30 PM	FWRC General Meeting and Auction	GSUMC
01/17/2012	7:00 PM	ACARTS General Meeting	Salvation Army Facility