



A Look Back at 2012

Page 2



Hamfest Wrapup and Plans for the Christmas Dinner

Page 4



DX and Contests Activities at the Hamfest

Page 6

Allen County HamNews

Fort Wayne Radio Club Fort Wayne DX Association

Allen County Amateur Radio Technical Society

December 2012
Volume 13
Issue 12

2012 FORT WAYNE HAMFEST A SUCCESS



Wishing you and yours a very Merry Christmas



An HT charger was found plugged in at the announcer's platform after the Hamfest. If this is your charger, please contact Dave, W9LKH, at w9lkh(at)comcast.net or 260-485-6135, to make arrangement to retrieve it.

Also this month

Hamfest Photos.....	3	FWRC Website Being Rebuilt.9
Santa Claus Is Coming	3	SK: Sandra Sue Temenoff 10
SKYWARN News	7	Local Nets..... 11
Foxhunt Chronicles.....	8	Activities Calendar 12

Internet Home Pages

Fort Wayne Radio Club:	http://www.FWRC.info/
	http://groups.yahoo.com/group/FWRC/
ACARTS:	http://www.acarts.com
Fort Wayne DX Association:	http://www.qsl.net/fwdxa/
ARES:	http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Allen_Co_IN_ARES/
IN_PACKET Yahoo Group:	http://groups.yahoo.com/group/IN_PACKET/

Allen County HamNews is a monthly joint publication of the Fort Wayne Radio Club (P.O. Box 15127, Fort Wayne, IN 46885), the Allen County Amateur Radio Technical Society (P.O. Box 10342, Fort Wayne, IN 46851), and the Fort Wayne DX Association.

Please send any articles, classified ads, or other information to the editor, Ken Helms, AB9ZD, at ab9zd at arrl.net. Please put "For Newsletter" in the subject line. Most text and graphics formats are acceptable. Microsoft Word and JPEG are preferred if separate files are used. For those without computer access, please mail your submission to either of the clubs post office boxes.

The deadline for the each issue is the first day of the month.

Hamsplatter

Fort Wayne Radio Club

P.O. Box 15127, Fort Wayne, IN

THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Hard to believe that 2012 is almost over! Looking back, it has been a great year for the club and Amateur Radio. We have met many challenges and come out ahead of the game. I will try to offer a quick snapshot here:



Contesting: In the Indiana QSO party, we (along with the IPFW club) had a fantastic result: First place in Indiana in the Multi-Multi category as well as top club effort in the state. We have two plaques to show for it. In the ARRL Field Day, we came in second in the state overall, and 7th in the nation in the 6A category. The ARRL June VHF QSO Party, the rotten conditions worked against us, so better luck next year. We are always looking for more fun contests to get involved with, so maybe next year the CQ WW DX series? Another VHF contest? Hopefully, we can find a good location for easy contesting, like joining with the IPFW club at their "shack" in the Engineering Building. We are looking for our first 10 meter contest coming up this December 8th.

Special Events: K9RFZ proposed working on a SES for the 200th anniversary of the Siege of Fort Wayne, and it was an unqualified success! Approx 220 contacts around the country on 20 and 40 meters while we worked from downtown near the old Fort. We answered about 20 QSL requests and online, there we a lot of Certificate downloads. A fun event and a great representation of the spirit of Fort Wayne.

Foxhunting: Another great season of frustration and triumph. Well, if it was easy, it wouldn't be any fun! We hunted in some really oppressive heat this summer, but the Fox always got found. Next year, we plan to continue with having the fox on the input to our local repeaters. That helps to spread the word about the fun of hunting. A lot of ideas are going around like other bands, or even a balloon borne Fox, to cover much greater distances.

Whatever the new year brings, I am sure that the Fort Wayne Radio Club will be there to enjoy and further the art of Amateur Radio here in Northeast Indiana. Hopefully, everyone will be able to attend our Christmas Banquet this year, on December 14th. Don't forget the optional gift exchange, if you choose to participate. And don't forget, as we work on activities for 2013, that the next year, 2014, is the 100th anniversary of the ARRL, so I am imagining that there will be some fantastic events to operate.

Again, thanks to everyone in the club for another fantastic year! For the Fort Wayne Radio Club, Merry Christmas to all!

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 9 November 2012 with club president Steve Nardin, W9SAN, serving as host. There were about 25 guests present.

After everyone identified themselves and their calls, the assembled group addressed the flag with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Treasurer provided the following report regarding club finances as of 9 November, 2012:



Officers

President

Steve Nardin, W9SAN
260-482-4039
w9san at arrl.net

Vice President

Jim Pliett, K9OMA
260-693-9211
jhp16702 at frontier.com

Secretary

Al Burke, WB9SSE
260-637-1989
aburke55 at comcast.net

Treasurer

Bob Streeter, W8ST
260-672-9737
w8st at arrl.net

Communications

Paul Prestia, KA3OPZ
260-247-2806
phixer at gmail.com

Directors

Tom Baker, N9TB
260-747-2714
n9tb at arrl.net

Terry Bowman, K9FMX
260-493-7177
tjbowman at frontier.com

Charles Ward, KC9MUT
260-749-4824
kc9mut at yahoo.com

W9TE Trustee

Carole Burke, WB9RUS

Webmaster

Jay Farlow, W9LW

December 14: Christmas Banquet at 6:30.

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

Income \$4,553.85

Expenses \$5,181.42

Cash on hand \$125.99

Checking balance \$5,614.77

Savings balance \$2,042.07

Minutes from the October meeting can be found in the Ham News and on the club web page.

Details regarding the November Foxhunt and of the after-foxhunt-season bonfire and party at Jim & Annie Pliett's may be found in the Foxhunt Chronicles which will be posted in the Ham News and on the club web page. But in summary, Mark Berke, WA7NXI and his son Nathan won the final foxhunt of the year while Charles Ward, KC9MUT ended up with the most cumulative points for the year, so he will be the proud recipient of the travelling foxhunt trophy until December of next year. Plans are to start the 2013 foxhunt season in February with Mark and Nathan serving as the fox.

Steve announced that apparently due to cutbacks in the National Weather Service's budget, there would be no NWS sponsored Skywarn training this year. Because of this, the club may try to provide some form of training on its own. Jim Moehring, KB9WWM, is working the issue.

Steve also reminded everyone that the club Christmas Banquet will occur on 14 December starting promptly at 6:30 pm in the Good Shepherd church dining hall as usual. It's a carry-in event as in the past. The club will provide cups and plates, cutlery and drinks. Attendees bring in whatever sounds good to them, (think about meat-balls and/or deviled eggs). There will be a gift exchange, so if you're interested in participating in that, bring a gift (value between \$5.00 and \$10.00) suitable for a man or women and marked as such.

Steve commented on the fact that the FWRC web page has been shut down temporarily to root out and remove the cause of malware it has apparently been delivering users along with the desirable tidbits about the FWRC. Webmaster Jay Farlow, W9LW, is working the problem.

Following the business meeting Steve Nardin provided an enlightening presen-

tation on the characteristics, history and uses of the National Institute of Standards (aka National Bureau of Standards) standard frequency stations WWV and WWVB.

Respectfully submitted,

Al Burke, WB9SSE

Secretary, FWRC

More Hamfest 2012 Photos



SANTA CLAUS IS COMING! TO A RECEIVER NEAR YOU

The holidays are coming and the kids are starting to anticipate Christmas. Sometimes a great introduction to ham radio that entertains the younger set is to let them speak to Santa on the air.

Each year a 14300 kHz regular puts on what is known as a "Santa Claus Net" bringing volunteer Santa's into ham shacks and other places the world over.

Volunteer Santa's choose a clear frequency in the general portion of the 20 meter band and let it be known on 14300 kHz where they'll be. Folks with youngsters to entertain can then tune in and give their youngsters a chance to talk with Santa over the air.

This year dates will be December 23 and 24, from 1500 to 1900 EST.

Check with the Maritime Mobile Service Net on 14.300 MHz for the actual

Santa clause operating frequency, 14.325 MHz as first choice, but may be operating between 14.305 MHz and 14.320 MHz.

Sometimes lady ops will play Mrs. Claus to the delight of the children. What a great way to introduce the grandchildren to ham radio when visiting over the holidays. Let them talk to Santa Clause. Explain how radio waves propagate on HF and tune to the 20-meter band to find Santa ready and waiting to hear from the kids.

TIME (EST)	DEC 23	DEC 24
1500	AA4EE	AA4EE
1600	W5PES	W1WCN
1700	WB7RBH / KF7QNS	KI4HRY
1800	WX4PBC	WX4PBC
1900	W5PES	W5PES

State of the Arts

Allen County Amateur Radio Technical Society

P.O. Box 10342, Fort Wayne, IN

ACARTS PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The 2012 Fort Wayne Hamfest is over and was successful. The attendance was virtually the same as last year but table sales were slightly down. ACARTS made approximately \$2200.00 this year which is about equal to the loss incurred last year. Our



cost-cutting policies implemented this year did their job, allowing us to start planning next year's Hamfest, instead of debating whether to hold another Hamfest. I wish to thank Hamfest Chairman Jim Boyer, KB9IH, Table Chairman Howard Pletcher, N9ADS, and Don Gagnon, WB8HQ5, for their hard work during the year to make it all possible. My thanks also go out to all of the Hamfest workers, the managers that recruited and organized the workers, the Coliseum staff, and especially the vendors. Without all of you, none of it would have been possible.

For 2013, we are forming a Hamfest Committee to help ease the load on the chairmen during the year and insure a seamless continuation of the Hamfest into the future. Our January meeting will be an organizational meeting for the Hamfest committee. The Hamfest Preparation Schedule, a document produced by Don, WB9HQ5, several years ago will be presented and discussed. The schedule is a checklist of the tasks that need to be performed during the year to make the Hamfest possible. Please plan on attending the meeting at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 15th, at the Salvation

Army Center. The meeting will give you an opportunity to join the committee and learn about the steps necessary throughout the year to hold a major hamfest. Membership in ACARTS is not required for you to be on the Hamfest Committee, and members of other clubs are encouraged to join the committee. All that is necessary is a willingness to help with some of the tasks during the year and a desire to see the Fort Wayne Hamfest continue in the future.

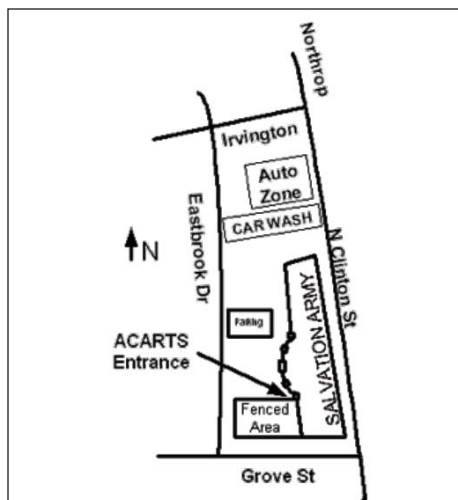
Welcome to the additions to the ACARTS Board of Directors for 2012. They are Jay Mulik, WJ0J, Bob Erb, N9PWM, and Bernie Holm, K9JDF. Their input, thoughts, and ideas will be appreciated.

I hope to see many of you at the ACARTS Christmas Dinner on December 18th this year. The details and reservation information are published elsewhere in this newsletter.

73,
Dave Lindquist, W9LKH

December 18: ACARTS Christmas Dinner at 6:30 p.m. at Hall's Guesthouse at 1313 West Washington Center Road between Lima Road and Coldwater Road.

Unless otherwise scheduled, all meetings are held at 7:00 PM at the Salvation Army Center, 2901 N. Clinton Street, Fort Wayne, IN.



ACARTS Officers

President

Dave Lindquist, W9LKH
260-485-6135
w9lkh at comcast.net

Vice President

Dave Keiser, WB9UNL
260-244-3322
wb9unl at yahoo.com

Secretary

Rita Alvey, KC9VCX
260-241-4907
kc9vcx at hotmail.com

Treasurer

Howard Pletcher, N9ADS
260-747-5252
n9ads at arrl.net

ACARTS Managers

Activities

Open

Emergency Preparedness

Dan Soper, KB9NGM
260-637-5787
dlsoper at frontier.com

Communications

Open

Station Manager

Open

Fundraising Manager:

Jim Boyer, KB9IH
260-489-6700
kb9ih at arrl.net

W9INX Trustee:

Dave Lindquist, W9LKH
260-485-6135
w9lkh at comcast.net

Tech Committee

Open

ACARTS NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Dave, W9LKH.

Dave announced that the Christmas dinner would be held at 6:30 p.m. on December 18th at Hall's Guesthouse on Washington Center Road. He took reservations from those members attending the meeting that wish to go to the Christmas Dinner.

Jim, KB9IH, presented the preliminary Hamfest results. The attendance was virtually the same as last year. There were no major problems and the Coliseum Event Coordinators did a superb job, having the doors unlocked on time, etc. They were readily available to handle anything that was needed.

Howard, N9ADS, presented the preliminary Hamfest cost and income figures. It appears that the cost-cutting procedures put into effect for this year's Hamfest did the job and that the club made approximately \$2200.00. This amount is about equal to the loss incurred last year, so the club essentially broke even for the two years.

Dan, KB9NGM, presented the forum

results and his recommendations for next year. He suggested adding a meeting room on Saturday and eliminating Sunday forums. This would allow more time to be available for those presenters that desire it. Forum attendance was down this year, especially on Sunday, from the previous year.

The Hamfest Workers' Drawing was held. The winner this year was Clyde Treadway, NC9D.

Dave, W9LKH, stated that the January Meeting would be the formation of a Hamfest Committee and a review of the steps necessary throughout the year to put on the Hamfest. Members of the committee do not have to be members of ACARTS. They only have to have a willingness to help plan the Hamfest and help with some of the tasks necessary during the year.

The slate of candidates for officers, managers, and directors for 2013 was presented. The floor was opened to nominations, and a couple of members present volunteered to run for some of the open positions.

As there was only one candidate per position, Dave, W9LKH, asked for a motion to accept the slate by acclamation. The motion was made by Jim, KB9IH, and seconded by Bob, N9PWM. The slate of candidates was elected by a voice vote.

Officers, Managers, and Directors for 2013 are as follows:

President - Dave Lindquist, W9LKH
Vice President - Dave Keiser, WB9UNL
Secretary - Jay Mulik, WJ0J
Treasurer - Howard Pletcher, N9ADS
Fund Raising (Hamfest) - Jim Boyer, KB9IH
Station Manager - (open)
Directors at Large -
Dan Soper, KB9NGM
Bob Erb, N9PWM
Bernie Holm, K9JDF
Submitted by Dave Lindquist, W9LKH

ACARTS NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Dave, W9LKH.

Dave announced that the Corrine Boyer had made arrangements to have the Christmas Dinner held at Hall's Guesthouse on Washington Center Road this year. The attendees will be ordering from the regular menu. As the menu prices

vary, the club will pay a portion of the members' costs, and, as usual, guests will pay for their own dinners. After a brief discussion, it was decided that the club would pay \$15.00 toward each member's meal. \$15.00 is the approximate average cost that the club has paid for each member attending past Christmas dinners at Casa's.

Final Hamfest details were discussed for the rest of the meeting.

No other business was discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

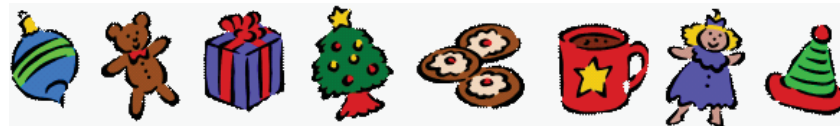
Submitted by Dave Lindquist, W9LKH

ACARTS CHRISTMAS DINNER



The ACARTS Christmas Dinner will be on **Tuesday, December 18th, at 6:30 p.m.** at Hall's Guesthouse at 1313 West Washington Center Road, between Lima Road and Coldwater Road. Please note that this is a new location from previous years and the start time is earlier than our normal meeting time. We will be ordering

from the regular menu. The club will pay \$15.00 toward members' dinners while guests must purchase their own dinners. Reservations are necessary and must be made by Friday, December 14th. Contact Dave, W9LKH, at w9lkh(at)comcast.net or 260-485-6135 to advise how many members and guests will be attending.



FWDXA

Fort Wayne DX Association

DX AND CONTEST ACTIVITIES AT THE 2012 FORT WAYNE HAMFEST

Carl Luetzelschwab K9LA

The 2012 Fort Wayne Hamfest was held Saturday and Sunday, November 17 and 18. This month's column reviews DX and contest activities at the Hamfest.

As in previous years, the Fort Wayne DX Association (FWDXA) offered card checking services for ARRL awards (DXCC, VUCC, WAS, WAC) and CQ awards (WAZ). Dan N1ND (from ARRL HQ), Vicky AE9YL, Mike N9NS, and I took care of this activity. We had 17 DXCC applications and 3 WAS applications. And congratulations to Mike WB9NOO on his first DXCC.

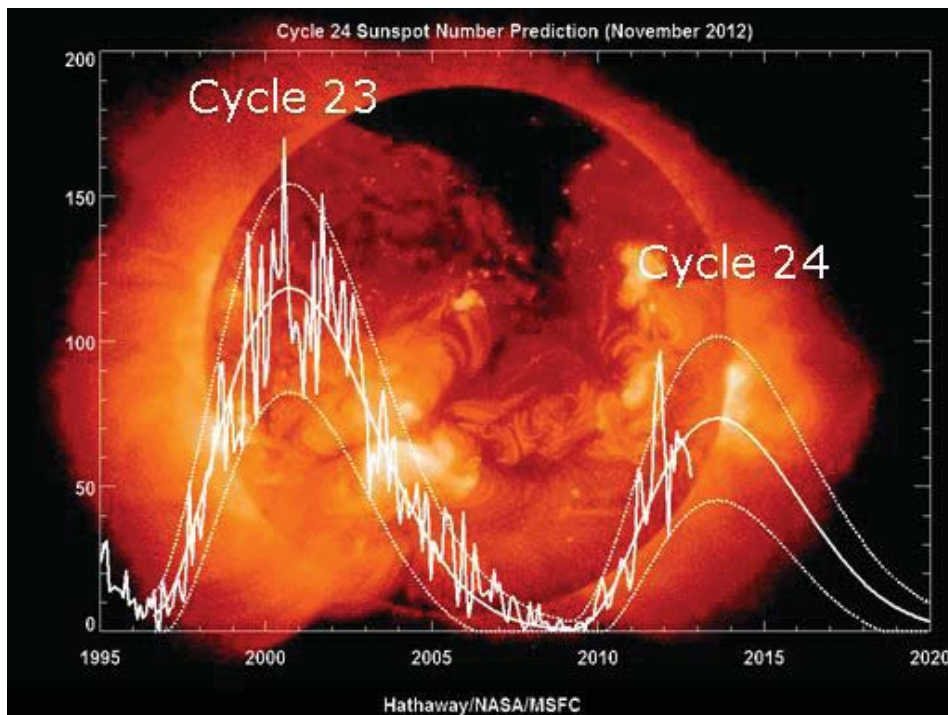
There were many forums at this year's Hamfest, and the FWDXA "sponsored" three of these forums. On Sunday, Dan N1ND gave two forums. His first forum

was The Changing Face of Contesting and DXing, and it encouraged contesters and DXers to try something new and do something to bring younger amateurs into these two activities. His second forum was The ARRL's Legislative Action and Grassroots Program Update, and it reviewed recent legislative action related to Amateur Radio. Also on Sunday I gave a forum on the status of Solar Cycle 24 and its impact on HF propagation – in summary, if you have a desire to get on 10-Meters you better do it now as Cycle 24 is headed towards being an underachiever.

Saturday evening was the 9th annual FWDXA dinner, loosely referred to as the DX Dinner. It was again held at the Red River Steakhouse in the Fort Wayne Marriott at Washington Center Road and Cold-

water Road. There were 19 attendees this year, and they came from the Ft Wayne area, from Alaska, from northwest Ohio, from southwest Ohio, from the West Lafayette area, and from the Indianapolis area. To stimulate interest in the CQ World Wide DX CW contest and the ARRL 10-Meter Contest, I handed out a list of W9 and W8 contest records for these two contests. The attendees were Dan N1ND from ARRL HQ, Lou WA5LOU (the new Section Manager for IN), Doreen AE5QM, Dave N9FN, Don W8UZ, Larry W8LO, Rich KL7RA, Josh W9HT, Mike (W9HT's friend), Mike N9NS, Mike WB9NOO, Val N9NMW, Tim N9LF, David WB9BRX, Pete N0FW, Andy K9ELF, Jay K4ZLE, Vicky AE9YL, and Carl K9LA.

As for the Hamfest itself, I wandered around the flea market looking for stuff that I should buy and take home. Fortunately (for my check book) I didn't find much in this category (which really means I already have enough stuff at home). But I did find an old WRL (World Radio Laboratories) Globe Chief that I couldn't pass up. My rationale for buying it was to even the number of transmitters and receivers at home. I also saw several S38s, an S107, an NC-88, an NC-109, an Apache, a Ranger, an SX-71, a DX-100, and other old rigs.



From K9LA's forum – the Solar Cycle 24 prediction from solar scientists at the Marshall Space Flight Center

Say Again?

"It is hard to say which of today's cars will be collectibles fifty years from now but I can tell you which cars will definitely not be collectibles - the Ford Mustang and Chevrolet Camero."

Representative from Hemmings Motor News on KMOX radio in St. Louis, 1969

NWS SKYWARN TRAINING SUSPENDED, SKYWARN OPERATIONS CONTINUE

By Jay Farlow, W9LW, Quadrant 2 Director,
IMO SKYWARN

The Northern Indiana office of the National Weather Service hosted a conference call with leaders of IMO SKYWARN Nov. 19. During the call, Warning Coordination Meteorologist Michael Lewis formally announced that the NWS has suspended plans for local NWS-led SKYWARN spotter training in 2013. Although the federal government's fiscal year began October 1, Congress had not yet passed a budget for the fiscal year, leaving the NWS with no idea how much it can spend on the travel and overtime that spotter training requires. Lewis indicated that after Congress passes a 2013 budget, there is a possibility that the NWS will be able to conduct spotter training in 2013, but such training sessions would likely not occur before storm season begins.

Lewis said all SKYWARN operations will continue without change. IMO SKYWARN nets on amateur radio will continue to function as they have in 2012 and the NWS will continue to receive spotter reports on the same toll-free telephone number it has used in the past.

Lewis emphasized that the NWS wants all SKYWARN spotters to receive the message that their services continue to be essential, despite the suspension of annual training.

Lewis said he hopes that spotters and potential spotters will take advantage of available online training modules. He specifically recommended the following resources:

- Northern Indiana NWS SKYWARN Information Web page:
<http://www.crh.noaa.gov/iwx/?n=nwsnorthernindianaskywarnpage>
- "Role of the SKYWARN spotter" from The COMET® Program:
http://www.meted.ucar.edu/spotter_training/spotter_role/
- "SKYWARN Spotter Convective Basics" from The COMET® Program:
http://www.meted.ucar.edu/spotter_training/convective/
- "Spotter Report Data Quality" from the NWS Warning Decision Training Branch:
<http://wdtb.noaa.gov/modules/spotters/player.html>
- "Storm Spotter Training" from the Des Moines, Iowa NWS office:
http://www.crh.noaa.gov/dmx/presentations/spotter-training/NWS-Spotter-Training_files/v3_document.htm
- Spotter Network:
www.spotternetwork.org
- SKYWARN Weather Spotter's Field Guide:
<http://www.nws.noaa.gov/om/brochures/SGJune6-11.pdf>



Note that if you are reading a hard copy of this newsletter, there is no reason to manually type the above URLs into your browser. This list, with clickable links, will also appear on the FWRC website, www.fwrc.info. Lewis noted that the COMET system will notify the local NWS office when spotters complete its training modules. Therefore, spotters who did not attend training in 2012 or 2011 can avoid being dropped from the rolls by taking the COMET training in 2013.

Lewis indicated that volunteers may conduct their own in-person spotter training sessions in 2013. The NWS will not, however, be able to provide any training materials to such volunteers. He recommended that volunteer trainers use the online training resources above (especially those provided by The COMET® Program) as the basis for their presentations.

Lewis also said that the local NWS office might explore the possibility of conducting live, online training sessions (webinar-style) from the office. But he indicated it was too early to know whether or when that might happen.

In other news from the conference call, the IMO SKYWARN leaders and Lewis briefly discussed advanced spotter training. IMO SKYWARN has sponsored advanced training every other year for several years and 2013 would normally be the year of the next event. Past events depended heavily on support from the NWS. Specifically, NWS travel budgets supported the participation of NWS meteorologists from outside our area as expert speakers. Lewis said NWS has forbidden all such travel in 2013. IMO SKYWARN has not yet decided whether it will try to host advanced training in 2013 without that NWS support.

Lewis reported that Mike Sabones will retire from his position as meteorologist in charge (MIC) of the Northern Indiana NWS office and that Sabones' last day will be at the end of December. Lewis said NWS officials had not yet announced plans for the MIC position.

In future articles in this newsletter, I'll provide more information about the a change in reporting procedures that Lewis suggested and I'll continue the series I started in the November issue regarding the new role of social media in SKYWARN. Stay tuned!

Classified Ads
Items for Sale Want to Buy

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.

THE FOXHUNT CHRONICLES FOR NOVEMBER 2012

The tenth and last foxhunt of the 2012 season occurred on Sunday, the 4th of November, 2012. The hunt took place on a brisk Sunday afternoon, partly sunny, with a slight breeze. In general a beautiful day to hunt.

Four teams were involved in the hunt. They consisted of the team of Jim Pliett & Al Burke, K9OMA & WB9SSE, the team of Steve & Linda Nardin, W9SAN & W9LAN, and their grandson Alex, the team of Kim & Jim Machamer, KB9's DOS & DOT, and the team of Mark Berke, WA7NXI and his son Nathan.

Charles Ward, KC9MUT provided the services of the fox and was hiding in a nature preserve behind the Maple Creek Middle School complex off Union Chapel Rd. He used a dismantled battery powered mobile rig to implement the high power fox, pumping about 30 watts into a yagi. The actual (low power) fox was implemented as a micro-fox hidden in a tree branch that was leaning up against a tree, about shoulder height, deep within the nature preserve. The micro-fox output (on the order of milliwatts) consisted of an id in Morse code for one minute ev-



ery five minutes. For the first time the fox (both high and low power versions) output on 147.855 MHz instead of 146.430 MHz. The 147.855 MHz signal happens to be the input frequency of the 147.255/.855 repeater and thus Charles taunting voice fox transmissions were repeated of the 147.255 machine for the edification and entertainment of area hams.

The initial high power fox transmission commenced promptly at 13:30 hours and was heard by all of the hunting teams and so everyone took off in a cloud of dust to the North North-East.

Mark & Nathan were upon the scene followed by Kim & Jim Machamer and then Steve & Linda Nardin and grandson Alex. As it turned out, Mark & Nathan found the micro-fox about 43 minutes into the hunt followed by Jim & Kim at 46 minutes, Jim & Al at 47 minutes and then Steve, Linda and Alex at 70 minutes into the hunt. I remember looking at the branch that had the micro-fox hidden in it, and which was leaning up against a tree several times, and said to myself "Gee, what an odd way for a branch to land". Duhhh.



The Pliett/Burke team pretty much followed the DF bearings taken with our yagi and queued by our Doppler-DF system to navigate to the Middle Creek Middle School complex and quickly found Charles' truck and then Charles himself back in the piney woods. Very shortly afterwards

Following the hunt, everyone was invited over to Jim and Annie Pliett's QTH for the annual end-of-foxhunt-season bon-fire and chow-down. Hot dogs, regular and white chili, chips, cheese and crackers and other goodies were featured, and no one went away hungry.

As usual, Jim assembled a rather large pile of wood for the bonfire which he attempted to ignite using his unique brand of pyrotechnic techniques. But despite a successful dry-run rehearsal the day before, the ether powered "Flame of Death" cannon he had assembled didn't ignite the bon-fire as expected, so Jim was

FOX HUNT YEAR TO DATE POINTS

	WA7NXI	KB9VTK	KC9MUT	KC9EZP	KB9DOS	KB9DOT	W9SAN	W9LAN	WB9BGJ	KB9ZQG	KC9UHU
This Hunt	813.5	0	655	0	806	806	675	675	0	0	0
Total	5846.5	4395	6424	5026	5956	5956	4350.5	3700	1062.5	1062.5	3416
	K9OMA	KA9YYI	WB9SSE	KC9AUQ	WB9RUS	ALEX	NATHAN	KE4YPO			
This Hunt	811.5	0	811.5	0	0	675	813.5	0			
Total	5221	3599.5	5221	3253	1109.5	2269	4273.5	510.5			



forced to use a blow-torch. However, once the bon-fire got going, it really got going, to the extent that Annie & Jim had to do her fireperson imitation because of a neighboring tree that caught fire. A few pictures from the event are included in this missive.

Based upon time and mileage reported by the hunters, scores were tabulated for this month's hunt below along with the cumulative points for the year.

As can be seen, Mark Berke, WA7NXI and his son Nathan were the winners of this hunt while Charles Ward, KC9MUT,

scored the most cumulative points for the year. Thus Mark is tentatively the fox for the first hunt of next year which we are currently planning for February, and Charles will be the proud owner of the travelling Foxhunt trophy which will be awarded at the Christmas Banquet.

Hope to see you (foxhunting) next year.

Respectfully submitted,

Al Burke, WB9SSE



FWRC WEBSITE BEING REBUILT

The FWRC website (www.fwrc.info) has returned to service after being off line for several days. FWRC webmaster Jay Farlow is in the process of rebuilding the website from the ground up. Jay received several indirect reports and two, specific, direct reports of website visitors receiving malware alerts when viewing the site. Despite several scans of files on the Web server, Jay was never able to find any infection. To eliminate any possible risk to site visitors, Jay nonetheless began creating a new site from "scratch."

Jay will add content gradually as time permits, including information that existed on the previous website that's not yet on the new site. As a part of the process, Jay has migrated the site from version 1.5 of the Joomla content management system to version 2.5, which uses a different database structure (and therefore creates a migration path that's inconvenient, at best). Jay asks member to be patient as he rebuilds the site. If you notice any errors or problems, please let him know via email to w9lw@arrl.net.

The screenshot shows the website header with 'FORT WAYNE RADIO CLUB' and logos for W9TE and ARRL. The navigation menu includes Home, News, Calendar, Files, About FWRC, and Photos. A 'Pardon our Dust' box states: 'We are rebuilding the FWRC website from the bottom up! Please be patient as we gradually replace missing content!'. The 'Upcoming Events' box lists: 'Tue., Dec 4th, 2012, 7:00pm FWRC Board Meeting', 'Sat., Dec 8th, 2012, 9:00am Amateur License Examinations', and 'Fri., Dec 14th, 2012, 6:30pm FWRC Holiday Banquet'. A photo shows two men at a radio station with the caption: 'FWRC participates in the annual ARRL Field Day event every June.' The footer says 'You are here: Home'.

The Allen County HamNews is prepared using Adobe's InDesign software along with PhotoShop and Acrobat on an i7 PC running Windows 7.

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	
1.8	ARRL 160 Meter Contest		X		RST and ARRL/RAC section if US/VE	Jan 1
	Nov 30, 2200Z - Dec 2, 1600Z				www.arrl.org/contests	
1.8-14	SNS and NS Weekly Sprints		X	X	Serial, name, and S/P/C	2 days
	Dec 7, 0200Z - Dec 7, 0300Z				www.ncccsprint.com	
28	ARRL 10 Meter Contest	X	X		RS(T) and State/Prov or serial	Jan 9
	Dec 8, 0000Z - Dec 9, 2400Z				www.arrl.org/contests	
3.5-28	ARRL Rookie Roundup		X		Both calls, name, check, S/P/XE or "DX"	See web
	Dec 16, 1800Z - Dec 16, 2359Z				www.arrl.org/contests	
1.8-28	Lighthouse Christmas Lights QSO Party	X	X	X	Serial or ARLHS number	Jan 31
50,144	Dec 21, 0001Z - Jan 8, 2359Z				arlhs.com	
3.5-7	DARC XMAS Contest	X	X		RS(T) and DOK or special station code	3 weeks
	Dec 26, 0830Z - Dec 26, 1059Z				www.darc.de/referate/dx/contest/xmas/en	
1.8-28	RAC Winter Contest	X	X		RS(T) and province or serial	Jan 31
50,144	Dec 29, 0000Z - Dec 29, 2359Z				www.rac.ca/en/rac/programmes/contests	
3.5-28	ARRL Straight Key Night		X		General QSO information	Jan 30
50+	Jan 1, 0000Z - Jan 1, 2400Z				www.arrl.org/straight-key-night	

SILENT KEY: SANDRA SUE TEMENOFF N9FWZ

JANUARY 8, 1941 - NOVEMBER 7, 2012

Sandra Sue Temenoff, died on Wednesday, Nov. 7, 2012. Born in Hicksville, Ohio, she was the daughter of John F. and Inez L. Kennedy. Holding a M.S. in gerontology, she spent much of the past 20 years dedicated to improving the lives of the elderly, first, as a social worker at several local non-profit organizations, and, later, as a teacher of human services classes at IPFW and IvyTech. For the past 10 years, she was also CEO of Technology Consultants, a telecommunications firm. She greatly enjoyed overseas travel and was an Amateur Radio operator (N9FWZ). She is survived by her husband, Larry Temenoff of Fort Wayne; daughter, Johnna Temenoff of Atlanta, Ga.; and two sisters,



Connie Hostetler of Hicksville, Ohio and Marilyn Hanmer of Ocala, Fla. She was preceded in death by her brother, Duayne Kennedy of Fort Wayne. Funeral service is 11 a.m. Monday, Nov. 12, 2012, at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road. Visitation is from 3 to 6 Sunday, Nov. 11, 2012, at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the American Red Cross. Please visit www.hockemeyermillerfh.com

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.

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

Regular membership \$12.00 / year

Additional family members¹ \$6.00 / year

Student membership² \$6.00 / year

Associate membership³ \$6.00 / year

(New Regular memberships are \$1/month)

Fort Wayne Radio Club Dues

Regular membership \$20.00 / year

Family membership¹ \$30.00 / year

Student membership² \$5.00 / year

Associate membership³ \$20.00 / year

Mailed newsletter premium \$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

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 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 (digirepeaters)

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

D-STAR

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.

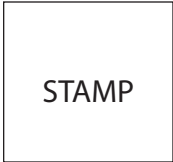
Northeast Indiana Packet Net: Sunday at 9:00 p.m. on 145.530 @ 1200 baud. We use unconnected converse mode to communicate for a roundtable net setting. Use your "UNPROTO" command or equivalent to set Digi path(s) through the strongest station(s) needed between you and your destination. Only use those 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
12/04/2012	7:00 PM	FWRC Board Meeting	GSUMC
12/08/2012	9:00 AM	Amateur License Examinations	DeKalb County Court House Annex
12/14/2012	6:30 PM	FWRC Christmas Banquet	GSUMC
12/11/2012	7:00 PM	ACARTS Board Meeting	Salvation Army Facility
12/18/2012	6:30 PM	ACARTS Christmas Dinner	Don Hall's Guesthouse