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## FORT WAYNE 2014 HAMFEST IS ANOTHER BIG SUCCESS



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# Hamsplatter

Fort Wayne Radio Club

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## THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Looking back, 2014 was another good year for the Fort Wayne Radio Club! We achieved a milestone that hasn't been reached for quite a while: we hit 120 members!! It has not been since the mid 1980's that we have been there. We had a lot of fun this year, from the Field Day where we got 8th in the nation in the 6A category, to JOTA, where we introduced about 100 Scouts to the fun of HF radio and Fox Hunting, to public service events and contesting. If you didn't get out and enjoy these activities with the club, why not plan on doing it in 2015?

The club is doing well, and the main reason is our members! Trying to individually name them all would take pages. So hopefully, I can thank them en masse: to everyone that played a part, old members and new ones, from Fox Hunters to YL's to contesters to experimenters to hams that keep the repeater running to those who keep the repeaters "warm", THANK YOU for all you've done this year!! And it isn't all just our club, but all the activities like Skywarn, ARES, RACES, the NTS, the VEC team, and our friends in other clubs like ACARTS and FWDXA, and of course the ARRL. Onward to 2015!

There are some changes coming for next year that I can tell you about here. Chad Beech, W9GGA, has agreed to help out the club as a PR liaison. This is an unofficial position, but if it works out well, the club will consider making it a permanent elected post.

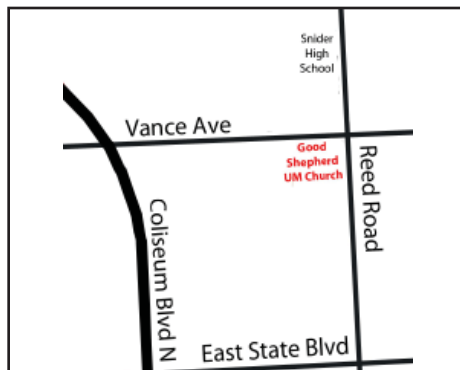
Some of you have heard that the club received a generous gift for our support of the HOOT Midwest Tandem Rally during Labor Day. ARES provided the organization skills, but they do not have a treasury, so FWRC will put the money (\$500) to

work on repeater upgrades. One upgrade comes from the generosity of Paul Prestia, KA3OPZ, who is personally providing a new UHF machine for the 444.875. We will also upgrade the 146.76 repeater with a similar system. The older GE units will be used for backup.

To finish out 2014, the last club meeting is the Christmas Banquet. This will take place on December 12th, and the start time is 6:30 pm. The club will supply drinks, place-ware, and provide both fried and grilled chicken from Kroger. Please bring your favorite entree, side dish, or dessert to share. Ugly sweaters are optional. As before, we will have a Christmas gift exchange, which is optional, and should not exceed \$10 in value. Make the package for an OM (Male) or YL (female), and include your name inside so the giver can be thanked. Easy peesy!

Thanks again for another great year of Amateur Radio fun! I am sure that 2015 will be even better!

Best regards, Steve, W9SAN.



**December 12: FWRC Christmas Banquet starts at 6:30.**

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

## FWRC GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

The November meeting of the Ft. Wayne Radio Club was held at the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church on 21 November, 2014, and was hosted by club president Steve Nardin, W9SAN. There were about 35 people in attendance for this meeting, and, after reciting the Pledge of Allegiance, everyone present introduced themselves via their call-sign.

Treasurer Bob Steeter, W8ST reported the club's financial status dated 21 November, 2014 as follows:

Income \$7,561.38, Expenses \$5,833.61, Cash on Hand \$101.60, checking \$2,727.95, Savings \$8,049.26. We have 85 pre-paid members for 2015, (and a total of 120 members for 2014).

Steve reported that the club's raffle of the Kenwood TS-440 transceiver & power supply at the Fort Wayne Hamfest was quite successful in that a significant number of club memberships re-ups for 2015 occurred during the hamfest, and 42 extra raffle tickets were sold which more than defrayed the cost of the TS-440. The winner of the TS-440 was (a very happy) Bob Dean, KC9UHU. Happy hamming with it Bob!

Steve announced that the Board has

appointed Chad Beech, W9GGA to the position of Public Relations rep so that Charles Ward, KC9MUT, serving as Communications Manager, can devote more time to his primary duties, coordinating operating events and so forth. Chad is an excellent fit to the position of P.R. rep; he was born to do it.

Steve commented that the club had received a donation of \$500.00 from the Hoosiers-Out-On- Tandems (HOOT) organization as a "thank you" for the club's communications support during the HOOT outing this past summer. They asked that the donation be applied to improving/upgrading the club's infrastructure.

With this in mind Steve noted that the Board had been discussing upgrading the club's repeater hardware, specifically the 146.76 and 444.875 machines out at Robison Park, as the GE Master II hardware that supports these functions is getting long in the tooth. This has been the view of Paul Prestia, KA3OPZ along with Jim Pliett, K9OMA and Al Burke, WB9SSE who have been the principles involved in maintaining this gear since it was first installed.

Paul had researched current repeater technology and had discovered both

a VHF and a UHF system developed by BridgeCom Systems, Inc. out of Smithville, Mo. These systems, the BCR-50V (VHF) and the BCR-40U (UHF) are completely self contained rack mounted, 16 channel synthesized units with integral 115 Vac input power supplies. The VHF unit is rated at 50 watts out, the UHF unit at 40 watts, comparable to what we have in the Master II systems. The units are over-the-air programmable and feature a transmit timeout timer, air time logging, a courtesy tone, a transmit hang timer, a tone-in-tail capability, a CW-ider and separate programmable CTCSS and DCS functions for each of the 16 programmable channels. Reviews of the units at eHam.net are very positive. Paul obtained a quote from BridgeCom of approximately \$1,020 each with shipping.

Paul had offered to purchase and donate a BCR-40U unit to the club if the club would in turn purchase a BCR-50V unit. Considering this offer, and the fact of the \$500.00 HOOT's donation mentioned previously, the Board decided to put forward the proposition to the club for a vote at the November meeting with the recommendation to vote in the affirmative. This was done at the November meeting via a hand vote after a description of the hardware, the rationale for the upgrade, and a description of Paul's offer was presented, with the result of a unanimous (minus one) vote to approve the purchase of a BCR-50V repeater. Thus the club will soon be upgrading 146.76 and 444.875 to the BridgeCom units with the existing Master II equipment being retained as back-ups.

Following the business meeting Jim Pliett, K9OMA gave a presentation on the history of the FWRC in the 70's, 80's, 90's and first decade of the new century including the development of the club's ATV repeater, using pictures and videos of some of the hi-jinks that were captured off-the-air during events supported by the ATV machine. It was interesting to observe pictures and video of some current club members when they were skinnier and had hair.

Respectfully submitted,

Al Burke, WB9SSE

Secretary, FWRC



**Robert Dean, KC9UHU was the lucky winner of the FWRC raffle at the hamfest, a Kenwood TS-440 transceiver with a PS-50 power supply.**

**Congratulations!**

# State of the Arts

Allen County Amateur Radio Technical Society

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## ACARTS PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Hamfest is in the past and it is now time for the Holiday Season. The Hamfest was successful and profitable. The final figures are not yet in, but since attendance and table sales were about the same and the Coliseum costs were lower by not renting empty space, the profit for the club should be up from last year. Many thanks to the workers, attendees, and the vendors for making the Hamfest successful. Special thanks to Jim, KB9IH, Howard, N9ADS, and Don, WB8HQ5, for their endless work throughout the year in bringing it all together.

Congratulations to Andy, KB9YJH, for joining the ACARTS board by being elected to club Secretary for 2015.

The December ACARTS meeting is the



Christmas Dinner. The event will be held at Hall's GuestHouse at 1313 West Washington Center Road at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 16th. The dinner will be in the Bridge Room, or large party room, that we has used before. The club will pay for a portion of the members' dinners.

Guests, which are more than welcome, will have to pay the full amount. Plan on attending for an evening of good food and fellowship. Reservations are necessary, so please let me know if you plan on attending and how many guests you are bringing by Sunday, December 14th. I can be reached at w9lkh(at)comcast.net or 260-485-6135.

73,

Dave Lindquist, W9LKH

## ACARTS NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Dave, W9LKH.

Dave thanked all the Hamfest workers for their help in making the Hamfest successful.

Dan, KB9NGM, reported on the Hamfest forums. He stated that they all went well and that forum attendance was up from the previous year.

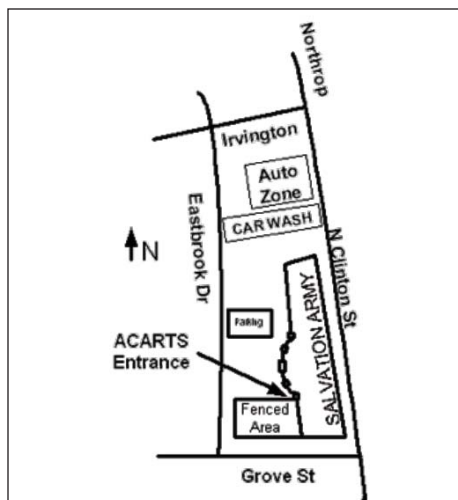
Jim, KB9IH, reported on the overall success of the Hamfest and that even though ticket sales were down slightly from last year, the Coliseum charges were down

by about \$1500.00 by not renting empty space. The only additional cost was that the club had to purchase 50 extra parking passes at \$10.00 each because the Coliseum provided fewer at no charge because of renting less space.

Jim said that he had heard from some of the vendors that the 12:00 closing time on Sunday was too early. Pending the input from some of the major vendors,

**December 16:** ACARTS Christmas Dinner at Hall's GuestHouse at 1313 West Washington Center Road at 7:00 p.m.

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



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it was decided that a 2:00 p.m. closing on Sunday would be appropriate next year. One vendor suggested that free admission on Sunday might draw a bigger crowd. No decision was made, saving the topic for further discussion.

Howard, N9ADS, stated that he did not have the final figures for table sales and other expenses as not all of the bills have come in yet. He reported that table sales were virtually the same as last year so income and expenses should be about the same, making for another profitable Hamfest. He said he would have the final figures next month.

The workers' drawing was held and the winner was Andy Sprow, KB9YJH.

Larry, KF9YP, suggested that the Board meetings be held a half an hour before the General meetings. A discussion followed, and it was decided that this could be accommodated on some, if not all, of the months that a General meeting is held.

A motion was made by Jim, KB9IH, and seconded by Bernie, K9JDF, that nominations be open. The motion was passed by a voice vote. Andy, KB9YJH, said that he would run for Secretary, replacing Dan, KB9NGM, who had stated that he no longer wanted to hold the position. All of the other current Officers, Managers, and Directors had previously stated that they would run for another term. A motion was made by Bernie, K9JDF, and seconded by Larry, KF9YP, that the nominations be closed. The motion was passed by a voice vote. A motion was made by Larry, KF9YP, and seconded by Bernie, K9JDF, that the slate of candidates be elected by acclamation. The slate of candidates for 2015 was elected by a voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Submitted by Dave Lindquist, W9LKH



## ACARTS NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Dave, W9LKH.

Dave stated that the Operations Manager of Casa's had approved the Hamfest meal tickets and that he would drop off a sample at the restaurant on Friday.

Dave reminded everyone that the November meeting would be the Hamfest wrap-up and club elections for 2015. He added that the club Christmas Dinner would be on Tuesday, December 16, 2014 at Hall's Guesthouse, and that he would begin taking reservations the first of the month.

Jim, KB9IH, went over final Hamfest preparations.

No other business was discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Submitted by Dave Lindquist, W9LKH

## MORE HAMFEST PHOTOS



# FWDXA

Fort Wayne DX Association

## ARRL CENTENNIAL CONVENTION

**Carl Luetzelschwab K9LA**

The May 2014 column by Jim KR9U talked about the ARRL Centennial QSO Party, which involves working the W1AW/x stations. The October 2014 column discussed the July W1AW/9 effort from the K9LA/AE9YL station. This month's column reviews the ARRL Centennial Convention held in Hartford, CT.



activities included CTU (Contest University), emergency communications, and several more.

The ARRL-sponsored forums were on Friday and Saturday. They ran from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, and most times had five tracks going for each hour. This meant there was likely some-

thing for everyone – no matter what your interest was. All the forums were well attended, with many having standing-room-only. Vicky and I also attended the ARRL Luncheon on Thursday and the ARRL Banquet Dinner on Friday.

Early in the year my wife Vicky and I decided to attend the ARRL Centennial Convention on July 17, 18 and 19. We decided to drive as this would be a great opportunity for Vicky to visit Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine – states she's never been in.

After saying goodbye to our two cats (a neighbor boy down the road would come twice a day to take care of their litter boxes, food dishes and water dishes) and dropping off Snoopy at the kennel, we headed east around 10AM Tuesday morning. We stayed the night in eastern Pennsylvania, and arrived in North Haven, CT around noon on Wednesday – just in time to have lunch with Gary KC9GGV and his wife Maria. They were in Connecticut cleaning out Gary's parents' house.


After lunch we headed to the Hartford area and checked in at our hotel. That evening we had dinner at a nice little tavern across from the Convention Center, and then joined Wayne N7NG and his wife Marge, Bernie W3UR and Joe W1JR for dinner at an Italian restaurant (Vicky and I only had dessert since we had already eaten dinner).

The special activities started Thursday morning. I was involved in DXU (DX University), which was organized by Wayne N7NG and Dave K4SV. We had a good crowd, with over half the attendees with less than 100 countries. Other special ac-

Sunday morning we drove to ARRL HQ so Vicky could operate W100AW (she has a certificate to prove it!). While she was doing that, I went through their old call books to see if anyone had WN9AVT before me (this was my Novice call in 1961, and I always wondered if it was a re-issue since the Novice license started in 1951). I found out that I was the first to have WN-9AVT.

After our visit at HQ, we headed north to Vermont, then drove east across New Hampshire and finally northeast to Portland, Maine. We enjoyed Sunday dinner on the waterfront in Portland, and then followed it up with a sunset cruise to see the Portland Head Lighthouse (see its picture on Vicky's Centennial QSL). On Monday we had lunch on the waterfront in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. After lunch we began the long drive home.

We're glad we took the time to attend this event. We saw many old friends and enjoyed the activities at the Centennial Convention.




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# NWS ANNOUNCES FORT WAYNE LOCATION OF 2015 SKYWARN STORM SPOTTER TRAINING

By Jay Farlow, W9LW

Quadrant Two Director, IMO SKYWARN

Last month's issue of Allen County Ham-News announced dates and locations for 2014 SKYWARN storm spotter training, except that details of the Fort Wayne session were not available at press time. The National Weather Service (NWS) and the Allen County Office of Homeland Security subsequently announced training will take place Feb. 17 in the auditorium of the Public Safety Academy: Ivy Tech South Campus, 7602 Patriot Crossing, Fort Wayne. It begins at 7 p.m. ET.

An informational flyer is available on the Fort Wayne Radio Club website for downloading and printing.

The NWS strongly requests that all persons who plan to attend the training session pre-register. Persons may do so online at <http://tinyurl.com/q9zj9h4> or via telephone by calling 260-449-4663 or 574-834-1104, extension 726.

The NWS also encourages participants to complete MetEd online training before attending the live training session. Persons may access the online training at <http://tinyurl.com/3z5l4lb>.

## MEMPHIS NWS OFFICE SKYWARN SPOTTER TRAINING ON YOUTUBE

Another resource for SKYWARN spotter education is a YouTube recording of meteorologists from the Memphis NWS office presenting a two-hour training session via Google Hangouts. You can find it here: <http://tinyurl.com/q9a2eqf>. While the recording provides useful and interesting information, the northern Indiana NWS office does not recognize it as offi-

cial spotter training, according to Michael Lewis, the warning coordination meteorologist at the northern Indiana NWS office. The only ways to be recognized by the northern Indiana office as a trained spotter are to attend an in-person training session or complete the MetEd online training mentioned in earlier in this article.

## HOOSIER LAKES CLUB TO LEAD SKYWARN RECOGNITION DAY

Ken Ledgerwood, KC9NWM sent an email message to several recipients Nov. 10 announcing that the Hoosier Lakes Radio Club will coordinate the 2014 SKYWARN Recognition Day special event station at the northern Indiana National Weather Service (NWS) office near North Webster. The event runs from 0000 UTC Dec. 6 (7 p.m. EST Friday, Dec. 5) to 2400 UTC (7 p.m. EST) Saturday, Dec. 6.

SKYWARN Recognition Day (SRD) provides an opportunity for NWS offices to recognize Amateur Radio operators for their commitment to helping keep their communities safe. Information about SRD is available online at <http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/mtr/hamradio/>.

The Hoosier Lakes club plans two HF antennas (One 10/60 meter vertical and one 80 meter loop). It also plans to make use of VHF and UHF antennas permanently installed at the NWS office.

Ledgerwood indicated that operators are needed. Any amateur who wishes to participate should make a reservation by contacting Ledgerwood at [KC9NWM@embarqmail.com](mailto:KC9NWM@embarqmail.com). He asks that operators provide the following information when they contact him:

- Name
- Call sign
- Planned arrival date and time
- Times available to operate (operators are welcome to make reservations even if they can only operate for one hour ... time slots are available throughout Friday evening, Friday night and Saturday).

As with last year's event, operators are not welcome to "drop in" without making prior arrangements. As a secure federal government facility, the National Weather Service office is unable to accommodate unexpected guests.

## MORE HAMFEST PHOTOS



# THE FOXHUNT CHRONICLES (FOR OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER)

Have we got a deal for you! This issue of the Foxhunt Chronicles will feature a description of the hi-jinks surrounding both the October 2014 AND the November 2014 contests. "Why am I so lucky?" you may ask. Well, it's because I was out of town a lot right after the October hunt and didn't have time to attend to writing up a report of what happened in October. So I combined the October and November foxhunt descriptions, and you get two for one.

The October hunt occurred on Sunday the 19th of October and featured the team of Charles Ward, KC9MUT and Fred Gengnagel, KC9EZZ, the team of Bob Dean, KC9UHU and Dave Spence, K9NDU, and the team of Steve Nardin, W9SAN, Linda Nardin, W9LAN and their grandson Alex. Seven hunters in all. I really can't remember where they gathered and started the hunt from as that was way back in October, and hey, this is late November as I put this tome together. I.e., I'm getting old and forgetful.

The role of the fox was played by Jim & Annie Pliett, K9OMA & KA9YYI, plus Carole & Al Burke, WB9's RUS and SSE. They were ensconced at Klug Park, near Parkview Hospital, and hid the micro-fox just below the grate of a storm sewer at the intersection of Leroy Ave. and Lawndale Drive. They employed a mobile rig running about 25 watts and a cubical quad on the roof of Jim's van as the high power fox.

The high power fox started squawking promptly at 13:30 hours and evidently produced a satisfactory signal at Buckner Park for the hunters to sniff at. They soon left the park and headed east. Around 30 minutes after the start of the hunt, Charles & Fred showed up at Klug Park, dismounted, and started looking for the microfox. They succeeded in finding it 41 minutes into the hunt. A few minutes later Linda, Steve & Alex, and then Bob and Dave all showed up to look for the microfox. Both of these teams subsequently located the microfox at 65 minutes into the hunt.

Based upon time-to-find and miles traveled, it turned out the Charles & Fred were the winners and thus the fox for the last hunt of the year in November. Steve, Linda and Alex came in second, with Bob



& Dave third.

Following the hunt, everyone boogied over to Hall's-Prime Rib on State St. for a well deserved repast, and a lot of humor, derived from the hi-jinks of the waiter staff. The food at that place really is quite good.

Just two weeks later, on the 2nd of November the final hunt of the year occurred. For this event the hunters consisted of the team of Jim Pliett, K9OMA and Al Burke, WB9SSE, (their XYL's Annie, KA9YYI and Carole, WB9RUS were at Jim's QTH preparing things for the after-hunt bonfire/party that occurs at the conclusion of the last hunt of the year), the team of Steve & Linda Nardin, W9's SAN & LAN plus their grandson Alex, the team of Kim & Jim Machamer, KB9's DOT & DOS, and the (new) team of Jason Eicholz, KC9UOQ & Debbie Romine, KK4QXC, and single hunter Bob Dean, KC9UHU. This handsome and anxious crew gathered at Buckner Park awaiting the subtle beckoning call of the fox.

The role of the fox was played by Charles Ward, KC9MUT, Fred Gengnagel, KC9EZZ, and Phil Hooper, AB9IZ. They established their den in a thicket at Payton Park north of Ft. Wayne. The high power fox was the usual dismounted mobile rig driving a yagi, while the microfox was about 30 feet away hidden & disguised (quite well) in a tree about six feet off the ground. Despite the fact that they had hauled in tables, chairs, a well stocked mini-fridge, a sauna, a pool table, Burmese dancing girls, and a large flat panel TV to wile-away the time while we hunt-

ers slogged through the bush, they were none-the-less difficult to detect back in them-there bushes.

The fox began making noise right on schedule, and all of us hunters at the Buckner Park starting point heard it right off. We got a bearing to the north-east and proceeded directly up Lima Rd. Then the bearings took us east on Gump Rd. at which point we deduced that the fox was probably ensconced somewhere in Payton Park. So we dismounted at Payton Park and started hunting on foot, and were the first team to localize the fox lair.

The thicket where the fox was located was surrounded by a circular path about 100 yards in diameter. As it turns out Charles, Fred and Phil were not located at the center of the circle, but were off to the side by maybe 20 yards to one side of the center. (Of course, the center was occupied by a swamp). So naturally, as it turned out, Jim and I approached them from the opposite side of the circle and thus had to struggle through quite a bit of underbrush and avoid the alligators they had stocked the swamp with. But find them we did around 40 minutes into the hunt. It took us another eight minutes to find the microfox hidden (really well) up in the tree. Thus we were first to finish the hunt at 48 minutes (and 12.9 miles travelled).

Jim and I hung around, glowering at Charles, Fred and Phil while we removed the leaches we had acquired in the swamp, and tended to our alligator bites. Eventually most of the rest of the hunters arrived. They of course approached from the opposite side of the circle that we had, thus avoiding the swamp and most of the thick brush (although they did stomp around in the quagmire for about 20 more minutes. (It's amusing to listen to other people's stumbling and "ouching" and cussing when it's not you, hee hee).

Eventually Steve, Alex, Kim, Jim and Bob all discovered the microfox (at 70 minutes into the hunt, and 13.6 miles, but minus the leaches and alligator bites). New hunters Jason and Debbie took a bit longer, finding the microfox 99 minutes into the hunt with 29.2 miles on their odometer. Not bad for their first try.



Following the hunt everyone made their way over to Jim & Annie Pliett's QTH for the bonfire/party. Jim built a really big one this year. Annie & Carole prepared hot dogs, red and white chili and other stuff which was augmented by the goodies attendees brought to the event. Nobody went away hungry. Check the "photos" tab on the club web page for a few pictures of the festivities.

Based upon time-to-find and mileage, the Pliett-Burke team won the November excursion and thus will serve as the fox for the first hunt of the 2015 foxhunt season (planned to occur 1 February, 2015).

The cumulative, end of year scores (for everyone who participated this year) appear below. Bob Dean, KC9UHU was the overall winner with 7062.2 points, followed closely by runner-ups Charles Ward & Fred Gengnagel with 6449.8 points each.

KC9MUT	6449.8
KC9EZP	6449.8
N9IRX	1242.5
K9NDU	4479
KC9UHU	7062.2
W9SAN	5716
W9LAN	5716
ALEX	3381.5
KB9DOS	4624
KB9DOT	4624
K9OMA	4413.2
KA9YYI	4413.2
WB9RUS	5032.7
WB9SSE	5032.7
N9IRX	1242.5
KC9ZGN	415
AB9IZ	1402.3
KC9UOQ	460.5
KK4QXC	460.5

Presentation of the Foxhunter plaque to Bob will occur at the annual FWRC Christmas banquet on December 12th at the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church. See you there.

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 contests include:

ARRL Contest Corral Web page	<a href="http://www.arrl.org/contests">www.arrl.org/contests</a>	ARRL's National Contest Journal	<a href="http://www.arrl.org/ncj">www.arrl.org/ncj</a>
ARRL Contest Update	<a href="http://www.arrl.org/contest-update-issues">www.arrl.org/contest-update-issues</a>	Contesting On-Line	<a href="http://www.contesting.com">www.contesting.com</a>
WA7BNM Contest Calendar	<a href="http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/">www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/</a>	Contesting Wiki	<a href="http://wiki.contesting.com">http://wiki.contesting.com</a>
DX Zone Contesting	<a href="http://www.dxzone.com/catalog/Contesting/">www.dxzone.com/catalog/Contesting/</a>	Radio-Sport.Net	<a href="http://www.radio-sport.net/">www.radio-sport.net/</a>

ARRL 160 METER CONTEST			ARRL EME CONTEST			AWA BRUCE KELLY QSO PARTY		
DEC 5, 2200Z	DEC 7, 1600Z		DEC 6, 0000Z	DEC 7, 2359Z		DEC 6, 2300Z	SEE WEBSITE	
1.8	-	CW	-	50-1296	PHONE, CW, DIGITAL	3.5, 7	-	CW
RST AND ARRL/RAC SECTION IF US/VE			CALL SIGNS, SIG RPT, ACKNOWLEDGEMENT			RST, XMTR TYPE, POWER, NAME		
<a href="http://www.arrl.org/contests">www.arrl.org/contests</a>			<a href="http://www.arrl.org/contests">www.arrl.org/contests</a>			<a href="http://www.antiquewireless.org">www.antiquewireless.org</a>		
GREAT COLORADO SNOWSHOE RUN			HOLIDAY SPIRITS HOMEBREW SPRINT			LIGHTHOUSE CHRISTMAS LIGHTS QSO PARTY		
DEC 7, 2100Z	DEC 7, 2259Z		DEC 14, 2000Z	DEC 14, 2359Z		DEC 20, 0001Z	JAN 4, 2359Z	
14	-	CW	1.8-28	-	CW	1.8-28	50-440	PHONE, CW, DIGITAL
RST, S/P/C, CLASS, CQC NUMBER OR POWER			RST AND JA PREFECTURE OR CQ ZONE			SERIAL OR ARLHS NUMBER		
<a href="http://www.cqc.org/contests/">www.cqc.org/contests/</a>			<a href="http://www.qrparci.org/contests">www.qrparci.org/contests</a>			<a href="http://www.nllw.net/">http://www.nllw.net/</a>		
ARRL 10 METER CONTEST			ARRL ROOKIE ROUNDUP			ARRL STRAIGHT KEY NIGHT		
DEC 13, 0000Z	DEC 14, 2359Z		DEC 21, 1800Z	DEC 21, 2359Z		JAN 1, 0000Z	JAN 1, 2359Z	
28	-	PHONE, CW	3.5-28	-	CW	3.5-28	50+	CW
RS(T) AND US OR XE STATE/PROV OR SERIAL			BOTH CALLS, NAME, CHECK, S/P/XE OR "DX"			GENERAL QSO INFORMATION		
<a href="http://www.arrl.org/contests">www.arrl.org/contests</a>			<a href="http://www.arrl.org/contests">www.arrl.org/contests</a>			<a href="http://www.arrl.org/straight-key-night">www.arrl.org/straight-key-night</a>		

## 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](mailto:ab9zd@arrl.net).

**Repeater for sale:** I have a GE gen 1 repeater from the Indiana toll road. It has a tube final with a 50-watt output. It is currently setup for 155 MHz but can be adjusted to 144-148 MHz by changing the crystals. Includes the manuals. Would like to get \$150.00 for it.

Please contact me via email. I can provide photos if needed. [n9iww@live.com](mailto:n9iww@live.com)

Kevin Adam N9IWW

1239 West Till Rd, Fort Wayne IN 46825

## Say Again?

“When the stock market crashed, Franklin D. Roosevelt got on the television and didn’t just talk about the, you know, the princes of greed. He said, ‘Look, here’s what happened.’ ”

*US Senator Joe Biden*

*In a sit-down interview with CBS Evening News’ Katie Couric that aired September 22, 2008.*

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# Membership Application for ACARTS 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

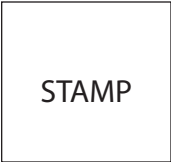
Please attach a check (number \_\_\_\_\_) for the appropriate amount and bring to a club meeting or mail to:

ACARTS	Fort Wayne Radio Club.
PO Box 10342	PO Box 15127
Fort Wayne, IN 46851-0342	Fort Wayne, IN 46885-5127

For dual membership, send a check to each club for your respective membership. Payment by check is strongly encouraged!

ACARTS AND FWRC REPEATERS		
W9INX	Voice	ACARTS
146.880 (-)	Voice	General use / Skywarn priority
147.255 (+)	Voice	General use
443.800 (+)	Voice	General use
144.390 (s)	Digital	APRS - wide
145.530 (s)	Digital	W9INX-1 Digipeater and Node
W9TE	Voice	FWRC
146.760 (-)	Voice	General use
146.940 (-)	Voice	General use with autopatch
146.910 (-)	Voice	EchoLink connection repeater Node number 519521
444.875 (+)	Voice	General use
439.25 In, 910.250 Out	ATV	144.340 Audio & control
442.99375	D-STAR	General use (Note 1)
<b>Notes:</b>		
1. D-STAR, Offset + 5.0 MHz, W9TE ___ B, W9TE ___ G		

AREA NETS					
Daily		Tuesday			
8:00 AM	3.535	Daily (QIN) Indiana Section CW net	8:00 PM	50.580 USB	FWRC 6 Meter Net
8:30 AM	3.940	Daily Indiana Traffic Net	9:00 PM	146.940-	Allen Co. ARES Training Net
6:00 PM	3.940	Daily Indiana Traffic Net	Wednesday		
6:30 PM	146.880-	IMO (alternate is 146.760)	7:00 PM	146.760-	FWRCYL Net
7:00 PM	147.015+	Tri State Two Meter Net	7:30 PM	147.150	21 Repeater Group
8:00 PM	3.535	Daily (QIN) Indiana Section CW net	8:00 PM	145.270	Whitley Co. ARES (131.8 PL disabled)
Week Days			9:00 PM	146.940-	Help and Swap Net
8:30 AM	3.820	Little Red Barn Net	Thursday		
Sunday			7:30 PM	D-STAR	Indiana D-STAR net (Note 3)
8:00 PM	444.550+	Whitley Co. Sunday (131.8 PL)	8:00 PM	50.580 AM	6 Meter AM Net
8:30 PM	1.965 & 146.910-	"No-Name" Net also on EchoLink Node number 519521	8:30 PM	145.510 (s)	Allen County ARES Digital Operations Team Training Net (Note 4)
9:00 PM	145.530	Northeast Indiana Packet Net (Note 2)	Saturday		
			8:00 PM	146.685-	Huntington ARES
<b>Notes:</b>					
1. All times local time. <b>Any changes or corrections should be submitted to the newsletter editor AB9ZD (at) ARRL.NET.</b>					
2. On 145.530 @ 1200 baud. 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.					
3. 1st and 3rd Thursday, Reflector REF024B.					
4. Net starts using BPSK-31 and switches to BPSK-250 after roll call to pass traffic etc. NBEMS suite of software (FLDIGI, FLMSG, and FLAMP) is preferred.					
5. Indiana HF Traffic Nets Web Site: <a href="http://www.inarrl.org/inhfnet.html">http://www.inarrl.org/inhfnet.html</a>					



To:

## Activities Calendar



Date	Time	Event	Place
12/02/2014	7:00 PM	FWRC Board Meeting	GSUMC
12/09/2014	7:00 PM	ACARTS Board Meeting	Salvation Army Facility
12/12/2014	6:30 PM	FWRC Christmas Banquet	GSUMC
12/16/2014	7:00 PM	ACARTS Christmas Dinner	Salvation Army Facility
01/06/2015	7:00 PM	FWRC Board Meeting	GSUMC
01/13/2015	7:00 PM	ACARTS Board Meeting	Salvation Army Facility
01/16/2015	7:00 PM	FWRC General Meeting	GSUMC
01/20/2015	7:00 PM	ACARTS General Meeting	Salvation Army Facility
11/14/2015	9 AM	2014 Fort Wayne Hamfest	Allen County War Memorial Coliseum
11/15/2015	9 AM	2014 Fort Wayne Hamfest	Allen County War Memorial Coliseum