

# Allen County HamNews

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## Phil's Ham Radio Store Now Open

It has been way too many years since the Ham community in Fort Wayne has had the convenience of a local radio store, but thankfully we do have one in our midst once again! The person that has brought this to us is Phil Hooper, AB9IZ, and his establishment is called Phil's Ham Radio Store, located on Broadway in downtown New Haven, Indiana. Open since late last year, Phil's small but well stocked store is in a room behind a Barber Shop at 512 Broadway, Suite 103, just about 30 feet north of the main Post Office. Parking is available on the street, or at the Post Office.

Phil's complete line can be seen online at: <http://www.philshamradiostore.com/>, which also lists local phone numbers, store operating hours, and e-mail addresses. Just a sample of the lines that Phil carries include Alinco, Vibroplex, Jetstream, and bulk items like coax, DC power cables, and RF adapters and connectors. In other words, all the stuff you usually have to wait for a hamfest to find!

Check out Phil's in person or on the web, and get your ham radio needs fulfilled without driving to the next 'fest!

73, Steve, W9SAN

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## President's Corner



Thanks to everyone who participated in the Skywarn Training in February. That is always an important training session for those interested in the emergency communications aspects of Amateur Radio.

The third Friday in March is Good Friday, so the March general meeting will be the second Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. For the March meeting, Gary Stebbins, KC9GGV, is going to present on PSK31. Gary is very active on the digital modes and has run our Field Day RTTY station the last couple of years. Gary will focus on operating PSK as well as the software that he is using. If we run out of time on the software package he is featuring, then he has agreed to come back later in the year for more detail on that part of the operation.

And remember that due to youth activities every Friday night at Good Shepherd UMC, all of the 2008 Fort Wayne Radio Club meetings will be held in the large "Big Three" rooms off the back hallway.

For April, Jim Pliett, K9OMA, will be presenting an ATV demonstration. People tend to forget that the Fort Wayne Radio Club also operates an ATV repeater with facilities located on the campus of IPFW. This is a great but currently under-utilized resource. We would love to get more people operating on ATV, so this is your opportunity to come out and find out what you need to get on ATV!

Since we brought up the subject of repeaters I would like to spend some additional time on this subject. The Fort Wayne Radio Club operates 5 repeaters in the Fort Wayne area. There are the 146.76 and 146.94 that people tend to use the most with the "94" including autopatch. Then there is the ATV repeater that I just mentioned, the 146.91 with Echolink connection, and the 444.875 on the 70 cm band. We have a lot of very good options available to us; however, five repeaters is a considerable expense with utilities and maintenance.

We have been fortunate with occasional special donations helping some; but, we need your help. If you are not currently a member please join the club to help support the many repeater options. If you are a member but know someone who is not, encourage them to join to help support the repeaters. If we do not get some additional support then later this year we may have to discuss options like reducing the power output or hours of operation on some of the repeaters. We really do not want to get to that point. If you have other ideas to help support the repeaters; please let one of the board members know. Thank you for your support.

Remember that the Marshall, MI and Toledo, OH hamfests are coming up in March and, despite the snow on the ground now, May and the Dayton Hamvention will be here before you know it.

We hope to see you at the general meeting in March for PSK31 and at the general meeting in April for ATV!

Tom / N9TB

## March Meeting Mar. 14, 7:00 PM

**Program: PSK31 by Gary Stebbins, KC9GGV**



## The Foxhunt Chronicals - February 2008

The first FWRC foxhunt for 2008 occurred on the 17<sup>th</sup> of February, two weeks later than normal because of the miserable weather existing on the 10<sup>th</sup> and the Superbowl occurring on the 3<sup>rd</sup>. (Foxhunts normally occur on the first Sundays in February and March, and the first Mondays in April through November).

Three eager foxhunting teams showed up at the starting point near the Meijers store on Lima Rd. despite an incipit downpour that threatened to dampen the contest. Team one consisted of Carl & Renee Thomas, team two included Annie & Jim Pliett and Carole & Al Burke, while Woody Woodbury formed team three. Steve Nardin served as the Fox for this first hunt of the year.

A technical problem with the fox hardware caused Steve to improvise and hide himself instead of the cross-band HT that is normally used as the fox. He braved hiding out in a very wet swamp in Metea Park, basically

ensconced behind a huge Oak tree that gave him no protection from the cold, wet rain.

First on the scene to find the Fox was Woody Woodbury. The second team to locate Steve were Jim & Annie Pliett and Carole & Al Burke. Carl and Renee Thomas came in third, pretty good considering they had no direction finding antenna mounted on their vehicle.

Next months contest is planned to occur on the 9<sup>th</sup> of March (not the 2<sup>nd</sup>) starting at 1:30 pm, and will feature Woody Woodbury as the wily Fox. Woody has a track record of selecting challenging hiding places, so this should be a fun activity. Hams (or non-Hams), club members (or non club members) are encouraged to join in on the fun.

73, de WB9SSE



## Foxhunting Summary CY 08

| Hunter/Huntress | K9OMA | KA9YYI | WB9SSE | WB9RUS | W9SAN | KC9CGN | WB9YBI | Renee Thomas |
|-----------------|-------|--------|--------|--------|-------|--------|--------|--------------|
| Points Ytd      |       |        |        |        |       |        |        |              |
| Thru: Feb       | 2     | 2      | 2      | 2      | 1.5   | 3      | 0.5    | 0.5          |

## 2008 Foxhunt Schedule

|             |               |
|-------------|---------------|
| Mar 9 1:30  | Aug 4 6:30    |
| Apr 7 6:30  | Sept 8 6:30   |
| May 5 6:30  | Oct 6 6:30    |
| June 2 6:30 | Nov 2 1:30    |
| July 7 6:30 | Dec - No Hunt |

All foxhunts start at off track betting parking lot, Washington Ctr. & Lima Rds.

## February FWRC new & renewing members

|        |        |
|--------|--------|
| K9BLI  | A9ANB  |
| KA9QWC | N9EHK  |
| KB9DOS | N9GFP  |
| KB9DOT | W9GGA  |
| KB9IQW | WB9YBI |
| KC9GAT |        |
| KC9KTG |        |
| KC9MOE |        |
| KC9MUT |        |

The club officers extend a big "Thank You" to the above members for support of the club and its repeaters.

## Jack Forbing, K9LSB - SK

JACK D. FORBING, 63, of Fort Wayne, died Friday, Feb. 29, 2008, at Lutheran Hospital. Born on Dec. 24, 1944, in Fort Wayne, he was an Indiana State Police dispatcher, retiring in 1994, and former co-owner of Forbing Insurance for 33 years, President for 15 years. He served in the U.S. Army and Air Force, and was a lifelong ham radio operator, Amateur Radio call sign K9LSB. He liked computers, and was an American Radio Relay League Life member, Northern Indiana Medical Response Team member, Hoosierland Amateur Mobile Systems President, Air Force M.A.R.S., and Northeast Indiana U.H.F. Associates President. Survivors include brothers, Mike S. (Pam) Forbing and Gary L. (Nancy) Forbing, both of Fort Wayne; sister, Linda (Mike) Kiester of North Manchester; nieces and nephews, Chris, Angie, Luke, Paul and Mark Forbing, and Ashleigh and Meghann Kiester. He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert A. and Ruth E. Forbing. Service is 10 a.m. Wednesday at Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Home for Funerals, 6810 Old Trail Road, Fort Wayne, with visitation one hour prior to service. Visitation also from 2 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Burial in Greenlawn Memorial Park. Memorials to Muscular Dystrophy Association, American Diabetes Association or Allen County Heart Association. - Published in the Fort Wayne Newspapers from 3/2/2008 - 3/3/2008.



[Jack was a former member of Fort Wayne Radio club.]

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## President's Message



It won't be long and spring will be here. I am ready for it, are you?. As I am writing this, they just issued a winter storm watch calling for up to 4-7 inches of snow. I have used my snow blower more this year than in the last two years. It was only a year ago that we had a blizzard with about 10 inches of snow. I am tired of the cold, and dread opening the gas bill when it comes in the mail. But then if we have a really hot summer, we will be complaining about the heat. I guess it is a no win situation either way. I just hope that it is a quite summer when it comes to storms. Although we just had Skywarn training, we hope we do not have to use it. Remember that when Skywarn is activated, the repeater goes under the control of the net control operator. You will know if the repeater is in a watch condition when you hear a audible "Weather Alert", and the "WX" trailer when the carrier drops. All traffic goes through the net control. During the watch portion, keep your transmissions short, and leave a pause so that someone can get in the repeater. Better yet, make contact and move to another frequency. Go back to last month's newsletter, and read the Skywarn article about what and how to report the conditions that you are observing. Most important of all, be safe when you are out there.

The program for this month, is about Hallicrafters Corporation's role in World War II. The video is called "Voice of Victory" and is about the development and building of the communications truck that was used by the army. It is interesting to see what was done in that era compared to what we have today. I would like to thank Ken, KB9YKU, for sending me the video. I asked for program suggestions, and I got one. I hope to get more from other members. This is your club, and we can use your help

in providing interesting programs for you at our meetings. The program for April is our annual Spring Banquet. The banquet will be on April 15, 2008. The time and place is yet to be determined.

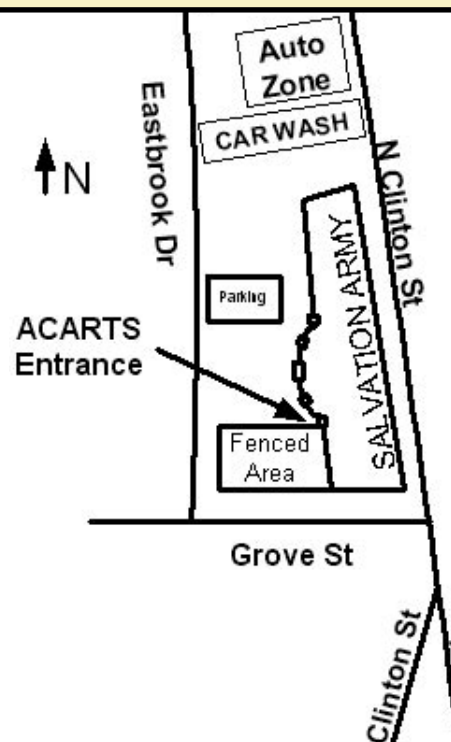
That is all I have for this month. I need to go out to the garage and fill the snow blower with fuel, and mix up a fresh batch of gas/oil fuel. I hope that I do not have to use it. See you at the meeting.

73,  
Vic, KA9LTV

## Meeting Schedule

**General Meeting** - Mar. 18, 7:30 PM. Program: Historic Hallicrafters

**Next Board Meeting:** Mar. 11, 7:30 PM All members are encouraged to attend.



# ARMAD News



Hello:

Also, I am about 80% finished with planning for ARMAD 2008. This year will be our 5<sup>th</sup> event, and we will be helping National Military Appreciation Month (www.nmam.org) kick off a month long celebration.

ARMAD this year will include several Boy and Girl Scout Troops that will have members speak, sing, and present the National Colors, as well as the Pledge of Allegiance. We will have the Mayor of Fort Wayne, and an Allen County Commissioner as guest speakers, as well as a speaker from The Silver Star Families of America who will present ARMAD with their Banner.

We will also have a live Gospel Group perform, "The Buchanan Family Unity", and we have an offer from "The Renegades" a very popular band in the tri-state area. Along with these events we will have military units on display, The Indianapolis Colts - In - Motion, soldiers, and equipment, FM 93.3 live on the air, and the US 93 Bus, Live TV coverage from WANE-TV (CBS), and from Access TV, which will video the event to send to our deployed troops, and for on air broadcast at a later date. We will be joined by our sister event The Fort Wayne Patriots, with Rex mercer speaking, and we will have a DJ to provide music (Kenny Reese of Night Train Productions). There will be Amateur Radio Operators on the air here in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and around the U.S. and the world to allow the public to thank our troops, and their families, as well as to allow our troops, and veterans to communicate with ARMAD participants. We will have other guests, and will give out some nice door prizes.

Please show your support by visiting [www.armad.net](http://www.armad.net) and leave a message in the guest book. Without these brave men and women serving our nation, we would not be able to enjoy our freedoms and terror would be at our door steps. Let them know you care.

All of this is being organized by Emery McClendon while on lunch break and at home after long 12hour days. We want our friends, neighbors, and relatives that serve our country to know that we support and appreciate them.

ARMAD 2008 will be held on May 24, 2008. The main event is from 10:00 a.m. - Noon (EST)

Emery

## More photos from Phil's store

Photos by Steve Nardin, W9SAN



## **February ACARTS new & renewing members**

- |        |        |
|--------|--------|
| K4RMU  | KB9QY  |
| K9BLI  | KC9EEC |
| KA9ZNN | KC9ENU |
| KB9DPF |        |

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# FWDXA

## Ft Wayne DX Association

### My First DX QSO Carl Luetzelschwab K9LA

I grew up in south Hammond (northwest Indiana), and that's where my Amateur Radio activities started in the fall of 1961 as a new Novice with the call WN9AVT. From my earlier SWLing days, I had a long wire running out the basement window, up the side of the house, and to the garage.

Although I received my Novice license in mid October 1961, it took me two weeks to log my first QSO. I was quite ignorant of impedance matching and the concept of SWR with my random length long wire in relation to transmitting. When I dipped the plate current of my DX-20 and then increased the loading, the plate current dipped even lower. That's not how it's supposed to work.

Due to the SWR problem, I must have been running extreme QRP in terms of radiated power. In spite of many CQs and answering CQs from others, I had to wait for a local to show up for my first QSO. That turned out to be John KN9HFE in the old 80 m Novice band (3700-3750 KHz). He was at the Calumet campus of Purdue University using the club call sign W9AUB. It was his first QSO, too.

The Calumet campus was only a couple miles away, so that certainly wasn't a DX QSO even though the two-week effort made it seem like a great accomplishment. Two more weeks elapsed before my second QSO. It was with another local, Ray WN9AMX, again on 80 m. Making only two QSOs in a month didn't earn me the reputation of burning up the bands.

My knight in shining armor turned out to be another local. A couple days after working WN9AMX, I ran into Pete WN9BAB in the old 40 m Novice band (7150-7200 KHz). He also lived a couple miles away, but he had already worked a whole bunch of States - and he had received his Novice ticket after I did. After telling him my woes, he suggested putting up a 40 m dipole antenna. The next weekend we took down the long wire, and replaced it with a 40 m dipole. Wonder of wonders - the DX-20's plate current now dipped higher after increasing the loading - hey, that's how it's supposed to work. Now that I was radiating the full DX-20 output power, the QSOs came fast and furious (as fast and furious as allowed by my J-38 straight key). And that's when the concept of real DX (i.e., farther than I could ride my bike) started to creep in.

Working 1s, 2s, 3s, 4s, 5s, 8s, and 0s became commonplace. My concept of DX was now 6s and 7s and stations outside the US. My first

outside-the-US QSO was with VO1FK in Newfoundland on 15 m in late January 1962. I was still a Novice at the time, and it was a Thursday afternoon around 2:30 PM (I don't know why I wasn't in school - maybe we had a

snow day). I waited very patiently for VO1FK's QSL, and sure enough it showed up in the mail a couple weeks later.

Working 6s and 7s followed, much to my delight, but the thrill of working VO1FK always overshadowed QSOs with the western States. And it still overshadows most of my current day DXing efforts. Working Canada and many of the other countries in the world is now pretty much routine (even around solar minimum!), but the thrill of that 1,700 mile QSO when I was WN9AVT with my DX-20 and NC-60 to a very low dipole will never fade from my memory.



**Test Points**

22-Mar-2008  
 Sponsor: UNSPONSORED  
 Time: 2:00 PM (No walk-ins)  
 Contact: STEPHEN J KOUTS  
 (419)238-5560  
 VEC: ARRL/VEC  
 Location: VAN WERT COUNTY EMA  
 1220 OLD LINCOLN HWY  
 BUSINESS US 30 EAST  
 HOMELAND SECURITY BUILDING  
 VAN WERT, OH 45891



10-Apr-2008  
 Sponsor: GOSHEN ARC  
 Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)  
 Contact: PAUL F COREY  
 (574)262-4414  
 Email: K9MV@ARRL.NET  
 VEC: ARRL/VEC  
 Location: WWW.GOSHENARC.ORG/VE\_TESTING.  
 HTML  
 GREENCROFT BLVD  
 GREENCROFT RETIREMENTCOMMUNITY  
 HOMAN BUILDING  
 GOSHEN, IN 46525

26-Apr-2008  
 Sponsor: W5YI-VEC -- WHITLEY COUNTY ARC  
 Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)  
 Contact: ROGER L MC ENTARFER  
 (260)503-9008  
 Email: N9QCL@ARRL.NET  
 VEC: W5YI VEC  
 Location: PEABODY LIBRARY  
 1160 E STATE ROAD 205  
 COLUMBIA CITY, IN 46725

**For Sale & Wanted**

For Sale: Cushcraft A449-11s 440 beam  
 This beam has never been up the tower or out  
 in the weather. AES is asking \$99.99 and I am  
 willing to sell it for \$50.00.



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

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I like trains, but due to illness would like to sell two Motorola  
 radios set up with the receive channels only for legalities. Can  
 you add to website and Newsletter

Here are the descriptions:

1) Motorola HT1000 Handi-Talki with good battery and  
 charger. This radio is programmed with all 97 U.S. and Cana-  
 dian railroad receive channels only. Can scan up 8 channels  
 which are field programmable. Asking \$175.00

2) Motorola Spectra A4 mobile transceiver currently pro-  
 grammed with all 97 U.S. and Canadian Receive channels plus  
 161.610 receive channel used by Metra in Chicago. This unit  
 has been tuned and tweaked to receive well on the Railroad  
 band. Can be field programmed to scan up to 16 channels.  
 Includes power cord, Motorola speaker, and mounting hard-  
 ware. This would also make a nice Christmas present for  
 someone who likes trains. \$275 negotiable.

Call Gary at 260-627-0334 or email at n9jib(at) arrl.net

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For Sale:

- Slide scanner - Nikon LS-20E, with SCSI card for PC, \$75
  - 100 W amplifier with 10 W in, 2 m FM only, TPL PA3-1DE, \$70
- call Vic, WB9UZA at 260-485-7472 or email wb9uza (at) arrl.net.

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For Sale:

Astron RS-35A Power Supply, excellent condition, \$85 call  
 Dick Byers at 260-493-6060

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

**Regional Hamfests**

| Date           | Location         | Contact Phone | URL or E-mail   |
|----------------|------------------|---------------|---|
| 15 Mar 2008    | Marshall, MI     | 269-966-0770  | <a href="http://www.w8df.com">http://www.w8df.com</a>               |
| 16 Mar 2008    | Maumee, OH       | 419-385-5624  | <a href="http://www.tmrhamradio.org">http://www.tmrhamradio.org</a> |
| 20 Apr 2008    | Peru, IN         | 765-453-9256  | <a href="http://www.ncihamfest.com">http://www.ncihamfest.com</a>   |
| 16-18 May 2008 | Dayton, OH       | 937-276-6930  | <a href="http://www.hamvention.org">http://www.hamvention.org</a>   |
| 12 Jul 2008    | Indianapolis, IN | 317-261-6658  | <a href="http://www.indyhamfest.com">http://www.indyhamfest.com</a> |

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

## Tennessee Agency Calls Army MARS Into Action



from *The ARRL Letter* – The Tennessee Emergency Management Agency (TEMA) called Army Military Affiliate Radio System (MARS) into action as tornados swept across the Southeastern United States February 5-6. According to Army MARS Chief Stuart Carter, “For the first time as far back as we can remember, a state government called for MARS deployment in response to an actual emergency. The resulting teamwork and use of Army MARS Winlink capability gave TEMA its only e-mail link during President Bush’s visit to the storm-stricken area.” At least 70 messages were sent during the state operation ranging from casualty figure updates and signal reports to staff rosters and photos.

TEMA’s Chief of Communications David Wolfe, WA4VVX (MARS call sign AAR4CY), said, “Although there was no commercial power at the deployment site, TEMA’s communications infrastructure was fully operational. Both the VHF high band and 800 MHz repeater systems had good coverage for voice command and control. Our shortage was Internet connectivity, and our unmet needs were e-mail and the ability to send pictures. MARS Winlink provided exactly what was not available by any other means.”

Carter said that this event illustrates the importance of detailed preparation and training that has taken place during realistic disaster response exercises over the past several years. “In the case of Tennessee, the story goes back a year and a half. Steve Waterman, K4CJX (MARS call sign AAA9AC) began working with Wolfe in late 2006, preparing for just such a deployment. At the time, Army MARS was just beginning to adopt the Winlink 2000 radio e-mail network system, and with the assistance of the then-Tennessee State Director Paul Drothler, WO4U (MARS call sign AAV4DJ), Army MARS had just signed a Memorandum of Understanding with TEMA. This MOU just served to strengthen an already strong relationship between TEMA and Army MARS. Wolfe led TEMA staffers who were already hams to becoming MARS members and to become qualified MARS Winlink 2000 operators. The rest of Wolfe’s team soon obtained their Amateur Radio and Army MARS licenses.”

The next step, according to Carter, was joint training for TEMA staff and Tennessee Army MARS members. Some was classroom training followed up with extensive field training. The culmination of the field training was TNCAT07, a massive exercise that included the Cen-

tral United States Earthquake Consortium (CUSEC), an eight-state alert consortium along the New Madrid fault line. This exercise also included the participation by ARRL Amateur Emergency Radio Service (ARES), Civil Air Patrol and other EmComm services that clearly demonstrated interoperability between TEMA, Tennessee Army MARS, the Amateur Radio community and other municipal communications services.

“To make a long story short,” Carter said, “we now have seen a demonstration of seamless collaboration between Army MARS and one of our supported agencies under ‘Real World’ emergency conditions. This was the first Army MARS deployment since the Katrina/Rita disasters two years ago. Successfully meeting the challenge involved deployment readiness on the part of our members, and it required total Winlink 2000 mobility. First of all came the building of relationships with existing and potential customers, and then came meticulous training of state and federal staffers, and frequent exercising at home and in the field. With this pattern of established collaboration between our customers and MARS members, we enter the new era of Army MARS Emergency communications support.”

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## 500 kHz Distance Record Broken Again

from *The ARRL Letter* – On February 21, Neil Schwanitz, V73NS/WD8CRT, on Roi-Namur in the Marshall Islands, received a signal from experimental station WD2XSH/6. This experimental station, operated by Pat Hamel, W5THT, is located in Long Beach, Mississippi -- 6679 miles away from the island in the Kwajalein atoll. This contact breaks the previous record for the longest 500 kHz contact. That record, set in January 2008, was for a distance of 4737 miles from Cottage Grove, Oregon to Roi-Namur. An article on Hamel’s station appears in the March issue of QST. The ARRL 500 kHz experimental license, WD2XSH, was issued in September 2006 and has 20 active stations. Fritz Raab, W1FR, of Vermont, serves as experimental project manager for The 500 KC Experimental Group for Amateur Radio <<http://www.500kc.com>>. Additional information can be found at the experiment’s Web site and also in the July/August 2007 issue of QEX <<http://www.arrl.org/qex/2007/07/raab.pdf>>. -- Information provided by Fritz Raab, W1FR





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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Call sign: \_\_\_\_\_ License class: \_\_\_\_\_

Street address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP : \_\_\_\_\_-4\_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_ Unlisted?  Yes

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_ ARRL Member?  Yes

(ARRL membership helps your club maintain affiliation.)

May we list your name, call & email address in our membership roster and on our club web site?  Yes  No

Both clubs now offer this newsletter as a downloadable (Adobe Acrobat) PDF file, in lieu of a paper copy sent through the mail. For FWRC a mailed paper newsletter is a \$12.00/yr. premium.

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

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

- Regular membership  \$12.00 / year
  - Additional family members <sup>1</sup>  \$6.00 / year
  - Student membership <sup>2</sup>  \$6.00 / year
  - Associate membership <sup>3</sup>  \$6.00 / year
- (New Regular memberships are \$1/month)

### Fort Wayne Radio Club Dues

- Regular membership  \$15.00 / year
  - Family membership <sup>1</sup>  \$21.00 / year
  - Student membership <sup>2</sup>  \$6.00 / year
  - Associate membership <sup>3</sup>  \$15.00 / year
  - Mailed newsletter premium  \$12.00 / year
- (Memberships for Jul - Dec are 1/2 the stated amounts.)

1. Please list all names and calls on an attached sheet.
2. K-12 or full time student

3. unlicensed member
4. 9 digit ZIP code required for US bulk mail

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

ACARTS  
PO Box 10342  
Fort Wayne, IN 46851

Fort Wayne Radio Club.  
PO Box 15127  
Fort Wayne, IN 46885

For dual membership, fill out both sides and send 2 checks to either club. **Payment by check is strongly encouraged!**

### **ACARTS Voice Repeaters**

- 146.880 (-) General use / Skywarn priority
- 147.255 (+) General use / Autopatch priority\*
- 443.800 (+) General use

(All repeaters have autopatch, but 88 has only speed dial emergency #'s.)

### **ACARTS Digital Repeaters (digipeaters)**

- 144.390 (s) APRS - wide

### **Fort Wayne Radio Club Repeaters**

- Voice: 146.76 (-) General use
- 146.94 (-) General use with autopatch
- 146.91 (-) EchoLink connection repeater  
Node number 16636
- 444.875 (+) General use
- ATV: 439.25 In, 910.250 Out, 144.340 Audio & control

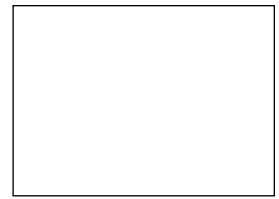
### **Area Traffic Nets**

- (please submit any changes or corrections to the editor)
- IMO:** meets nightly at 6:30 p.m. on 146.88-
  - Tri State Two Meter Net:** meets daily at 7 p.m. on 147.015+
  - 21 Repeater Group:** meets each Wednesday at 9 p.m. on 147.150
  - Help and Swap Net:** Mondays at 9:00 p.m. 146.94(-)
  - 6 Meter SSB/AM Net:** Tuesdays at 8:00 pm EDT or EST on 50.580  
MHz Net controls: K9RFZ & W9SAN

### **Miscellaneous Nets**

- Huntington ARES:** Saturday at 8:00 p.m. on 146.685
- Whitley Co. / ARES:** Wednesdays at 7:15 p.m. on 145.270 (Note 131.8 PL disabled for all nets)
- Whitley Co. Sunday:** Sundays at 7:45 p.m. on 444.550 +. (The 146.460 simplex crossbanding from both nets has been dropped.)
- 160 Meter "No-Name" Net:** Sunday 8:00 p.m. Indiana time, 1966 kHz, Wednesday 3866 KHz. Everyone welcome! Contact Larry Temenoff, KB9OS for more info.
- ARES Training Net:** Tuesdays at 9:00 p.m. on the 146.94 W9TE repeater.

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### Activities Calendar

| Date    | Time    | Event                        | Place  |
|---------|---------|------------------------------|--|
| 3/9/08  | 1:30 PM | foxhunt                      | off track betting parking lot, Washington Ctr. & Lima Rds. |
| 3/11/08 | 7:30 PM | ACARTS Board Meeting         | Salvation Army Center                                      |
| 3/14/08 | 7:00 PM | FWRC Meeting                 | GSUMC  |
| 3/18/08 | 7:30 PM | ACARTS General Meeting       | Salvation Army Center                                      |
| 4/2/08  | ---     | deadline for Apr. ACHN items |  |
| 4/7/08  | 6:30 PM | foxhunt                      | off track betting parking lot, Washington Ctr. & Lima Rds. |
| 4/8/08  | 7:00 PM | FWRC Board Meeting           | GSUMC  |
| 4/8/08  | 7:30 PM | ACARTS Board Meeting         | Salvation Army Center                                      |
| 4/15/08 | TBA     | ACARTS Spring Banquet        | TBA  |
| 4/18/08 | 7:00 PM | FWRC Meeting                 | GSUMC  |
| 4/25/08 | ---     | deadline for May ACHN items  |  |
| 4/29/08 | 7:00 PM | FWRC Board Meeting           | GSUMC  |
| 5/5/08  | 6:30 PM | foxhunt                      | off track betting parking lot, Washington Ctr. & Lima Rds. |
| 5/9/08  | 7:00 PM | FWRC Meeting                 | GSUMC  |
| 5/13/08 | 7:30 PM | ACARTS Board Meeting         | Salvation Army Center                                      |
| 5/20/08 | 7:30 PM | ACARTS General Meeting       | Salvation Army Center                                      |