

# Allen County HamNews

Fort Wayne Radio Club

Allen County Amateur Radio Technical Society

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## ACARTS Spring Banquet

Our annual Spring Banquet is on April 18, 2006. It will be held at the Golden Corral Restaurant in the Chapel Ridge Shopping Center. It is located at I-469 and Ind. 37 (Maysville Rd.). That is near the Wal-Mart and across from Meijer. The club this year will pay for half the cost of the dinner for members of record as of March 2006. The cost will be \$5.00 per person, and paid at the banquet. The starting time will be 7:00 PM, and we will be in the banquet room. Please RSVP by April 15th vberko(at)comcast.net or by calling 456-2012 to let us know how many will be attending.

73,  
Vic, KA9LTV

See map on page 4.

## K9LA Featured Speaker At FWRC April 21 Meeting



Carl Luetzelschwab, K9LA will make a presentation at the FWRC April 21 meeting on "The Sun, Solar Cycles, and Propagation". Carl has authored many articles in a variety of ham journals and is a frequent contributor to this newsletter. He and his wife Vicky are very active members of the Fort Wayne DX Association.

The April meeting will be held at 7:00 PM at the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church, corner of Vance Ave. and Reed Rd.

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**Deadline for May issue is Friday, 4/28/06.  
Please do NOT send anything in all caps!!**

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# Hamsplatter

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**President's Corner**



Was that the sun I saw today? The weather continues to get warmer and the grass is greener. It won't be long and we'll all have that mower out to mow the lawn. With the warmer weather, perhaps its time to work on that antenna that you've put off all winter.

Perhaps it is time to string some wire and get on the air again.

With that in mind, I'm happy to announce that Carl Luetzelschwab, K9LA will be our guest at the April club meeting. Carl will be presenting a program on "The Sun, Solar Cycles, and Propagation". He has authored many articles in a variety of ham journals and is a monthly contributor to the "Ham Splatter" on behalf of the Fort Wayne DX Association. I am looking forward to his presentation, as it will be entertaining and educational. Please make time to come to the meeting for Carl's presentation. The meeting will be held on Aril 21, 2006 at the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church and starts at 7:00pm. Look for details elsewhere in this newsletter.

Along the ham front, as the weather gets warmer, amateur radio operating opportunities abound. The Skywarn net has activated several times in the past month including twice the first weekend this month. The Friday (March 31<sup>st</sup>) activity included an F2 tornado in Van Wert County that destroyed a barn and caused other damage. The season has just started and it promises to be an active one. The meteorologists believe that because of the mild winter the Gulf of Mexico is warmer than usual this time of year and is providing a lot of energy for these storms. Keep an ear to your radio and your eyes to the sky. As always, please follow proper net procedures when the Skywarn Net is active.

The walk-a-thon season has also started. Several members of the club provided communication support for the Mastodon

Stomp held on April 1<sup>st</sup>. It was another successful event. If you have the opportunity to help out in one of these events, please do. These walks serve as practices for emergency operations and give you the opportunity to shake down your equipment. And besides, they are loads of fun. Listen for info on the walks on the IMO net or on the 146.94 repeater. We will also announce them at club meetings.

Several club members are also involved in teaching the Technician level class at the Red Cross. The class commenced during the last week of March and continues until the first week of May. There are about 6 or 8 students that should be joining the amateur ranks soon (hopefully following the next testing session, May 6<sup>th</sup>). The group is enthusiastic and the instructors are enjoying the chance to teach these participants the great hobby that we all enjoy.

And we must not forget the foxhunts. These are now being held on the first Monday of the month. Please listen to the 146.94 "info center" for details.

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**April Meeting:  
 Fri., Apr. 21, 7:00 PM  
 Program: Carl, K9LA -  
 Sun, Solar Cycles &  
 Propagation**



## Fort Wayne Radio Club Minutes March 17 2006

The March 2006 meeting of the Fort Wayne Radio Club was held at the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church on 17 March 2006 with President & Leprechaun Jim Moehring as the host. There were about 23 persons present.

### OLD BUSINESS:

There were no minutes from the December 05, January 06 or February 06 meetings because no formal business meetings were conducted.

Steve Nardin read the Treasurers report as Treasurer Bob Streeter was not able to attend. As of 17 March 2006 the club had realized year to date income of \$1,174.45 and expenses of \$168.60, and had no outstanding liabilities. It had \$102.00 in cash, \$5,534.51 in Checking/Savings. A total of 63 members had paid their dues to date.

### NEW BUSINESS:

President Jim Moehring announced that the Board had initiated the compilation of an inventory of club property.

Jim noted that the Board had voted to proceed with the development of an Echo-Link capability for the 146.91/.31 MHz repeater. The Echo-Link internet node will be provided by Kevin Loughin, KB9RLW from his QTH and will be fed to the 146.91 MHz machine (at Robison Park) via a UHF control link. Essentially all of the hardware needed to implement Echo-Link is in hand and an application to the IRC for control link coordination has been initiated. Once the control link (frequency) request is approved, a crystal for the control link receiver can be ordered and work can continue on implementing Echo-Link capability on the .91 machine. The Board estimates it should be functioning by early summer.

It was noted that some maintenance work on the 146.76 MHz and UHF machines had recently been completed to correct a de-sense problem that was occurring on the 146.76 MHz machine when the 146.91 MHz machine was transmitting, and to fix a stuck squelch problem on the UHF machine. Users were asked to report any recurrence of problems following the maintenance activity. It was also noted that the electricity bill at the Robison Park site seems to be averaging about \$25.00 per month. This is substantially higher than the average we had been paying at the Spy Run site, most likely because the Robison Park site is on a meter while the Spy Run site had been an estimated bill.

Vic Guess reported that ACARTS had noted an interference problem impacting the 146.88 MHz machine as well as a number of commercial repeaters in the area. The interference is characterized as wide band noise based upon observations made so far and its source is being pursued by both ACARTS and the commercial repeater operators that are affected.



Jim Moehring noted that the FWRC is moving its web page from the current commercial host to a set of servers kindly being provided by Phil Hooper, AB9IZ. By moving to Phil's servers the expense to the club realized by the use of the commercial server will be avoided.

Jim announced that the FWRC will be providing a Technician level class for about 10 members of the Red Cross plus other interested parties at the Red Cross facility starting Wednesday, 29 March, and running for 6 weeks on Wednesday nights through 3 May. The class is scheduled to end in time for a 6 May VE test session.

Jim Moehring and Steve Nardin announced that Field Day would occur the last full weekend in June and will be hosted at the Girl Scout camp again as in past years. The site costs the club \$220.00 but is judged well worth the price given the facilities it provides. Carole Burke has again agreed to arrange for a Hog Roast at the Field Day site Saturday evening.

Steve also announced that the club was organizing a VHF QSO party at Larry Temenoff's estate for the weekend of 10/11 June.

Carole Burke reported that she and Vic Guess had represented the FWRC at a recent PBS-39 fund raiser answering phones and pulling in scads of cash during the pledge drive.

Carole also reminded everyone that the Spring Banquet would be held at the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church facilities on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday in May. It will be a pot luck affair as is usual with the club providing drinks, plates and cutlery.

The 50-50 Pot Luck resulted in a split of the \$18.00 pot between the club treasury and Craig Hall, KV4EE.

Following the business meeting Jim Moehring gave an excellent presentation on Emergency Preparedness.

Respectfully submitted,  
Al Burke, WB9SSE

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## President's Message



It is hard to believe that it is April already. Where has the time gone. And speaking of time, I hope everyone survived the time change with little trouble. My computer changed time without any problem. I made the adjustment on Saturday morning by checking the adjust for daylight savings box. All the other devices with a clock had to be set manually before I went to bed Saturday night. Everything except my cable TV box. That was supposed to be updated automatically by Comcast. The time did not change until Tuesday morning. I guess a lot of places and people had some problems since this is the first time that we had to make the change in over 40 years. Now we just have to remember to change them the other way at the end of October.

This month's program is our annual Spring Banquet. It will be on April 18, 2006, at 7:00 PM. It will take place at the Golden Corral Restaurant in Chapel Ridge Shopping Center. Chapel Ridge is located at I-469 and Ind 37 (Maysville Rd). This year the club will pay for half the cost of the meal. The cost will be \$5.00, and will be collected at the door. We would still like to get an idea of how many people to expect, so we ask you to RSVP by April, 15, 2006. You can send me an e-mail or call at 260-456-2012 and leave a message letting me know if you will be attending, and how many will be coming. The club will pay for members on record as of March 2006. Guests are welcome, but you will have to pay for their dinner. For more details see the article on activities, or visit the AC-ARTS website.

The program we are planning for May will be about emergency preparedness. It will mainly deal on what the various services can expect from us. Everyone may expect us to be their sole communicators, or that they have exclusive right to our frequencies. To avoid any problems in a disaster, we need to have some set ground rules or a chain of command structure. There may be a perception that we have unlimited resources in equipment and

manpower. Ham radio is a hobby, but we also respond in an emergency, or a disaster. But it is also on a voluntary basis. After some discussion, the board decided that we would have a panel discussion as our May program. The idea is to get together representatives from the various services to discuss how things will run depending on the level of the emergency or disaster. It will save on misunderstandings latter on. We will have more details as the May general meeting date comes near. That is all I have for this month. See you at the Spring Banquet.

73,  
Vic, KA9LTV

## Meeting Schedule

**Spring Banquet:** April 18, 7:00 PM @ Golden Corral Restaurant in Chapel Ridge Shopping Center. (I-469 and Ind 37).

**Next Board Meeting:** May, 9, 7:30 PM All members are encouraged to attend.



### ACARTS March 2006 Board Minutes

The March ACARTS Business meeting started at 1930 hrs.

Vic B.: For the March general meeting, the activity will be the video of "A century of radios"-Panel discussion of careers and changes through the years in radio; with Bob Seivers and Reid Chapman.

The Golden Corral will be the location for the spring Banquet. Details on the banquet is online and will be in the newsletter.

The club is open for any ideas for the May Club meeting.

Steven: Talked about the idea of getting the radio clubs together to discuss the possibility of figuring out what frequencies could be used in emergency situations, such as natural disasters, and which frequency would be primary, and then secondary, etc.

May meeting date will be on the 16th.

The meeting was adjourned at 2100 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin (kb9pcf)

### IRCC Technical Excellence Nomination Announcement

Spring is here and it's time for all Indiana amateur radio clubs and organizations to consider one of their own as a nominee for the 2006 IRCC Technical Excellence Award.

For the past five years the Indiana Radio Club Council has selected one Hoosier Amateur Radio Operator to receive this prestigious award during the July Indianapolis Hamfest at Camp Sertoma.

To qualify send a detailed explanation of how this person uses their technical abilities to help their club, community or other amateur radio operators. This award is for the unsung heroes that continue to give of their time, talents and technical expertise to make a difference in amateur radio. Please be as detailed as possible when writing the candidates qualifications.

Entries will be judged on technical ability, hours of contribution, individual or organization served and extent of contribution (s). Include an e-mail address

### ACARTS March 2006 General Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Vic, KA9LTV.



Vic announced that the Spring banquet will be held on Tuesday, April 18, 2006, at 7:00 pm at the Golden Coral in Chapel Ridge at Maysville Road and I469. The club will share the cost of the dinner with members paying \$5.00 at the door.

Vic is trying to arrange an emergency preparedness session for the May General Meeting, with representatives from all agencies that utilize amateur radio during an emergency.

Steve, KB9BGW, said that he is still working on obtaining a site for the repeaters and is still looking for the source of broadband noise.

After refreshments, the video, "A Century of Radio" was shown. It was a video presentation given by Bob Sievers W9FJT and WOWO 1190, and Reid Chapman the former General Manager of WANE Channel 15 discussing their combined 100 years in broadcasting.

Submitted by Dave Lindquist, W9LKH

for both the honoree and submitting author so we may notify all individuals.

Deadline for entries is Midnight Friday June 9, 2006.

E-mail your entry to: w8ish@arrl.net or jparker@iquest.net

The Technical Excellence Award will be presented July 8th at the Indianapolis Hamfest.

Our committee looks forward to hearing from you.

Jack Parker, W8ISH  
IRCC Vice-Chairman

### Ted Clifton, W9TC Receives QCWA Award

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Mr. Ted Clifton, W9TC  
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January 24, 2006

Dear Ted:

On behalf of the Officers and Directors of the Quarter Century Wireless Association, I'm very pleased to provide you with this Anniversary Award acknowledging your 75 years as a radio amateur.

Thank you for your many years of support to the QCWA.

73,

Charles Walbridge, K1IGD  
General Manager

cc: John Johnston, W3BE  
QCWA President



## Indiana Section News for February 2006



Condolances to the Family and Friends of these Amateurs who became a Silent Key during February: David J. Doiron WA1MKE , Muncie, February 6; Raymond Klepfer KB9BYA, Indianapolis, February 13. They will be missed.

Almost every county in Indiana is having a SKYWARN Spotter Seminar that is being produced by the National Weather Service. I hope that you can attend one of these sessions. They are free to all who attend. The only cost is for your time. Please check with your local Emergency Coordinator, or Emergency Management Agency office for the time/date of the training seminar.

From Dave Pifer N9YNF, Indiana SEC: A series of storms rolled through central Indiana on February 16th. The storms caused numerous damage reports and some "small" tornados. Terre Haute had one of the tornados go through at night. While it was categorized as a F1, it does point out the dangers of night time spotting. A spotter less than 6 blocks away didn't hear or see it happen. Fortunately, other than some roofs and other damage, no one was injured locally.

In other news, everyone is Strongly encouraged to take the NIMS (National Incident Management System) IS-100 and IS-700 courses As Soon As Possible. If you have questions or concerns about taking this training, check with your local served agencies and determine their requirements. There is nothing wrong with having the training regardless of local requirements.

I am most pleased to see the number of Appointees reporting their ARES group's activities to our Section Emergency Coordinator. 24 Emergency Coordinators reported 534 active ARES members. These members performed over 436 Person-Hours of Public Service activity in 93 ARES operations during February..

The Goshen ARC's DX group is planning a DXpedition to Puerto Rico this fall. At this time, I'm not sure whether they will be operating Phone or CW. In any case, they have done well in the past, and I wish them well in their travels and operations.

Have you converted your DC connections for your radios and other equipment to the suggested standard of Anderson Power-Pole connectors? These connectors are available at most hamfests, by mailorder, and via dealers through the Internet. I was a bit dubious about them at first. But, now that I have started using them, in my opinion, they are First-Class. The most common form of emergency power for us hams seems to be "battery back-up", and my VHF rigs are set up this way. As soon as I can, I will have the HF equipment set up on battery backup. Currently, my back-up battery isn't big enough to run my 100-watt transceiver. However, it does very well with a QRP rig. In another vein, do you have any kind of back-up antenna(s) that you can put up in the event of damage to your existing ones? Also, what about supplies to keep you and your family fed and warm in the event of a commercial power failure? There are dozens of emergency supplies lists available from the ARRL, Emergency Management, and from the Internet.

The following VHF/UHF Net Managers reported their net's activity during February: KC9BHI, N9ZMY, KE9WI, WD9HTN(2), KB9UAG, WA9PSV, KF9EX, WB9RVN, WD9BKA, WB9NCE, KB9RFO, KC9EGN, and KA9QWC(2). If your Net Manager's callsign does not appear here, then there was no report sent to our Indiana Section VHF/UHF Net Manager, John Kinley KC9BHI < kc9bhj@arrl.net >.

Many thanks to all those who sent reports of activities and local happenings in their areas.

February Section Net Activity:

NET	FREQ	DAILY TIMES (UTC)	QNI	QTC	QTR	SESS
ITN	3910 KHZ	1330/2130	1872	178	1003	44
QIN	3656 KHZ	1430/0000	219	238	928	50
ARES	3910 KHZ	4TH SUN/MO @ 1300Z	12	0	22	1
HOOSIER VHF NETS		15 REPORTING	717	4	1458	62
HOOSIER DIGITAL NETS (?)			31	46	- - -	112

February ORS Traffic Reports: WB9FIU 313, KO9D 260, K9GBR 176, K9PUI 172, WA9JWL 48, AB9AA 19, KC9UU 12, AB9DV 11, WB9NCE 7,

February Public Service Honor Roll Reports

CALLSIGN	1	2	3	4	5	6	TOTAL
WA9JWL	40	40	10	135	20	0	245.

James S. Sellers K9ZBM  
Indiana Section Manager





## Severe Weather Notes: Dodging the Bullet

There were some severe weather episodes during the month of March and early April, but in each case northeast Indiana and northwest Ohio escaped most of the damage.

On Sunday March 12 the atmosphere was quite volatile, and the Storm Prediction Center indicated a rare "High Risk" area which included western Illinois. That afternoon, several isolated supercells produced tornadoes in Missouri and Illinois. Those same storms moved through our area in the middle of the night, but had weakened considerably.

Friday evening March 31 a line of thunderstorms formed in northern Illinois and moved into northwest Indiana. The portion of the line that moved through the Fort Wayne area weakened slightly as it moved over us. However, the National Weather Service reported that one part of the line merged with a low-topped supercell and produced an F2 tornado near Ohio City, Ohio. Straight-line wind damage was also reported across southern Paulding County, Ohio.

We also escaped a major severe weather outbreak two days later. A storm system that moved through the Mississippi and lower Ohio valleys produced several tornadoes that resulted in over two dozen fatalities - mainly in Tennessee. The damage reached as far north as central Indiana, including the city of Indianapolis. Even though a severe thunderstorm watch was issued for our area, conditions in the atmosphere were marginal, and few reports were received.

Several amateurs from the local area attended the Central Indiana Severe Weather Symposium in Indianapolis on March 18th. This all-day session was very informative, and was centered around the theme of "partnering". Issuing timely forecasts and warnings - and saving lives - involves the work of researchers, the Storm Prediction Center, the local National Weather Service office, spotters, and the news media among others. We are all members of the team, and the information coming from each member of the team benefits all the others. I had never heard it explained that way, and it helped put everything in perspective.

I was not able to attend this year's training session at the AC-ARTS meeting, but was able to go to six others. Here's a quick quiz to see how much you remembered:

1. A greenish tint to the sky indicates the likelihood

of what?

2. You are looking at the radar and see a bow echo. In what part of the bow would the strongest winds occur?
3. Why should you pay attention to an isolated thunderstorm cell ahead of a squall line?
4. You are observing a thunderstorm and notice striations in the back of the storm. What does this mean?
5. Even the best Doppler radar cannot detect a tornado. Why not?
6. What is the greatest danger from tornadoes?
7. In this part of the country, what is our most common structure for severe weather?
8. How can you tell if a tornado is moving directly toward you?

Extra Credit Trivia Question: What is a Haboob? (Okay, get your mind out of the gutter!).

Answers:

1. Hail.
2. In a small bow echo, the strongest winds occur at the apex of the bow; in a large echo, they occur from the apex northward.
3. An isolated cell ahead of a squall line tends to produce tornadoes, but can also produce straight-line winds.
4. Striations are a good indication of a rotating up-draft.
5. A tornado is way too small to be detected by Doppler radar. A hook echo - or even a Tornado Vortex Signature - is the larger area of rotation in the rear of the storm, but does not necessarily indicate a tornado (another good reason why spotters are needed!).
6. The greatest danger from tornadoes is flying debris.
7. Squall lines are the most common structure for severe weather in this part of the country.
8. If a tornado is moving directly toward you, it appears to be stationary and grows larger as it gets nearer.

Trivia: A Haboob is a miniature dust storm which is generated during the dissipating stage of a thunderstorm. The downdraft winds pick up the very dry dust and lift it. This is common in the desert southwest of the United States, and also in the Sahara Desert.

At press time (first week of April), the 14-day forecast indicated a very active weather pattern, so we may be busy during the middle part of April. We're ready!

from Joel KB9RH



**Test Points**

13-Apr-2006  
 Sponsor: GOSHEN ARC  
 Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)  
 Contact: PAUL F COREY  
 (574)262-4414  
 Email: PAUL.CORY.B@BAYER.COM WORK  
 VEC: ARRL/VEC  
 Location: GREENCROFT RETIREMENT CENTER  
 HOMAN BUILDING  
 GREENCROFT BLVD  
 GOSHEN, IN 46525



22-Apr-2006  
 Sponsor: UNSPONSORED  
 Time: 2:00 PM (No walk-ins)  
 Contact: ROBERT E HIGH  
 (419)795-5763  
 VEC: ARRL/VEC  
 Location: VAN WERT COUNTY EMA  
 1220 OLD LINCOLN HWY  
 HOMELAND SECURITY BUILDING  
 VAN WERT, OH 45891

29-Apr-2006  
 Sponsor: W5YI-VEC -- WHITLEY COUNTY ARC  
 Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)  
 Contact: ROGER L MC ENTARFER  
 (260)503-9008  
 Email: N9QCL@ARRL.NET  
 VEC: W5YI VEC  
 Location: PEABODY LIBRARY  
 1160 E STATE ROAD 205  
 COLUMBIA CITY, IN 46725

06-May-2006  
 Sponsor: W5YI VEC - ALLEN COUNTY  
 Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)  
 Contact: JULIAN F FRANKE  
 (260)484-1728  
 VEC: W5YI VEC  
 Location: ANTHONY WAYNE AREA COUNCIL  
 8315 W JEFFERSON BLVD  
 BOY SCOUT COUNCIL BUILDING  
 FORT WAYNE, IN 46804

24-Jun-2006  
 Sponsor: UNSPONSORED  
 Time: 2:00 PM (No walk-ins)

Contact: ROBERT E HIGH  
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 VEC: ARRL/VEC  
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**2006 Foxhunt Schedule**



March 5 – 1:30 PM  
 April 2 – 1:30 PM  
 May 1 – 6:30 PM  
 June 5 – 6:30 PM  
 July 10 – 6:30 PM  
 Aug 7 – 6:30 PM  
 Sept 11 – 6:30 PM  
 Oct 9 – 6:30 PM  
 Nov 5 – 1:30 PM  
 Dec. – none

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

Carl, N9NRO

**Regional Hamfests**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact Phone</u>	<u>URL or E-mail</u>
30 Apr 2006	Athens, OH	740-592-2106	<a href="http://www.ac-ara.org">http://www.ac-ara.org</a>
6 May 2006	Cadillac, MI	231-743-6860	<a href="http://members.fortunecity.com/wexaukee">http://members.fortunecity.com/wexaukee</a>
19-21 May 2006	Dayton, OH		<a href="http://www.hamvention.org/">http://www.hamvention.org/</a>
8 Jul 2006	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>



## For Sale & Wanted

### For Sale:

- Atlas 210-X ssb-cw 80-10mtr 100w Transceiver (works great) \$250 w/manual
- Dentron HF200-A ssb-cw 80-10 mtr 100w Transceiver (works great) \$225 w/manual
- Dentron AC Power Supply 12vdc for 100w transceiver \$50
- Alinco DX-70T transceiver 100w HF 10w 6 mtr \$425
- Radio Shack Optimus 40 watt Stereo 7band equalizer booster cat#12-1966 w/manual & box \$35
- Solid State 2mtr FM amp 10w in 30w out mobile 12vdc \$35
- North Country Radio Solid State ATV Transmitter 439.25-427 mhz 2w out \$150
- Orion VCM 0300 VHS-C camcorder \$25
- US Robotics 33.6 Fax Modem w/manual & box \$25
- New Jersey PSK-80Warbler PSK31 Transceiver 2-4 w out \$75
- Bogen Solid State General Purpose Audio PA Amplifier \$25
- B&K model 1243 Digital I.C. Color Generator manual \$5
- RME VHF 152A RF converter manual \$5
- Philips Channel Plus Remote Cable TV Converter model CTC9R w/remote & manual \$10
- Motorola AN-585 2mtr 80W Solid State FM-CW Amplifier as is \$25 w/manual
- Motorola EB-67 100w PtoP Linear Amplifier 420-450mhz \$45
- Hustler MS-4 4 Element 10mtr or or CB base Antenna w/manual \$45
- Cushcraft A4-S 4 Element Tri Band beam 10-15-20 mtrs \$225 w/manual
- 22ft CB Vertical \$25
- Midland 13-500 15 w FM 2mtr solid state mobile xtal controlled \$35 w/manual
- Triplite 12vdc to 110vac inverter 20AMP fuse \$25
- Royce model 1-614 new in dash 23ch CB w/AM-FM \$50 w/box & manual
- ATT model 1323 micro cassette answering machine \$15 w/box & manual
- Realistic Radio Shack 12-156 VHF mini WX radio tunes 2mtrs \$5
- T-Berry 4 channel xtal controlled VHF scanner \$5
- Spectrol 15 turns counting dials
  - model 21-1-11 list \$23.72 sell \$10
  - model 15-1-31 list \$23.17 sell \$10
  - model 16-1-11 list \$12.19 sell \$5
- Helipot Series 2600 Duodial Beckman(Wavetek) \$5

Gene w9mzh@juno.com  
260-432-6175 or 260-385-9959 cell

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### For Sale:

- NEC multi/sync xe17 17" color monitor - \$25 o.b.o.
- Majicspin model # usb5232ui 52x32x52x external CD burner - 1 year old and like new - \$25 o.b.o.

- 3 amp Astron power supply still in box - make offer
- 2- GE commercial power supplies 6 amp - make offer
- computer, sound card, 56k modem, needs hard drive (home built by friend - no details) - make offer

Gene Reed  
705-4786 day time  
627-6442 after 7pm  
genereed@att.net

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50 foot Tower available

Randy Culver, KA9YGY, has a 50 foot Channel Master tower for anyone who will remove it. It is in good condition but must be removed because of coming work on the house exterior. Call Randy at 260-589-2992. The tower is east of Berne off of Highway 218.

## FWRC Pres. Msg., cont'd.

An update on the 146.91/Echolink project: The project continues...this past week we were denied coordination on our original link frequency and the board is currently selecting another frequency. Once we have coordination, we hope to get the system up and running as soon as practical.

Field Day is not that far off. The board has decided to once again use the Girl Scout Camp as our field day operating site. We continue to look at other sites but the Girl Scout Camp seems to have everything we need (except for easy access). Details will be forthcoming but be sure to put the last weekend in June on your calendar. Plan to come out and join us for a great weekend of "hamming". We will also be participating in the June VHF/UHF QSO contest. Once again, Larry Temenoff, KB9OS has offered to us the opportunity to set-up on his property for this event. Hopefully it will be a little less wet this year, but it also is a great event for us. The contest is 2 weekends before field day. More details will follow.

That's about it for this one. If you haven't been on the air in a while, why not take advantage of the warmer weather, break out that gear and renew those old on-air acquaintances.

Hope to see you at the meeting and maybe work you on the air.

73

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Jim, KB9WWM

## 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 (-) General use
- 444.875 (+) General use
- ATV: 439.25 In, 910.250 Out, 144.340 Audio & control

### **Area Traffic Nets**

(please submit any changes or corrections to the editor)

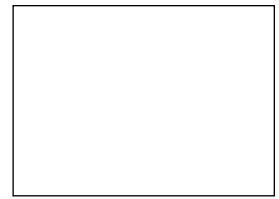
- IMO:** meets nightly at 6:30 p.m. (2330 UTC) on 146.88-
- Tri State Two Meter Net:** meets daily at 7 p.m. (2400 UTC) on 147.015+
- 21 Repeater Group:** meets each Wednesday at 9 p.m. (0200 UTC) on 147.150

**Help and Swap Net:** Mondays at 8:30 p.m. 146.94(-)

### **Miscellaneous Nets**

- Huntington ARES:** Saturday at 8:00 p.m. (0100 UTC) on 146.685
- Whitley Co. / ARES:** Wednesdays at 7:15 p.m. (0015 UTC) on 145.270 (Note 131.8 PL disabled for all nets)
- Whitley Co. Sunday:** Sundays at 7:45 p.m. (0045 UTC) on 444.550 +. (The 146.460 simplex crossbanding from both nets has been dropped.)
- 160 Meter "No-Name" Net:** Sunday and Wednesday nights at 8:00 PM Indiana time (0100 UTC). On 1966 kHz. Everyone welcome!

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### Activities Calendar



Date	Time	Event	Place
4/18/06	7:00 PM	ACARTS Spring Banquet	Golden Coral, 37 & 469
4/21/06	7:00 PM	FWRC Meeting	GSUMC
4/28/06	---	deadline for May ACHN items	
5/1/06	6:30 PM	Foxhunt	off track betting parking lot, Washington Ctr. & Lima Rds.
5/2/06	7:00 PM	FWRC Board Meeting	GSUMC
5/9/06	7:30 PM	ACARTS Board Meeting	Salvation Army Center
5/12/06	6:00 PM	FWRC Spring Banquet	GSUMC
5/16/06	7:30 PM	ACARTS General Meeting	Salvation Army Center
6/2/06	---	deadline for June ACHN items	
6/5/06	6:30 PM	Foxhunt	off track betting parking lot, Washington Ctr. & Lima Rds.
6/6/06	7:00 PM	FWRC Board Meeting	GSUMC
6/13/06	7:30 PM	ACARTS Board Meeting	Salvation Army Center
6/16/06	7:00 PM	FWRC Meeting	GSUMC
6/20/06	7:30 PM	ACARTS General Meeting	Salvation Army Center
6/24-25/06		Field Day Weekend	McMillen Girl Scout Camp