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## FWRC Spring Banquet

To paraphrase a song from the past, “spring is here” so therefore it must time for the Radio Club Spring Banquet. Mark Friday, May 12, 2006, 6:30 P.M. on your calendar. Our banquet, once again, is a total carry-in with the club providing table service, napkins, lemonade and coffee. Please bring a dish to share, either meat, vegetable, salad, or dessert. The entertainment should be very enjoyable. Some “old-timers” will be present telling us about radio in the “good old days” when this hobby was in it’s infancy. I think it will be interesting even for non-hams. So make plans to attend and I look forward to seeing many happy, hungry faces.

Carole Burke, WB9RUS

## ARMAD News



Hello Everyone:

May is National Military Appreciation Month. As amateur radio operators we have a very unique opportunity to show thanks and appreciation to our military members, retiree’s, and veterans. ARMAD 2006 will be held on May 27, 2006 and this year we are proud to be able to operate from two very great locations. We will operate from Memorial Stadium once again, and also from the Wal-Mart at Coldwater Crossing. Please visit [www.armad.net](http://www.armad.net) for event times and more information.

This year many military support groups, and amateur radio clubs are expressing a desire to make this the best ARMAD event to date. Operation Tribute To Freedom is working with ARMAD to get the word out to our troops, and to communities worldwide.

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Please do NOT send anything in all caps!!**

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<http://www.acarts.com>

**Ft Wayne DX Association:**

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# Hamsplatter

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## President's Corner



It is hard to believe that I am already writing this column for May. The year seems to be flying by quickly. The weather is improving and with the warmer weather and Daylight Savings Time

there is more time to enjoy the outdoors. The official start of summer, Memorial Day, will be here before you know it.

If you missed the club meeting in April, you missed a good one. I would like to thank Carl Luetzelschwab, K9LA for his wonderful presentation, "The Sun, Solar Cycles and Propagation", to the club at our last meeting. I really enjoyed his talk and have heard nothing but compliments from the members who were in attendance at the meeting. Thank you again, Carl!

The technician class being taught at the Red Cross will be coming to an end this week. I would like to thank those club members who have volunteered their time to present at the class. The class participants I have talked to have been very complimentary seem to be well prepared for the testing session on May 6<sup>th</sup>.

Work on the Echolink link to the 146.91 continues. This week we received word that our link frequency has been approved for coordination so the link transmitter and receiver can be tuned and installed. The link transmitter antenna was installed this past week on the tower at the repeater site. The project should be complete and on the air in a very short period of time providing the hams in the Fort Wayne area another link to the world.

Incidentally, if you are interested in using the club callsign, W9TE, for contesting or other operating activities, it is available. We

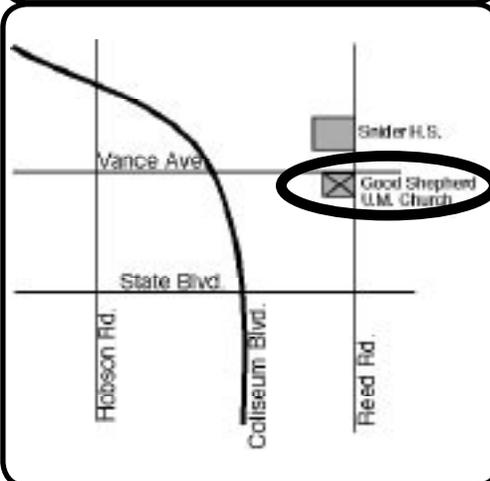
ask that you contact the board to provide us details of its use prior to the activity, and provide us with a log of contacts afterwards. Gary Stebbins, KC9GGV recently used the club call for an RTTY contest and provided W9TE with several DX contacts. W9TE is now also listed in the Logbook of the World. Thank you Gary for your work on this.

Coming up this month, May 12, is our club Spring banquet. Please note the date, as the meeting is a week earlier than usual. The banquet is always a great time for socializing and getting to know the other members of the club. This year, we have arranged to have several of the longtime amateurs from the community come and share some of their experiences over the years in ham radio. It should be a very interesting and fun time for all. Look for details elsewhere in the hamsplatter.

Remember we have 2 very important events coming up in June. Field Day is, of course,

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**Spring Banquet:**  
**Fri., May. 12, 6:00 PM**  
**Program: "The Good Old Days"**



## Fort Wayne Radio Club Minutes April 21 2006

The April 2006 meeting of the Fort Wayne Radio Club was held at the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church on 21 April 2006 with President Jim Moehring as the host. There were about 30 persons present.

### OLD BUSINESS:

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

Bob Streeter gave the Treasurer's report as follows: As of 21 April 2006 the club had realized year to date income of \$1,251.71 and expenses of \$478.60, and had no outstanding liabilities. It had \$102.00 in cash, and \$5,301.77 in Checking/Savings.

Jim Moehring reported that the Technician level class being conducted at the Red Cross was going well. Seven students are hanging in there and are starting to inquire as to what type of rigs they should purchase once they have their license.

Jim also reported that the wideband interference that had been plaguing the 146.88 machine as well as area commercial repeaters had disappeared.

### NEW BUSINESS:

Jim announced that the Spring Banquet would be held at the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church on 12 May (early this year because Dayton is the following weekend). Larry Temenoff has lined up some special entertainment consisting of several long time Hams who will be able to describe their experiences during the early years of the hobby.

Wayne Bergamino, KB9OZH announced that the Diabetes Walk-a-Thon will occur Saturday 13 May on the IPFW campus. He needs about 8 volunteers to provide communications between various rest stops and control points that will be located throughout the campus. Check-in time Saturday morning will be 09:00; the Walk-a-Thon will start at 10:00 and is expected to finish about noon. Persons willing to help out should contact Wayne at 482-1967

Jim Moehring noted that the club also plans to provide communication support for the March of

Dimes-Walk America event starting from Headwaters Park on 29 April. Clint Stedje, KB9LOF is coordinating with the event leaders for the club.



Jim Moehring described an Emergency Communications coordination meeting between the Boards of the FWRC and ACARTS, and Allen County Emergency Communications coordinator Richard Andrew, N9HRA. The purpose of the meeting was to initialize the planning and liaison necessary to allow Allen County hams to provide emergency communications capability to Allen County officials and services in the event of a local severe occurrence that would degrade or destroy conventional means of communications. As a result of the meeting, Jim had agreed to chair a sub-group that would specifically deal with the problem of how to mobilize Allen County hams should the need arise. Jim noted that he planned to keep the FWRC membership apprised of the progress and plans developed by the sub-group.

Jim announced that formal planning for Field Day would commence in the next two weeks. He intends to place an order for Field Day T-shirts for those who want them again this year. Carole Burke noted that we will have a Hog Roast Saturday night this year, and, as per popular demand, she plans to make sure that Sauer-Kraut is included on the menu.

Steve Nardin announced that a club sponsored VHF-UHF QSO party is planned for 10/11 June at Larry Temenoff's Continental Divide. He is looking for a source of VHF and UHF beams for use during the party. Contact Steve if you can help out, or want to join the party. The event will give us a chance to shake out the club generator in preparation for its use Field Day.

The 50-50 Club raffle consisted of a pot totaling \$20.00 which was split between the club treasury and winner Terry, KC9FMX.

Following the business meeting Carl Luetzelschwab, K9LA presented an excellent program entitled "The Sun, Solar Cycles, and Propagation".

Respectfully submitted,  
Al Burke, WB9SSE

# STATE OF THE ARTS

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## President's Message



It is May and the flowers are blooming, and the grass is growing fast and needs to be mowed weekly. Soon I will be planting my garden. I will have tomato's, peppers, and pickles. That also means weeding the garden. A few weeks ago, I was pulling weeds and cleaning last Fall's leaves from my flower beds. I discovered how tame robins are. As I was pulling weeds, I turned around to move my bucket, and there a few feet behind me was a pair of robins. They did not fly away, in fact they moved closer. In pulling weeds, I loosened the soil and the result was a lot of worms and bugs. They sure were having banquet. The other birds that frequent my feeders scatter whenever I come out of the house. But the robins do not mind people being around. The garden work is going to slow down my plans to put up a vertical for HF, and a Ringo or J-Pole for VHF for a couple of weeks at least.

Last month was our annual Spring Banquet, which was held at the Golden Coral in Chapel Ridge Shopping Center. We had a small group, but everyone had a good time and enjoyed the good food and friendship of fellow Hams. Last month I also talked about a possible program about emergency communications. It was decided that instead of doing it as a program, we would get the boards of AC-ARTS and FWRC together to set up a plan to follow in an emergency. In a major disaster, everyone will be looking to us for communications. We had our first meeting on April 20th. We formed a sub-group to write a preliminary plan to present to the full boards. The sub group is headed by Jim Moehring, KB9WWM. When the plan is finalized, it will be presented to the memberships of both clubs for final approval. Having a written plan in place ahead of a disaster, will save a lot of headaches and confusion.

The program for May will be given by Jim Boyer, KB9IH. The company he works for recently purchased a TDR device. It is used to measure transmission line impedance. In designing and building trucks, it is used to check the wiring cables that go to different computers and devices in the truck. He will explain how the device works, and demonstrate how it can be applied in ham radio. That is all I have for this month. See you at the meeting.

73,  
Vic, KA9LTV

## Meeting Schedule

**General Meeting:** May 16, 7:30 PM - TDR Measurements

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





**ACARTS April 2006 Board Minutes**

The ACARTS Business meeting started at 1930 hrs.

Vic: Spring banquet next week. Club will pay 1/2 of the cost for the meal. Banquet will be held at the Golden Corral Restaurant, at 1900 hrs.

Steven: Antenna at shack for 146.880 repeater was hit by lightening during last severe thunderstorm, while the weather net was up. He immediately got it back up into service. Have 3 location possibilities for 147.255 and APRS repeaters. Also for '88 backup repeater.

Vic: Emergency Preparedness for May meeting activities.

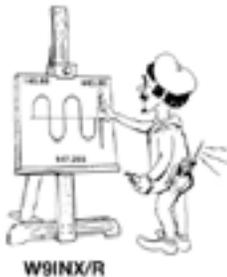
Meeting was adjourned at 2040 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,

Robin Berrier (KB9PCF)

**ACARTS May Program**

The program for May will be given by Jim Boyer, KB9IH. The company he works for recently purchased a TDR device. It is used to measure transmission line impedance. In designing and building trucks, it is used to check the wiring cables that go to different computers and devices in the truck. He will explain how the device works, and demonstrate how it can be applied in Ham Radio.



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the last full weekend in June. The dates are June 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. We will again have our "QRP" event, Friday evening, June 23<sup>rd</sup>. We are also planning to have a hog roast on Saturday evening as we have done in the past. Also, the club will participate in the June VHF QSO Party on June 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. Details on this event will be forthcoming. By the way, if you have a 2-meter or 440 beam antenna that the club could use for the event, please let Steve, WB9ZIJ know as soon as possible.

Finally, a joint meeting of the boards of both Fort Wayne clubs and Richard Andrews, N9HRA, our county Emergency Coordinator was held last week to begin formalizing our county emergency communications plan. It was a useful and productive meeting and laid the groundwork for the development of the plan. A sub-group of board members have been tasked with the preparation of a plan to be presented at a later date. Updates will be presented either here in the *Hamsplatter* or at a club meeting in the near future.

That's about all for know. If you haven't been involved in any club activities for a while, why not take advantage of the great weather and participate in a Fox Hunt, help out at a Walk-A-Thon, or join us at the banquet. At the least, please join us for Field Day in June. It is you, the member that makes our club what it is.

73  
Jim, KB9WWM

**Annual IN QSO Party!**

The Annual IN QSO Party is Saturday May 6, noon to midnight EDT, 1600-0400Z. Last year we had over 100 logs, so activity is increasing.

Info at [www.hdxcc.org/inqp](http://www.hdxcc.org/inqp)

Mel KJ9C





**Early Cycle 24 Predictions**  
**Carl Luetzelschwab**  
**K9LA**

**Ft Wayne DX Association**

The higher bands (specifically 15 m, 12 m, and 10 m) aren't doing too well right now due to Solar Cycle 23 nearing its minimum (which is expected to occur later this year or early next year). Looking ahead, aficionados of these bands are wondering what Cycle 24 will have in store in terms of propagation.

Table 1 gives pertinent information from three recent predictions for Cycle 24. The first two predictions are quite similar, and predict that Cycle 24 will be smaller than Cycle 23 (which had a maximum smoothed sunspot number of 121). The last prediction is radically different, and the predicted smoothed sunspot number would be in line with Cycles 21 and 22 (which had maximums around 160). The basic difference in the

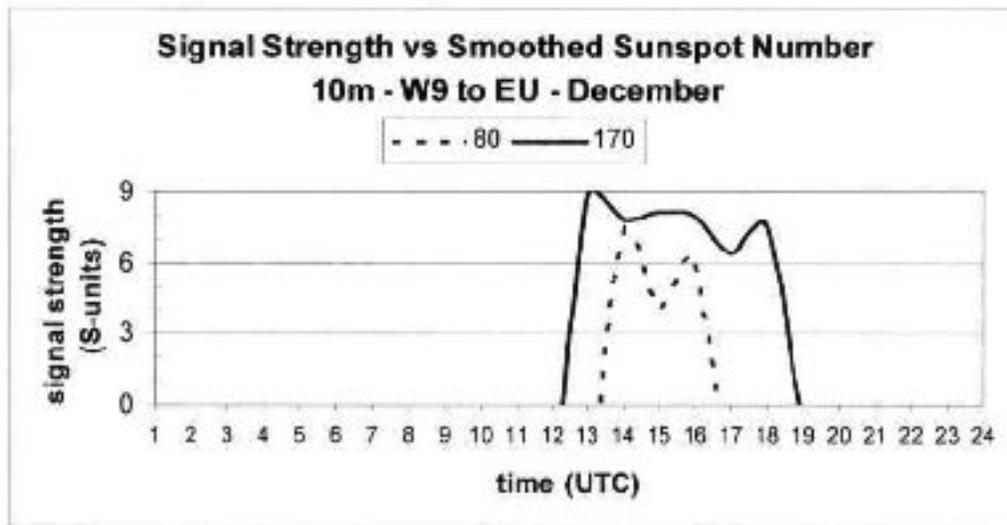
predictions between a small cycle and a large cycle is that the large cycle prediction assumes the process in the Sun that causes sunspots has a memory effect that includes several previous sunspot cycles - not just the previous one.

The difference in propagation between a smoothed sunspot of about 80 and 170 is quite dramatic on the higher bands. Figure 1 plots signal strength from VOACAP for a path from W9 to Europe in a winter month on 10 m in terms of S-units at the two different smoothed sunspot numbers. It is based on 500 W and +12 dBi antenna gains on both ends. In addition to being open about three more hours per day, the signal strength is higher at the higher sunspot number. This trend is also seen on 12 m and 15 m.

What will Cycle 24 really do? We'll just have to wait and see. Based on the rise time of an average cycle, the higher bands should start coming back in 2009 or so. At that time we'll have a much better idea of where Cycle 24 is headed.

Author(s)	Publication	Year for maximum	Maximum smoothed sunspot number
Svalgaard, Cliver, Kamide	Geophysical Research Letters, Volume 32, January 2005	~ 2011	75 ± 8
Schatten	Geophysical Research Letters, Volume 32, November 2005	~ 2012	80 ± 30
Dikpati, Toma, Gilman	Geophysical Research Letters, Volume 33, March 2006	~ 2013	170 ± 12 (30-50% higher than Cycle 23)

**Table 1 – Early Cycle 24 Predictions**



**Figure 1 – Comparing a Small Cycle 24 to a Large Cycle 24**

## Indiana Section News for March 2006



Condolances to the Family and Friends of these Amateurs who became a Silent Key during March: Jonathan Hoke K9HYU, Goshen, March 7; Robert Rufener W9CBQ, Floyds Knob, March 13, They will be missed.

SKYWARN Nets are in full bloom in Indiana. N9GDR of Central Indiana SKYWARN reported 605 check-ins total for the 2 Severe Weather Test Nets on March 8 for the 39 counties covered by the Indianapolis NWS Office. On March 31, during severe weather, 421 checked in with 25.6 hours of Net Time reported for 637 Man-Hours.

Everyone is strongly urged to take any and all training you can related to your activities with ARES. There are courses on-line from the ARRL for the ARECC Level I, II, and III courses. From FEMA, IS-100 and IS-700 (optionally IS-200, IS-800 and any other courses you wish to take from FEMA is encouraged.) and take any courses by your served agencies that seem appropriate. Most are FREE!

FROM THE FIELD - WA0JTL Hamilton County - HCARES Club with assistance of Marion County Operators supplied communications for the Sam Costa Mini-Marathon on March 25 in Hamilton County.

N9SIU Johnson County - WA9RDF repeater, March 31: SKYWARN weather net for Johnson County from about 7:00 to 8:20 pm. NCSs were W8ISH, KB9SKI, and KB9WIH in succession. Liaison was KC9EBL. The net had 19 check-ins, and one tornado was reported. An ARES net ran from 8:20 to 9:40 pm with 6 amateurs checking in to support Johnson County EMA's request to check for storm damage. NCS was KB9WIH with liaison KC9EKR to JCEMA. This was the first time in memory that Johnson County EMA asked for our assistance immediately following an event - and we delivered, freeing EMA personnel to concentrate on tornado damage in the northern part of the county.

WB9EFH - Vanderburgh County - The Emergency Coordinator has been recruiting both on and off the air, by mail and e-mail .He is organizing the ARES group for Vanderburgh County. Weather net training is planned which will include RACES and Warrick County ARES/RACES groups.

KB9OLZ - Starke County. Gary has been attending meetings in Porter and Starke Counties, and helping with VE Testing. KB9TBO has just been appointed as an OES. On March 25, KB9OLZ and KB9TBO helped with tower work for a local wi-fi connection for the 145.410 repeater echolink connection. two 440 MHz repeaters on 442.000, and 442.950 available. Technician and General classes are starting April 4 at 6:00pm local time at the Bass Lake FD.

FIELD DAY is fast approaching. If you plan on scoring your activities, make certain that you have someone to copy the ARRL official FD message on the Friday before Field Day, either on CW, SSB, or RTTY. Be sure to have someone to contact the media, and try to have them visit the FD site. Have printed information and brochures available for the public, and be aware of possible safety issues around the site. Demos for newcomers or the public of APRS, packet SSTV, ATV, and so forth count an additional 100 points. Lastly, don't forget to originate a formal message from the Field Day site to either the Section Manager, or the Section Emergency Coordinator. These are just a few things that can really help your Field Day point score. See the May issue of QST, or download the Field Day Rules from the ARRL website.

I have endorsed Zachary Michael KB9UQQ as a candidate for the Hiram Percy Maxim Award. If you hear him on the air, or see him in person, wish him luck

The following VHF/UHF Net Managers reported their net's activity during March: KC9BHI, N9ZMY, KE9WI, WD9HTN(2), KB9UAG, WA9PSV, KF9EX, WB9RVN, WD9BKA, WB9NCE, W9THD, KC9EGN, AND KA9QWC. If you do not see your VHF/UHF Net Manager's callign here, than no report of your net's activity was 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. If you have news of interest, get the information to me by the 10th of the month following the event.

March Section Net Activity:

NET	FREQ	DAILY TIMES (UTC)		QNI	QTC	QTR	SESS
ITN	3910 KHZ	1230/2030	2494	105	1199	55	
QIN	3656 KHZ	1330/2300	229	161	1026	59	
ARES	3910 KHZ	4TH SUN/MO @ 1200Z			13	0	17
HOOSIER VHF NETS 14 REPORTING				1195	20	2091	85
HOOSIER DIGITAL NETS (?)				--	--	--	--

March ORS Traffic Reports: K9PUI 142, KO9D 129, K9GBR 101, WA9JWL 63, AB9AA 15, N9HZ 14, N9HM 12, KA9QWC 11, WB9NCE 7, AB9DV 5.

March Public Service Honor Roll Reports

CALLSIGN	1	2	3	4	5	6	TOTAL
WA9JWL	40	40	10	130	15	0	235

73,

ARRL Indiana Section  
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## VU4AN Andamans Operations Create A Clamor



from *The ARRL Letter* – For several days this month, the tiny Andaman Islands became the DX mouse that roared--well, sort of. Just how loudly depended on your position on the globe and fickle propagation. A first-of-its-kind event, “Hamfest - (VU4) India - 2006,” made rare VU4 (Andaman and Nicobar Islands) widely available worldwide April 18-25. With activities centered in Port Blair on South Andaman Island, more than 100 VU4AN stations made a joyful

noise on several modes and bands. Despite the current ebb in the sunspot cycle, many US radio amateurs were able to take advantage.

“They weren’t rock-crushingly loud, but they seemed to be making a lot of QSOs in North America,” said ARRL CEO David Sumner, K1ZZ--one of the lucky ones. Sumner said he worked VU4 on CW and SSB and noted that some of the stations were spotted quite a lot on RTTY.

Sumner expressed pleasure that one of his QSOs was with Bharathi Prasad, operating as VU4AN/VU2RBI. She led the December 2004 VU4 DXpedition that turned into a disaster-communication operation after being cut short by the devastating South Asia earthquake and tsunami. As a result, Prasad and her team won the 2005 ARRL International Humanitarian Award, and she was named Dayton Hamvention’s Radio Amateur of the Year.

Telecommunication authorities in India authorized the issuance of short-term licenses to some 40 Indian nationals and 70 foreigners. While VU4AN signals were dicey or non-existent in some North American locations, many stations in the US and elsewhere were able to add this rare one to their DXCC total--some on more than one band.

According to The DX Magazine’s 2005 survey of DXers, Andaman and Nicobar Islands was the 10th most-wanted DXCC entity. This month’s massive operation--sponsored by the National Institute of Amateur Radio (NIAR)--may have put a dent in the demand. The NIAR offered certificates for stations working more than four VU4AN stations as well as awards for working the most VU4AN stations in several categories.

In addition to operating, several participants delivered presentations at the NIAR gathering that stressed the positive aspects of Amateur Radio operating as well as various technical topics. The intention was to promote ham radio and to invite more-friendly governmental regulation.

“This VU4-Andaman Islands project took some eight months from start to finish and involved many hours and financial support by members of NIAR,” commented QST

“Hows DX?” and The Daily DX Editor Bernie McClenny, W3UR, after returning from the Andamans where he operated as VU4AN/VU3OHA. “Heavy-duty negotiations between NIAR and the many different government branches took place for this activity to happen.” McClenny also reported that there are now two newly licensed hams in Port Blair, Andaman.

Unless otherwise announced for individual stations, VU4AN QSLs go to Jose Jacob, VU2JOS, National Institute of Amateur Radio, 6-3-1092/93, Raj Bhavan Rd, Somajiguda, Hyderabad 500082 INDIA.

## W9TE Participates in the ARRL Logbook of the World (LoTW)

W9TE has been on the HF bands and has a confirmed DX contact with Venezuela (YV5AAX) on the ARRL Logbook of the World. Gary Stebbins, KC9GGV was granted permission by the FWRC Board of Directors to put W9TE on the air for the SP RTTY Contest on 22-23 April 2006.



Gary made contacts with 20 stations during the contest on 20 and 40 meters. So far six of those contacts have been electronically confirmed on the ARRL LoTW.

Members of the FWRC that would like to use W9TE on the air for contests and special events may contact Carole Burke, W9TE trustee or Steve Nardin, WB9ZIIY communications manager. Final decision for use of the call is made by the FWRC board.

The next scheduled activation of W9TE for a contest will be the VHF/UHF Contest on 10-11 June 2006.

Carole is the QSL manager for W9TE for QSL cards received through the postal service. Gary is electronic QSL manager for W9TE and will upload logs to the ARRL LoTW.

Gary has been using the LoTW since February 2005 and has nearly 1500 HF QSO’s uploaded to the system with 344 confirmed QSL’s. Gary has earned the ARRL Worked All States (W.A.S.) on 20 and 40 meters SSB phone. Gary has 51 confirmed DX countries 38 of those are confirmed on the ARRL LoTW.

The LoTW can be used for uploading QSO’s on HF bands (CW, SSB, all Digital modes) and for SSB/CW modes on VHF/UHF bands. For more information about the ARRL Logbook of the World refer to the September 2005 issue of QST or go to the web site <[www.arrl.org/lotw](http://www.arrl.org/lotw)>.

Gary Stebbins, KC9GGV

**Test Points**



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 (419)795-5763  
 VEC: ARRL/VEC  
 Location: VAN WERT COUNTY EMA  
 1220 OLD LINCOLN HWY  
 HOMELAND SECURITY BUILDING  
 VAN WERT, OH 45891

13-Jul-2006  
 Sponsor: GOSHEN ARC  
 Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)  
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 VEC: ARRL/VEC  
 Location: GREENCROFT RETIREMENT CENTER  
 HOMAN BUILDING  
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29-Jul-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

**Jack Druckemiller, WA9YOF, SK**

JACK A. DRUCKEMILLER, 83, died Thursday, April 6, 2006, at Towne House Health Center, Fort Wayne. Born in Marion, Ind., he retired as a U.S. Navy Commander for 26 1/2 years and Management Group of American Power for 40 years. He was a member of Elks, Past Exalted Ruler, Masonic Blue Lodge for 50 years, York Rite Bodies, Scottish Rite Fort Wayne Valley, Mespah Shrine Band, American Legion Post 10 for 50 years, Marion, Alpha Chi Rho - Social Fraternity Purdue University, Amature Radio Club and Samaritan Lodge 105 F&AM, Marion. Survived by son, Jack Anthony "Tony" Druckemiller of Fort Wayne; and grandson, J.D. (Amy) Weagley of Marion. He was preceded in death by his wife, Corinna, in October 2000; and daughter, Terry Weagley, in June of 2002. Memorial service is 1 p.m. Tuesday at D.O. McComb & Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, with memorial calling two hours prior. Pastor Tad Mills and Samaritan Lodge to officiate Masonic Ceremony. Memorials to Shriners Hospital. Published in the Fort Wayne Newspapers from 4/9/2006 - 4/10/2006.

**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**

Date	Location	Contact Phone	URL or E-mail
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>
30 Jul 2006	Portage County, OH	330-274-8240	<a href="http://www.hamfair.com">http://www.hamfair.com</a>
5 Aug 2006	Columbus, OH	614-846-7790	kb8kpj@arrl.net
9 Sep 2006	Grand Rapids, MI	616-897-6885	<a href="http://www.w8dc.org/swap.htm">http://www.w8dc.org/swap.htm</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.

## ARMAD continued from pg. 1

ARMAD has also received widespread media coverage this year including a story on WorldNetDaily. Several groups of troops in Iraq have stated that they will be on the air for the event, and the U.S. Air Force is holding the event at the Wright Patterson AFB Museum again this year.

We invite all local and surrounding amateur radio operators to join us at one of our locations this year. We also invite those of you close to Chain Of Lakes State Park to contact the 21 Repeater Group to help them this year.

We have the potential to promote our hobby worldwide via the media this year. We also have a unique opportunity to help many people who have loved ones and friends serving in the military reach soldiers with positive messages of thanks and appreciation over the airwaves.

Thank you for your support, and help for ARMAD 2006. If you want to help contact Fred/KC9EZP for more information.

73!

Emery / KB9IBW  
www.armad.net

## 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**

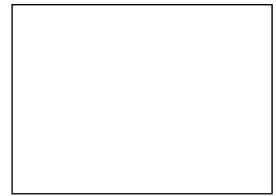
**Huntington ARES:** Saturday at 8:00 p.m. (0100 UTC) on 146.685

**Whitley Co. / ARES:** Wednesdays at 7:15 p.m. (0015 UTC) on 145.270 (Note 131.8 PL disabled for all nets)

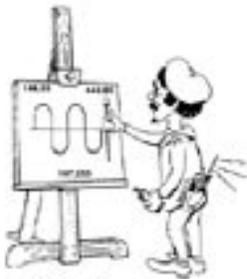
**Whitley Co. Sunday:** Sundays at 7:45 p.m. (0045 UTC) on 444.550 +. (The 146.460 simplex crossbanding from both nets has been dropped.)

**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
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
7/8/06	---	deadline for July ACHN items	
7/10/06	6:30 PM	Foxhunt off track betting parking lot, Washington Ctr. & Lima Rds.	
7/11/06	7:00 PM	FWRC Board Meeting	GSUMC
7/11/06	7:30 PM	ACARTS Board Meeting	Salvation Army Center
7/18/06	7:00 PM	FWRC Meeting	GSUMC
7/21/06	7:30 PM	ACARTS General Meeting	Salvation Army Center
8/5/06	---	deadline for Aug. ACHN items	