

# Allen County HamNews

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Allen County Amateur Radio Technical Society

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## FWRC SPRING BANQUET

The Fort Wayne Radio Club Spring Banquet is May 11, 2007 at 6:30 PM. It is the second Friday in May rather than the third Friday due to the Dayton Hamvention. It will be our usual pot-luck carry-in with all the wonderful food that our dinners are known for because we do have some wonderful cooks in our midst. FWRC will provide table service, punch, and coffee. We also have a guest speaker who is a veteran of the Iraq War. I think we will learn a lot about what is really happening in a part of the world only a few have seen. I am looking forward to seeing you all at the banquet.



Carole WB9RUS

## Indiana QSO Party May 5

The annual Indiana QSO Party is set for Saturday May 5, 1600 UTC to 0400 UTC May 6 (noon to midnight EDT).



Indiana amateurs are encouraged to get on the air and make sure the rest of the world hears (and works) Indiana. They will be looking for each of the 92 counties on 80/75, 40, 20, 15, and 10 meters, CW and SSB.

Local clubs are encouraged to round up their new "HF hams"

(and some of their less active members) and give them a chance to experience the receiving end of a pileup. It's great practice for June Field Day, and some clubs are planning to set up Field Day portable operations in some of the "rarer" counties.

As usual, we'll be sure all 92 counties are on the air by using our pool of talented and dedicated mobiles, who usually put a county on the air for less than an hour before they have to move on, but it would be great if there were more fixed or portable stations to activate some of the less populated counties for more than a few hours. Perhaps some of your club's members live in those counties and would like to have some fun being the "bait".

There are plaques for top mobile, fixed, portable and out-of-state scores, but there are certificates, too, that don't require a 12 hour effort to win.

There's also a chance to get started on the Worked All Indiana Award for working confirming at least 60 Indiana counties.

Details on INQP and the Worked All Indiana Award are at [www.hdxcc.org](http://www.hdxcc.org). Anybody interested in operating can contact Mel KJ9C, e-mail: [kj9c\(at\)iquest.net](mailto:kj9c(at)iquest.net) who is coordinating mobile activity

Let's make this the best INQP yet and show the world that a little state can make a lot of noise!

Tim N9LF, Mel KJ9C

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

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# HamSplatter

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**President's Corner**



It's hard to believe that it is almost May. It is still cool outside but I hear it will be warm...sometime this summer. The weather seems to be the main topic of conversation around the water cooler and elsewhere as it has been topsy-turvy this spring.

The April meeting was another good one, in case you missed it. I would like to extend many thanks to Joseph, K9RFZ, Steve, W9SAN and Fred KC9EZP for sharing their emergency equipment designs with the club. The demonstrations were excellent and were followed by excellent discussions regarding emergency operations. Its good that we have this type of presentation each year to remind us of the need to stay prepared.

This past week radio amateurs in Texas were called to assist with communications following severe weather. Close to home, 2 tornado touch downs were confirmed in LaPorte County. It is that time of year again when we need to keep one ear to the radio and one eye to the sky. Be sure you have your weather radio on and in the alert mode. You can never tell when we might be called on to render assistance.

On Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup> a group of amateurs assisted the IPFW athletic department by providing communications for the Mastodon Stomp. These walk-a-thon type events are great practice for real emergencies. Please participate in one or more of them as they come around.

I misspoke in the last issue of the HamSplatter. Our May meeting will be held one week early this month due to the Dayton Hamvention. The meeting will be held on Friday, May 11. This is our spring banquet and will feature a very special presentation on the situation in Iraq. Please see the accompanying article regarding the banquet and presentation. Many thanks to Carole Burke, WB9RUS for her work on the banquet.

Please remember that Field Day is right around the corner. Our June meeting will feature Field Day prep and the weekend of June 23 and 24 is the big event. Please mark your calendars and stay tuned for more details.

I have just looked through the latest QST and read about the Dayton Hamvention. Once again it looks like Dayton will be the place to be May 18-20. Being so close to the action, it is hard to believe that some of the amateurs in Fort Wayne have never been to the Hamvention. If you have not gone, its is worth the trip at least once. I'm hoping to make it done there for at least one day this year, myself.

That's about it for this month. Hope to see you at the banquet.

73

DE Jim  
KB9WWM

**Spring Banquet**

**Fri., May 11, 6:30 PM**





### Fort Wayne Radio Club Minutes 20 April 2007

The April 2007 meeting of the Fort Wayne Radio Club was held at the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church on 20 April 2007 with President Jim Moehring as the host. There were about 25 persons present.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Jim Moehring started the meeting by calling all to attention for the pledge of allegiance.

The March minutes were read and there were no corrections.

Bob Streeter presented the April Treasurer's report. As of 20 April 2007 the club had realized a year-to-date income of \$1,221.11, & year-to-date expenses of \$633.71. The club had cash on hand of \$9.18 and had \$6,566.79 in checking/savings.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Bob reported that a change in the club's insurance underwriter from Grange to ARRL sponsored club insurance would save the club about \$300.00 per year and a change over in underwriter was underway.

Jim Moehring reported that the new club web page was up, but still a work in progress. Phil Hooper was busy working to increase the web pages functionality. Stand by for improved capabilities. Bob Streeter reported that he had developed an experimental club page on Yahoo Groups. The Board is experimenting with this web page and it may be made available only to paid members as opposed the original web page which is open to anyone. Bob noted that the Yahoo Group web page contains all copies of the Allen County Ham News, and also contains some Field Day photos. More club related photos will be added as time allows. Jim Moehring stated that the Board is soliciting suggestions from the club membership in regards both the original web page and the new Yahoo Groups page.

Al Burke reported that several actions had taken place or were in progress at the Robison Park repeater site.

1. The 146.76 MHz receiver was replaced with a G.E. unit. Thus the 146.76 MHz machine is "all G.E." again instead of being a hybrid. The receiver replacement solved the squelch tail elimination problem that had existed since the system was moved to the new site.
2. The Board noted that the replacement of the receiver had resulted in the 146.76 MHz machine having noticeably more bass response in the retransmitted audio, and they also thought that the retransmitted audio was "hot". Jim Pliett and Al Burke are in the process of modifying the receiver's de-emphasis circuit to provide a little more high frequency response, and were planning to reduce the transmitter deviation.
3. Plans are afoot to erect a fence around the equipment shack in order to provide security for the repeaters,

and to provide a place where the club trailer can be parked behind a locked fence. Al has forwarded the proposed fence plan to AEP Legal and Engineering for their approval. Once they approve the plan then quotes will be obtained on the material needed which will include about 64' of 6' high fence fabric with a barb-wire cap, fence posts and a 12' wide gate. The club plans to provide the labor to install the fence rather than purchase it.

4. Instrumentation was installed in the repeater shack to record interior and exterior temperature. Measurements are being captured with the air conditioner off, with the air conditioner blower on, but with its vent closed, and with the blower on and the vent open. These data are expected to provide insight as to whether a blower sucking outside air into the interior of the shack and then exhausting it to the outside will remove enough heat to keep the repeater equipment cool enough without having to run the air conditioner in all but the hottest weather.
5. Plans are also afoot to replace the existing homebrew controller for the UHF machine with a spare club-owned S-COMM 7K controller.

Jim Moehring announced that the Spring Banquet would occur on 11 May, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month instead of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday, because the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday is Dayton weekend. Carole Burke is organizing the affair which will be a carry-in with the club providing the cutlery, condiments and drinks consisting of coffee and punch. Carole has arranged for a special presentation by a young man who just ended his tour with the military, who was recently stationed in Iraq and who was wounded while there. He has a presentation including slides and souvenirs that depicts what he experienced while over there, as opposed to the picture painted by the media. Should be an interesting presentation.

Terry Bowman reported that he and Clint Stedge planned to continue with the code-practice-on-the-air initiative through Field Day. After that they planned to evaluate if it should be continued as they have noticed a significant drop-off in participation following the FCC's elimination of the code requirement for licensing.

Following the close of the business meeting the 50-50 raffle was held. The pot (\$25.00) was split between the club treasury and Steve Nardin, W9SAN. Steve donated his portion of the pot to the club. In addition to the pot, two tickets to the Six Meter Club of Chicago 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary Hamfest, and two copies of the May issue of World Radio News were raffled off.

After the raffle a presentation on Emergency Communications equipment developed by club members was presented. Joe Lawrence, K9RFZ, Steve Nardin, W9SAN and Fred Gengnagel, KC9EZF demonstrated the emergency communications equipment suites they had developed. Joe's equipment was featured in the April issue of the Allen County Ham news and demonstrates that the spirit of building your own gear is alive and well in Allen County.

Respectfully submitted,  
Al Burke, WB9SSE

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## President's Message



Those April showers did their thing and are making the flowers bloom in May. I was more worried about the cold weather that we had since many of

those flowers started to show buds or actually bloomed at the end of March. Thankfully they survived and the tulips are in full bloom. May is also a big month on the Ham Radio Calendar. The biggest event is the Dayton Hamvention. It draws hams from around the country, and even around the world. It is supposed to be the largest hamfest in the country. All hams should try to get to Dayton at least once in their lifetime. If you can imagine 20,000 plus hams in one place for the weekend, you have to see it to believe it. They also say that if you are looking for something in particular, their flea-market area is the place to find it. If you cannot find it, it probably does not exist. Maybe that is why you can never find any fleas ( HI HI ). It is also a good place to meet up with some of the hams you talk to on a regular basis on some of the nets. Their attendance has been down from what it used to be years ago. At one time their attendance was around 30,000.

The other big event is ARMAD, which takes place Memorial Day weekend. It is a time to salute our men and women in uniform for their service to our country. It started several years ago on a small basis and has grown since that time. During the event we try by Amateur Radio to talk with the troops at bases around the country and the world. The public gets an opportunity to talk with the troops. All this was started by Emery McClendon, KB9IBW. It has grown and gotten the attention of local, state and federal officials. If you are interested in helping out, contact Emery. Lets ham it up for our troops this Memorial Day.

Last month was our Spring Banquet. We had a small group, but everyone enjoyed the good food and conversation.

This months program will be about spark gap.

This is the early days of Ham Radio when the equipment was home-brew. It is another presentation from the library of the ARRL. It is interesting to see some of the equipment that the presenter used in his early days as a ham. Well, that's all I have for this month.

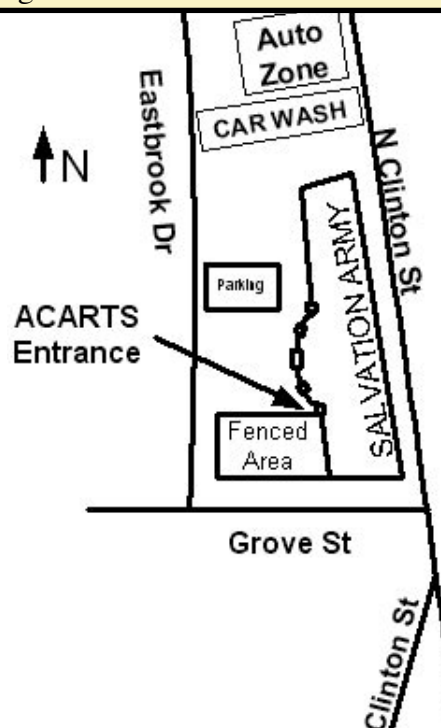
73,  
Vic, KA9LTV



## Meeting Schedule

**General Meeting:** May 15, 7:30 PM. - Program: Spark gap, the early days

**Next Board Meeting:** May. 8, 7:30 PM All members are encouraged to attend.





**ARMAD News**



Greeting to Everyone:

Well; we finally have some nice weather. I hope everyone has enjoyed being outside the past few days.

ARMAD has some very exciting news for 2007. Several new Clubs have decided to run Special Events this year, and several Amateur Operators will operate from home during the event here in Fort Wayne, and in other cities.

Several companies and organizations have also expressed interest in helping Amateur Radio with some publicity as a result of our efforts also.

ARMAD Fort Wayne will have some new aspects this year as Samantha Allen, a very talented singer will be coming to our event location to provide a mini concert. Samantha spent eight years in the Military, and her husband has been deployed to Iraq for over two years now. She will also perform at the Fort Wayne Wizards Baseball Game on may 26th. You can hear her song "Oceans Between Us" by visiting [www.armad.net](http://www.armad.net) and clicking on the link provided.

We have been offered an inside location with central air to operate from this year. We will operate from Georgetown Square at the Liberty Tax Building. The Wizards will send us a few players to sign autographs, and greet the public, and send over the Mascot.

Other items are also on the agenda for ARMAD 2007 that will enhance attendance. We are looking forward to having a fun time this year as we work the bands.

Let's promote our hobby and "Ham It Up For The Troops."

Sincerely;  
Emery / KB9IBW



**April 2007 ACARTS Board Meeting Minutes**



April 2007 ACARTS Board Meeting Minutes  
The meeting was called to order by Vic, KA9LTV.

Vic announced that the arrangements had been made for the Spring Banquet to be held at the Golden Corral on Lima road at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 17th. The Club will pay for the dinners for all members.

He asked if anyone had any ideas for programs for future meetings.

Joel, KB9RH, said that he had attended the advanced weather training session in Toledo, Ohio, and that it was a very good program.

No other business was discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Submitted by Dave Lindquist, W9LKH



ACARTS Spring Banquet, 4/17/2007

**Hawaii Moonbounce A Hit**

from *The ARRL Letter* – Bruce Clark, K0YW, operating as KH7X from the station of Alex Benton, KH6YY, made the first successful 2.3 GHz EME (Earth-Moon-Earth) contact from Hawaii April 23 (UTC). "This is the first time EME from Hawaii has been worked on this band," reports Ron Hashiro, AH6RH, who assisted in the effort. Clark made contact with well-known VHF/UHF and moonbounce enthusiast Al Ward, W5LUA, in Texas. Hashiro says the Hawaii operation was set up in a tent pitched next to the 12-foot TV receive-only (TVRO) dish used for the antenna, in order to minimize feed line losses. "The



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**A New DXCC Entity - Swains Island**  
**Carl Luetzelschwab**



**K9LA**

**Ft Wayne DX Association**

Last July the new DXCC entity of Swains Island was added to the ARRL DXCC List. That made Swains Island the 337th current entity (Montenegro was added in June 2006 as #336).

Prior to July 2006 there had been DXpeditions to Swains Island, but they only counted as American Samoa (KH8). Immediately after Swains Island was added to the DXCC List last July, a team (consisting of K1ER, KS6FO, WH7S, K8YSE, AH7C, and KH6BK) put the new entity on the air from July 28 through August 2. It was a "hurry up" operation, but it whetted DXer's appetites for a future operation. I missed the 2006 DXpedition because I was on travel for work. So I anxiously waited for the next Swains Island DXpedition, which was planned for April 2007.

The April 2007 DXpedition is now history, and I'm guessing just about anyone who wanted to work Swains Island got in the log. The team at N8S made over 117,000 QSOs from April 3 through April 15, with the last days seemingly devoted to working many true QRPers and location-challenged stations.

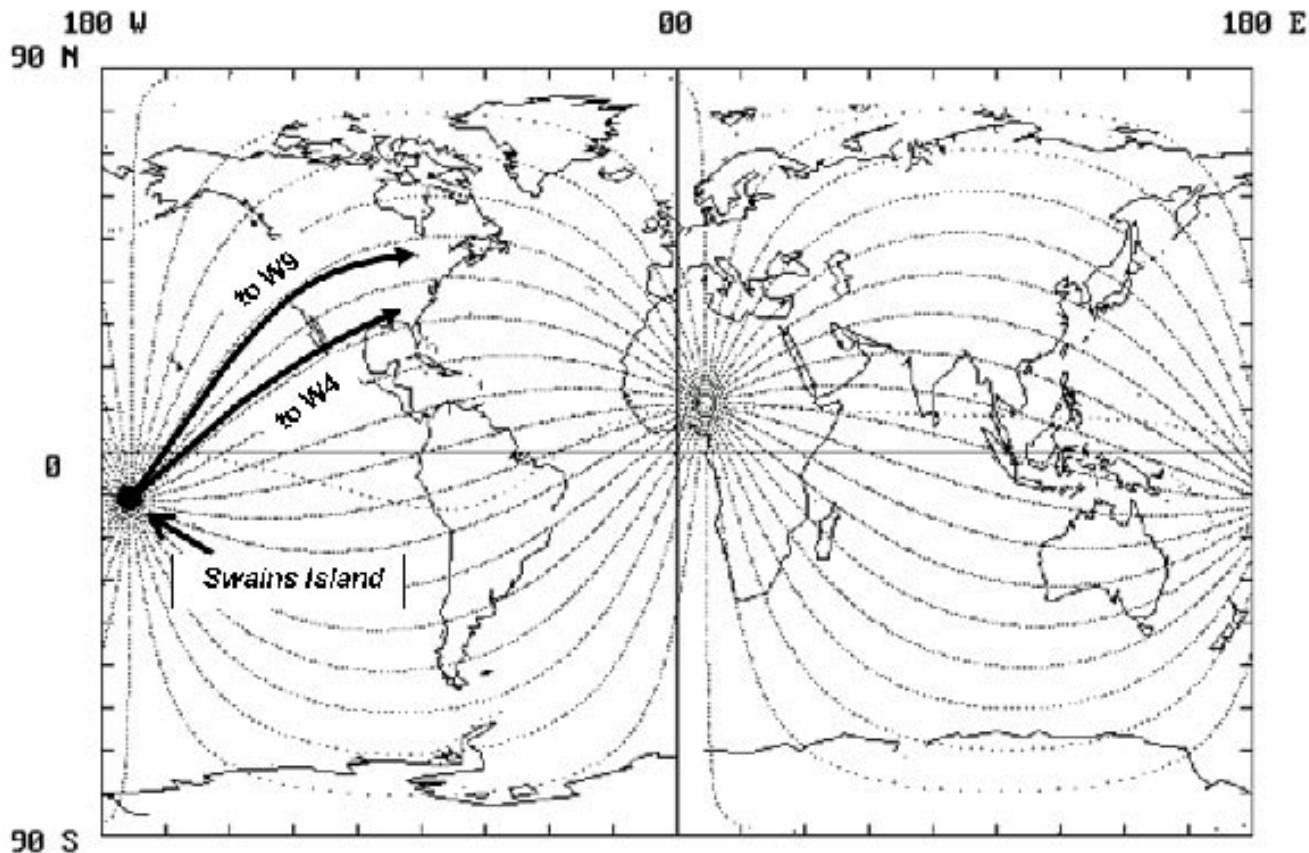
Even though we're around solar minimum between Cycle 23 and Cycle 24, this was a relatively easy DXpedition to work.

The main reason for this was the fact that the path from Swains Island to much of the continental US stayed at low latitudes to take advantage of the robust equatorial ionosphere. The accompanying figure shows great circle paths from Swains Island out in the Pacific Ocean to worldwide locations, with two paths highlighted - one to W9 and one to W4.

The path to W9 gets up to about 45 degrees North geographic latitude, whereas the path to W4 (and to most of W5 and W6) only gets up to about 30 degrees North geographic altitude. I mention this as this difference in latitude had a profound effect on propagation on the two higher bands - 12m and 10. Although there were many PacketCluster spots from W4, W5, and W6 stations saying they were working N8S on these bands, my wife Vicky AE9YL and I never heard them at all on 12m or 10m. The more southerly locations (W4, W5, and W6) had a MUF (Maximum Usable Frequency) high enough to allow QSOs on 12m and 10m - even around solar minimum. But most of us at the more northerly locations were on the short end of the MUF stick.

From our perspective, Vicky and I found 17m to be the best band to work them on. Their signal strength was very good on this band, and they were there most of the days. Vicky worked them on 80m, 20m, 17m, and 15m. I worked them on several bands, too, but I concentrated on 160m and managed to snag them early (around 4AM) one morning. So Vicky's happy and I'm happy - we both put a new DXCC entity in the log.

**Great-Circle Paths from Swains Island**



## Indiana Section News for March 2007



How is your “grab it and go bag?” I got to looking at mine, and it is time for a renewal and refurbishment. Every active ARES member who is preparing for a future emergency, has a grab it and go bag. If you have just started out with the Amateur Radio Emergency Service, you will likely be considering a grab it and go bag/kit. There are numerous “lists” of items to have with you when you leave your home location to help with emergency communications. Your location, situation, license class, and other considerations will dictate what you have with you. I can’t begin to tell you exactly what to have. But, with a recommended list, you can start preparing your kit. A discussion of the number and types of items is like hams discussing antennas.... So, if you don’t have a grab it and go kit, now would be a good time to get a list and start preparing.

Marion County will be the focus of a Disaster Exercise in May, from the 10th through the 13th. Working in cooperation with Emergency Management, Amateur Radio will have an active role and Mike Palmer N9FEB, Marion County EC, is the Point of Contact. As this is a 72-hour exercise, shift operation of the amateur radio equipment at the EOC in 6 hour shifts. Please contact Mike if you can help out. In support of this exercise, the ARES Indiana Section Net on 3910 KHZ, or possibly 7280 KHZ +/- QRM is anticipated to be utilized for this event. This exercise is anticipated to involve many counties in Indiana.

Our SEC Dave Pifer N9YNF reports that there are 411 active ARES members registered in Indiana. The number of Emergency Coordinators and District Emergency Coordinators reporting during March was 16. Number of local emergency nets active: 15. Drills and tests during March 73, with public service hours reported 404.39.

I have not heard of anyone who is working on a Public Service Honor Roll Award for over a year. An ongoing challenge for someone who is working on this award is how to effectively balance the many different facets of public service communications. Areas such as Traffic Handling, Net Operations, on-the-scene Emergency Response, Public safety and support communications are all needed to be covered. This award is not easy to work toward, but it is entirely do-able. If you are interested go to: <http://www2.arrl.org/FandES/field/pshr/> Amateur Radio stations that qualify for PSHR for 12 consecutive months, or for 18 out of a 24 month period, will be awarded a certificate from League Headquarters upon written notification of qualifying months to the Public Service Branch of ARRL HQ.

The following VHF/UHF Net Managers reported their net’s activity during December: KC9BHI, KA9KOG, KE9WI, WD9HTN, KB9UAG, WA9PSV, KF9EX, WB9RVN, NA9L, WD9BKA, WB9NCE, WR9G, W3ML, W9THD, and KA9QWC. If your net manager’s callsign does not appear here, then no report of your net’s activity was sent to John Kinley KC9BHI, Indiana Section VHF/UHF Net Manager. < kc9bhj@arrl.net > Please be certain to report your VHF/UHF net activity to him.

My thanks to all those club newsletter editors who send me a complimentary copy of their club’s newsletter. I do read them.

### March Section Net Activity:

NET	FREQ	DAILY TIMES (UTC)	QNI	QTC	QTR	SESS
ITN	3910 KHZ	1230/2030	2786	135	1265	56
QIN	3535 KHZ	1330/2300	129	111	740	50
ARES	3910 KHZ	4TH SUN/MO @ 1200Z	3	0	10	1
HOOSIER VHF NETS 16 REPORTING			1194	12	3240	101
HOOSIER DIGITAL NETS (2) NO RPT RECD						

March ORS Traffic Reports: K9PUI 171, K9GBR 96, N9HM 20, AB9AA 14, KA9QWC 10, W9PC 7

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## Severe Weather Notes: The Human Factors

The severe weather in our area so far in 2007 has been minimal; however, the weather in other parts of the country has been quite active. As of April 25, there have been 490 tornado reports - compared to the 3-year average of 290 (January through April). The statistics for tornado deaths are even worse: 57 people have been killed by tornadoes in 2007; that compares to the 3-year average of 21 for January through April.

I recently attended a spotter training session in Toledo which was presented by NWS Cleveland. One of the subjects discussed is what I call the "human factors" in storm spotting. They are stress, excitement, and tension (also known as S.E.T.). This can alter logic and reasoning abilities. The main problem associated with S.E.T. is overestimation of wind speeds. I can understand that: when you're out spotting thunderstorms, the adrenalin starts to flow and you're all "pumped up". You believe the wind is 50 mph when it really is only 40.

Therefore, when reporting wind speeds: if you don't have a hand-held anemometer, use the written guide (which is always available at a training session). The National Weather Service tells us to "assume you are observing nothing, then build your case". When estimating wind speeds, this would certainly apply. Also remember that the minimum criteria for reporting wind speed is 45 mph - unless the National Weather Service asks for detailed information from a specific area. That is the only time to report anything less.

Even though our severe weather last year - and so far this year - was well below average, let's not let our guard down.

from Joel KB9RH

## Moonbounce, cont'd from pg. 5

CW signal was just above the noise level and sounded 'watery,' as if the speaker were being held underwater," Hashiro reported. "The warbling tone was much worse than Arctic flutter." He said Doppler shift was on the order of 3 kHz. CW was sent at about 10 WPM. K0YW made additional contacts with several other stations on 2.3 GHz as well as on 1.2 GHz EME, Hashiro said. News of Clark's temporary Hawaii moonbounce setup made the April 21 edition of the Honolulu Advertiser <<http://the.honoluluadvertiser.com/article/2007/Apr/21/ln/FP704210343.html>>. In addition to Benton and Hashiro, others assisting in the moonbounce experiment included KH6ND, KH7U, WH6GS and AH6NF.

## The Fort Wayne Radio Club Website on Yahoo!

A website for the Fort Wayne Radio Club <<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/FWRC>> has been started as a user group on the Yahoo! Portal. This website is in addition to the Fort Wayne Radio Club URL of "<<http://www.fortwayneradioclub.org>>". The Yahoo group is open to all current members of the Fort Wayne Radio Club. The "home page" of the FWRC group is viewable to anyone.

If you are new to Yahoo!, you may find other amateur radio groups which interest you also. Since Yahoo! Is a portal, you will have to create a user name and a password. You could try your ham call as a user name... hopefully no other ham has claimed your call as a Yahoo! ID! You can access the club group, or any Yahoo! function, from any computer having internet access, such as those at the Fort Wayne Public Library, or other locations such as wireless "hot spots".

The Yahoo! Group for the Fort Wayne Radio Club is located under "Hobbies and Crafts" in the Yahoo! Groups section. It is further located in the "hobbies" subsection. Under the "hobbies" subsection, it is located in the "Amateur Radio" subsection. The group name is "FWRC". There are over 5000 groups in the Amateur Radio subsection, and the first 500 of those groups have between 5000 and 230 members for each group. The index of groups shows group listings in order of membership, with the largest membership group listed first. The easiest way to locate the FWRC group is to search Yahoo! Groups for "FWRC". The FWRC group is the USA group from the three presently available "FWRC" choices.

The FWRC group is a moderated group with restricted membership. If you are a current club member, you may join the group. It may take a few days for your membership request to be approved by a FWRC group moderator. Please include you call sign as part of your request. That is an easy way to verify your membership.

You may post messages for the group members, download or upload files and photographs, view links to other amateur radio URLs, create and participate in polls, create or use a database, and view a list of current group members. There is also a calendar of club activities. Messages and photographs typically require moderator approval. There is a 100 MB limit to the total size of all downloaded files and to the total size of all downloaded photographs. If you download anything to these two areas of the FWRC group, please pay attention to these size limits.

Bob W8ST





**Test Points**

05-May-2007  
 Sponsor: W5YI VEC - ALLEN COUNTY  
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 8315 W JEFFERSON BLVD  
 FORT WAYNE, IN 46804

23-Jun-2007  
 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

12-Jul-2007  
 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: GREENCROFT RETIREMENT CENTER  
 HOMAN BUILDING  
 GREENCROFT BLVD  
 GOSHEN, IN 46525

28-Jul-2007  
 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: Lambda Model LM B6 power supply. Input, 120 VAC, 60 Hz. Output 6 volts DC, +/- %5 adjustable, 3.2 amps. \$10.00.

Contact: Al Burke, WB9SSE, 260-637-1989, woffermom@cs.com  
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Wanted: Tube type amateur radio gear and related accessories that might be suitable for restoration, use, & display. Need not be working, but all the parts should be there. Father & Daughter would like to start our own mini-museum. Ron Hensel, K9ZE, K9ze@aol.com, 260-622-7040  
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For Sale:

- Apple MacBook “Core Duo” 2.0 13-Inch (1280x800) laptop computer, white, 2.0 GHz Intel “Core Duo” processor, 1 GB RAM, 4X slot-loading double layer read DVD/CD-RW, 802.11g, Bluetooth 2.0+EDR, Gigabit Ethernet, a FireWire “400” port, two USB 2.0 ports, and optical digital audio in/out, along with video out capabilities (mini-DVI), a built-in iSight video camera. Includes brand new battery & Office 2004.
- Apple A1016 Bluetooth keyboard
- Logitech M-RBB93 Bluetooth 2 button/scroll mouse
- Targus PA-248 dual fan USB powered cooling fan

It was all purchased in July 2006, and was only used August through October 2006. Will sell as a package for \$1100. Contact Don Gagnon, 260-484-3317, dongagnon@comcast.net

**2007 Foxhunt Schedule**

- May 7 6:30 PM
- June 4 6:30 PM
- July 2 6:30 PM
- Aug 6 6:30 PM
- Sept 10 6:30 PM
- Oct 1 6:30 PM
- Nov 4 1:30 PM
- Dec-No Hunt



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
18-20 May 2007	Dayton, OH		<a href="http://www.hamvention.org/">http://www.hamvention.org/</a>
2 Jun 2007	Hudsonville, MI	616 698-6627	<a href="http://www.w8hvg.org">http://www.w8hvg.org</a>
10 Jun 2007	DuPage County, IL Fairgrounds	708-442-4961	<a href="http://www.qsl.net/k9ona">http://www.qsl.net/k9ona</a>
17 Jun 2007	Monroe, MI	734-242-9487	<a href="http://mcrca.org/hamfest.htm">http://mcrca.org/hamfest.htm</a>
7 Jul 2007	Indianapolis, IN	317 261-6658	<a href="http://www.indyhamfest.com">http://www.indyhamfest.com</a>
14 Jul 2007	Wellington, OH	440-930-9115	<a href="http://www.noars.net">http://www.noars.net</a>
22 Jul 2007	Van Wert Co., OH Fairgrounds	419-238-2812	<a href="http://www.w8fy.org">http://www.w8fy.org</a>

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

Fort Wayne Radio Club April Meeting Photos



## 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

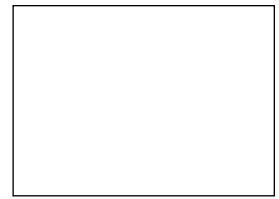
### **Area Traffic Nets**

- (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 8:30 p.m. 146.94(-)
  - 6 Meter SSB/AM Net:** 2nd & last Tuesday of the month at 8:00 pm  
EDT or EST on 50.580 MHz Net controls: K9RFZ & W9SAN

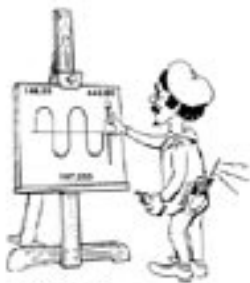
### **Miscellaneous Nets**

- 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 and Wednesday nights at 8:00 PM Indiana time. On 1966 kHz. Everyone welcome!

Allen County HamNews  
 PO BOX 10342  
 FORT WAYNE, IN 46851



TO:



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### Activities Calendar



Date	Time	Event	Place
5/7/07	6:30 PM	Foxhunt	off track betting parking lot, Washington Ctr. & Lima Rds.
5/8/07	7:30 PM	ACARTS Board Meeting	Salvation Army Center
5/11/07	6:30 PM	FWRC Spring Banquet	GSUMC
5/15/07	7:30 PM	ACARTS General Meeting	Salvation Army Center
5/18-20/07		Dayton Hamfest	Dayton, OH
6/1/07	--->	deadline for June ACHN items	
6/4/07	6:30 PM	Foxhunt	off track betting parking lot, Washington Ctr. & Lima Rds.
6/5/07	7:00 PM	FWRC Board Meeting	GSUMC
6/12/07	7:30 PM	ACARTS Board Meeting	Salvation Army Center
6/15/07	7:00 PM	FWRC Meeting	GSUMC
6/19/07	7:30 PM	ACARTS General Meeting	Salvation Army Center
6/23-24/07		Field Day	McMillen Girl Scout Camp
7/2/07	6:30 PM	Foxhunt	off track betting parking lot, Washington Ctr. & Lima Rds.
7/6/07	--->	deadline for July ACHN items	
7/10/07	7:00 PM	FWRC Board Meeting	GSUMC
7/10/07	7:30 PM	ACARTS Board Meeting	Salvation Army Center
7/17/07	7:30 PM	ACARTS General Meeting	Salvation Army Center