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Emery McClendon, KB9IBW, To Receive Hamvention Award

from *The ARRL Letter* – Emery McClendon, KB9IBW, is to receive the Hamvention award for Special Achievement for his efforts in starting Amateur Radio

Military Appreciation Day (ARMAD) in 2003. He said he started ARMAD “as a way to have Amateur Radio serve as a tool for the people of our communities to be able to express ‘live’ support and appreciation for our troops, veterans, retired military and first responders.” McClendon, of Fort Wayne, Indiana, became an Amateur Radio operator 16 years ago. His interest in organizing Military Special Events derives from his four years of service in the US Air Force and two years in the Indiana Air National Guard.

Amateur Radio Military Appreciation Day has become a popular event, spreading to other communities. Several military support groups have developed an interest in having Amateur Radio as a part of their activities. According to McClendon’s award nomination, this has resulted in introducing Amateur Radio “to thousands of people worldwide who otherwise would have never known about our public service.”

McClendon is active with two local Amateur Radio clubs; he also gives presentations about Amateur Radio to community groups. His activities, including ARMAD, have resulted in many TV, radio and media stories during the past five years, giving exposure to the Amateur Radio community.

Fort Wayne Radio Club Spring Banquet 2008

The calendar says it’s spring. Flowers starting to bloom, birds singing, grass growing, trees leafing out say



its spring too. Following to the next conclusion, if it’s spring, then it is time for the Fort Wayne Radio Club Spring Banquet. Friday, May 9, 6:30 p.m. at the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church is the day, time, and place. The Radio Club is providing coffee, punch, dinner ware and utensils. Please bring a dish to share, a good appetite, and the desire for good fellowship. I’m looking forward to seeing all of you. Happy Spring!

Carole Burke, WB9RUS

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Please do NOT send anything in all caps!!

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President's Corner



I want to thank Jim Pliett, K9OMA, for his presentation on Amateur Television (ATV) at the April General Meeting of the Fort Wayne Radio Club. We sponsor a great ATV repeater with facilities located on the

campus of IPFW. I hope to see more people taking advantage of the repeater in the future.

The May general Meeting will be held on Friday May 9th at 6:30 p.m. at the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church. The date is the 2nd Friday of the month because the third Friday is the Dayton Hamvention. And the start time is one half hour earlier because the May meeting is our annual Spring banquet. The banquet is a carry-in and Carole Burke, WB9RUS, will have more details elsewhere in the newsletter.

The following day, Saturday May 10th, we are going to have a work day at the 146.76 repeater site. The repeated is located on North Clinton Street at the AEP substation located just north of the I-469 overpass next to Redline Honda. We have a number of tasks to complete and we could use your help. We are going to replace the old power supply with a new switching power supply that was donated to the club; we are also going to replace the old air conditioner with a new more efficient model that has also been donated to the club. In addition we are also going to put a fresh coat of paint on the building. The more help we have the quicker the work will get done, so please come out and give us a hand.

This is the May newsletter which means that there is only one more newsletter before Field Day. But even before Field Day, we are again planning on participating in the June ARRL VHF contest. That will be Saturday June 14th through Sunday June 15th. We will again be on the air from the Larry Temenoff, KB9OS, estate located on the continental divide. We will set up Saturday

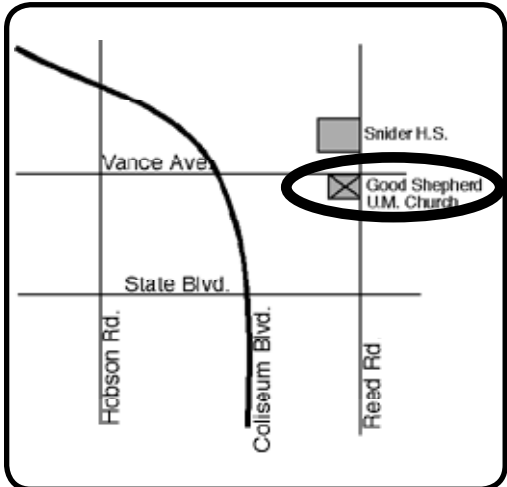
morning and go on the air for the duration of the contest and tear down immediately afterward. This is a great warm up for Field Day. Contact Steve Nardin, W9SAN, for more details.

Then the June general meeting on Friday June 20th will be the final preparations for Field Day. This is always an essential meeting for anyone wanting to take part in Amateur Radio's most important operating event of the year. Field Day weekend is June 28th and 29th. We will again be at the McMillan Girl Scout Camp on Hollopetter Road in northern Allen County. We will start with QRP night on Friday June 27th at the camp. Anyone who wants to spend the night is welcome to come out and set up a tent. Setup will start Saturday morning and we will be on the air for 24 hours starting at 2:00 p.m. Saturday afternoon. Tear down will be after 2:00 p.m. on Sunday afternoon.

This is our busiest time of the year so come on out and take part in the activities.

Tom / N9TB

**Spring Banquet
May 9, 6:30 p.m.**



Fort Wayne Radio Club Minutes 18 April 2008



The April meeting of the Fort Wayne Radio Club was held at the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church on 18 April 2008 with Vice President Woody Woodbury initially, and later President Tom Baker serving as the host. There were about 35 persons present.

OLD BUSINESS:

Woody Woodbury started the meeting by calling all to attention for the pledge of allegiance.

The March minutes were read and there were no comments other than they were a little verbose. The Secretary's response was, "Hey, you guys talk and I simply record and report". This wimpy excuse elicited no sympathy from the crowd.

Bob Streeter presented the April Treasurer's report. As of 18 April 2008 the club had realized a year-to-date income of \$1,384.80, & year-to-date expenses of \$485.07. The club had cash on hand of \$197.01 and had \$6,693.85 in checking/savings.

NEW BUSINESS:

Tom Baker reminded everybody that the May meeting would be the Spring Banquet and that it would occur the 2nd Friday in May given that the Dayton Hamfest would occur the following weekend. It will start promptly at 6:30 p.m. and will be a carry-in as in the past.

Allen County Emergency Coordinator Joe Lawrence reported that the ARES group VHF contest held on 5 April went well. He is still receiving logs. He said that it elicited considerable activity and he thought it was a good learning experience for those who participated. Joe also noted that a formal copy of the Allen County ARES/RACES Operating Procedures would be released at a meeting regarding the same subject to be conducted in Room C of the Allen County (Downtown) Public Library on 23 May starting at 7:00 p.m..

Tom Baker announced that the club would be providing communication support for a "Walk for Babies" walk-a-thon that would occur on 26 April. Jim Moehring is coordinating the FWRC support and noted that about 13 volunteers had been rounded up. Tom also announced that Larry Temenoff was looking for volunteers to provide communications support for the "Mastodon Stomp" at the IPFW campus which also is occurring on 26 April. Larry said volunteers should plan to meet at the Cosmos restaurant on St. Joe Rd. at 7:30 a.m., or on campus at 8:30 a.m..

Steve Nardin and Larry Temenoff invited members to participate in the ARRL VHF QSO Party activity that the club is organizing on 14-15 June. The club will make use of Larry's estate and will put up two towers around mid-morning on the 14th. Larry said he will provide hot dogs and beans to feed the slaves, err, participants.

Tom Baker noted that \$47.00 had been collected in donations so far towards the maintenance and upgrading the Robison Park repeater site. These activities include replacing the existing air conditioner with a high efficiency unit, replacing the existing linear power supplies with one or more switching mode supplies, replacing the heat exchanger blower, and painting the outside walls and roof of the shack with heat reflective paint. Al Burke reported that Terry Bowman had donated a new air conditioner unit and that Jeff Dailey had donated a switching mode power supply that should accommodate at least two of the three Robison Park machines. Tom Baker stated that the Board of Directors were looking for volunteers to support installation of the above mentioned upgrades, and established an "Robison Park Upgrade Day" date of 10 May at the site (located on North Clinton/Leo Rd., just north of Interstate 469, and just south of Diebold Ave.) starting around 9 a.m..

Tom Baker noted that Field Day would occur at the Girl Scout camp again this year. He was questioned as to how Field Day is publicized. He stated that local government offices and the local media are notified and that this year new club member and WBZQ local radio personality Ron Gregory had agreed to publicize it on his radio show.

Steve Nardin reported that he has been sending email notifications to club members about the availability of new editions of the Allen County Ham News to the club member email address of record in the clubs membership database. In other words, he is letting club members know when a new addition of the Ham News is posted on the web site. He asked that club members signed up for the soft copy of the newsletter send him their current email address if they are not receiving the notification. Steve can be reached at : w9san@arrl.net.

Al Burke reported that Tim Kearney had asked if the FWRC could set up an HF and VHF station to demonstrate Ham radio for a Boy Scouts Camporee that would occur on the weekend of 26 April at Salamonie Reservoir. Members willing to volunteer were asked to contact Steve Nardin.

Larry Temenoff reported that the No Name Net was changing its starting time to 9:00 p.m. on Wednesdays starting next week, and would continue with the new start time until Memorial Day.

The 50-50 raffle was held that resulted in splitting a \$17.00 pot between the club treasury and John Reitz, KC9JKA.

Following the business meeting Jim Pliett, K9OMA gave a presentation on Amateur Television to include a demonstration of his 1.2 GHz handy-cam, discussions on amateur AM-DSB, FM and digital systems, a discussion on aspects of HDTV, and a description of the FWRC 910.25 MHz ATV system.



Respectfully submitted,
Al Burke, WB9SSE

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President's Message



The newsletter deadline was early this month, and because of it I do not have a program confirmed for May. You will have to check the web site and your e-mail. The change was necessary because Dayton is on the third weekend in May. For all you new hams, Dayton is supposed to be the largest Hamfest in the world. If you have never gone to Dayton, you should go at least once in your lifetime. They say that if you can't find what you are looking for there, it probably does not exist. Many of the manufacturers wait until Dayton to unveil their new products. It is also a good place to meet face to face with those long distance hams you have been talking to. It is a real experience. Just imagine around 20,000 hams in one place.

Last month was our Spring Banquet. We had a small group, and everyone had a good time. I got to meet some new members. Some future dates to remember are: In June our program will be a Wizards baseball game. Your last chance to see them play at the Castle. There are no meetings in July. In August we have our Family Picnic. And before you know it November will be here and another Fort Wayne Hamfest.

The weather is finally warming up and I will be able to get out in the yard. There is a lot of left over work from last fall before I can even start this year's work. I hope it is dry enough for

a while so that I can till my garden. I may even get some antennas up. But then I think you have heard me say that before. That is all I have this month. Remember to watch the web site and your e-mail for the topic for the may program.

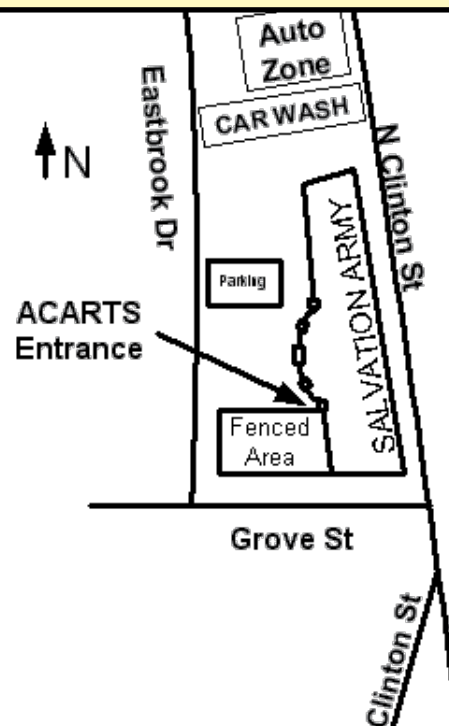
73,
Vic, KA9LTV



Meeting Schedule

General Meeting: May. 20, 7:00 p.m.. Program: TBA

Next Board Meeting: May 13, 7:30 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend.



April 2008 ACARTS Board Meeting Minutes



The meeting was called to order by Vic, KA9LTV.

Vic stated that the April meeting would be the Spring Banquet at Golden Coral on Lima Road. He added that he was trying to get the Salvation Army to make a presentation on their disaster services for the May meeting and that the June meeting would be the Wizards baseball game on June 24th. There would be no meetings in July.

No other business was discussed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Submitted by Dave Lindquist, W9LKH

ARMAD News



As many of you know ARMAD 08 will be held on May 24, 2008 at Georgetown Square. We have planned for our biggest and best event to date.

HAM IT UP FOR THE TROOPS We will be presenting News-15 TV with the ARRL Bill Leonard Award. We are also going to have very good media coverage, and attendance from military services.

We would like to run two HF stations, and two VHF stations during ARMAD. If anyone wants to run any other modes that is also welcome. If you can provide the stations necessary to make our event a success please contact KB9IBW (Emery) or (Bill) N9NAI. I will be very busy with many other event functions and will not be able to handle the radio gear this year.

We are receiving national, and international attention this year for ARMAD. Please plan to attend if you want to help put our local clubs in the spotlight.

Visit www.armad.net for updated information, and to see a list of some of the clubs worldwide planning to be on the air.

ARMAD is a great way to provide a public service for our communities, and Troops. It is also a great way to showcase our hobby. ARMAD is our event, and the public that attends will see us in action along with a great program, and some good entertainment.

Let's "Ham It Up For The Troops."

Sincerely;
Emery / KB9IBW, www.armad.net

April ACARTS new member: KF6CCN

Volunteers Needed for Nationwide Rain and Snow Network

The Community Collaborative Rain, Hail & Snow Network (CoCoRaHS) is expanding across northern Indiana and volunteers are needed in Whitley and surrounding counties. This nationwide project, located online at <http://www.cocorahs.org>, offers an opportunity for anyone to become a volunteer observer of rain and snowfall. Those attending a training session and signing an agreement form will be provided an official National Weather Service approved rain gauge for free.

In support of this expansion effort, the National Weather Service Northern Indiana Office, the Indiana State Climate Office at Purdue, and the Whitley County Amateur Radio Club will host a CoCoRaHS training session Thursday, May 8th at 7:00 p.m. EDT at the Peabody Library in Columbia City. The hands-on session, lasting around 90 minutes, will educate volunteer observers on how to accurately set up and read their new rain gauges and report the data via the internet.

CoCoRaHS came to Indiana in February of 2006 and now has over 800 observers of all ages from across the Hoosier State. Indiana is one of the fastest-growing networks and the first state in the Midwest to join this nationwide network of nearly 10,000 volunteers across 29 states.

CoCoRaHS is a volunteer, grass-roots network dedicated to the monitoring of precious water resources across the country. The public, and organizations involved in agriculture, public safety, and natural resources management will find great benefit from this data, available free of charge to all on the network website. CoCoRaHS also represents an important new portion of nationwide drought monitoring and warning networks for flood monitoring and prediction services. Sam Lashley, Northern Indiana network coordinator and Senior Meteorologist with the National Weather Service Northern Indiana Office, says that the project will help forecasters pin point areas of drought, heavy rain and potential flooding. "Flooding kills more people each year than tornadoes. Timely and accurate reports from CoCoRaHS will aid us in predicting when and where dangerous flooding will occur. During the summer of 2007, CoCoRaHS volunteers were crucial in helping determine areas that were experiencing drought, heavy rain and flooding across all of Indiana," said Lashley.

Lashley is confident that expansion efforts in Whitley county and surrounding areas will be as successful as those in other portions of Indiana. "We've been extremely fortunate so far. Hundreds of extremely interested volunteers statewide have signed up already and the benefits have been tremendous. Volunteers have included senior citizens, children with an interest in science, adult weather enthusiasts, and even schools and home schooled children," said Lashley.

Attendance at the May 8th session is free, and open to any interested resident of the state of Indiana. Additional information can be found at www.weather.gov/iwx or www.cocorahs.org. Interested volunteers are asked to RSVP by contacting Sam Lashley at the National Weather Service office in Northern Indiana (Sam.Lashley@noaa.gov), or by calling 574-834-1104.

Summer DX Activities

FWDXA

Ft Wayne DX Association

- Carl Luetzelschwab
K9LA

As with most other aspects of our Amateur Radio hobby, there are many DX activities to participate in throughout the summer. My wife Vicky and I have been to most of them at least once, and we enjoy the camaraderie of fellow DXers and enjoy listening to the exploits of DXers.

The start of the summer DX activities is usually considered to be the Visalia DX Convention in central California in late April. By the time you read this, the 2008 Convention will be history. This is a very international DX convention, and you'll meet many DXers from far and wide. We were fortunate to attend Visalia several years ago. Thanks to an overbooked flight the previous year, we picked up two free round trip tickets and used them to fly into San Francisco. N6BV met us at the airport, and we drove down to Visalia for the Convention. There are DX presentations all day on Saturday, from DXpeditions to construction projects to DX tips. And there are lots of good vendor booths, too.

Next on the DX summer activities list is Dayton, with its DX Forum and DX Dinner. We've been to both of these many times, and we even gave our Syria presentation at the DX Forum in May 2001. The ARRL has a major presence at Dayton, so getting your QSL cards checked is a big advantage with Dayton.

June is well covered by HamCom in Plano, TX (just north of Dallas). Vicky and I are using our frequent flyer miles to attend this year (it's an easy trip since American Airlines runs a regional jet between Ft. Wayne and the Dallas/Fort Worth

airport). The Lone Star DX Association is very active in setting up DX presentations. We're looking forward to HamCom, along with getting back to some good Texas barbecue.

This year August is well represented with DX activities. The first August activity is the Pacific Northwest DX Convention, and it rotates to Portland, OR this year (last year it was in Seattle, and next year it will be in Vancouver, British Columbia). In addition to all the DX fun, the scenery and seafood is great out there. We're going to miss this one this year, but we have our sights set on Vancouver next year.

The second August DX activity is the return of the W0DXCC Convention (the last one was in Minneapolis in 2003). It will be in Rochester, MN this time. Since our youngest son, his wife, and our two grand kids live in Dubuque, IA (which is only a couple hours from Rochester), we'll be combining the W0DXCC Convention with a visit to Dubuque. The W0DXCC Convention looks like it will be a huge affair, with multiple presentation tracks.

The summer DX activities will wind down with the fifty-sixth W9DXCC Convention in the Chicago area in September. We've been attending this one for a number of years. It's well organized and a lot of fun, with presentations from many top-notch DXpeditions. It's probably our favorite since we know so many of the 9s.

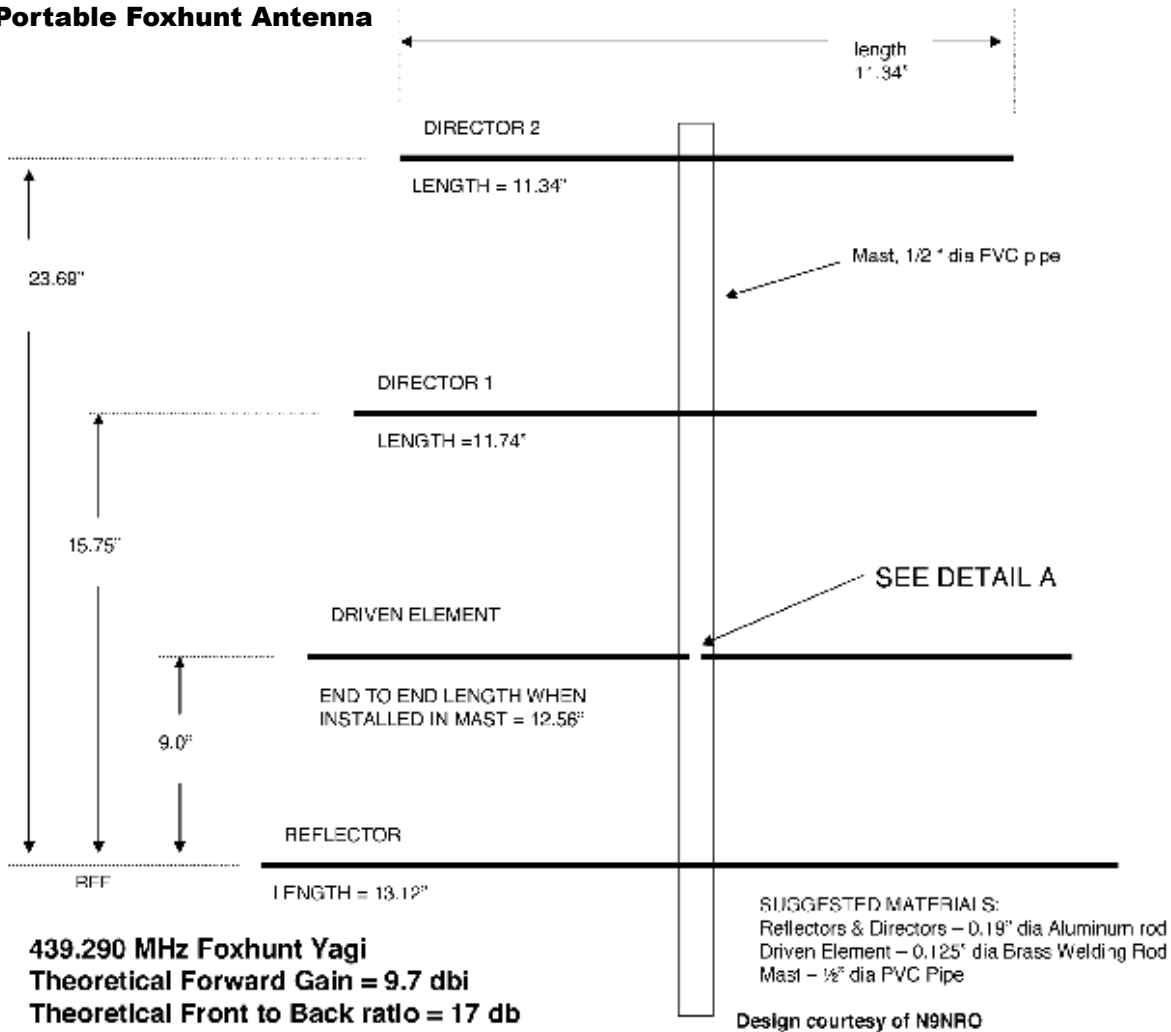
So if you have a hankering for some DX activities this summer, check out the above conventions. All of these get-togethers have web sites (just do a Google search on the convention), so you can go on-line to see what they have to offer. And don't forget to take your DXCC cards - they all have DXCC card checking to some degree.



General Class Upgrade Course Offered at IPFW

Following the success of the Technician Class licensing course this past Winter, Joseph Lawrence (K9RFZ) will be teaching a General Class license upgrade course through the Continuing Studies department of IPFW. "Up Your Frequency; Earn a General Class Ham License" will meet Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6:00 - 8:45 p.m. for three consecutive weeks starting May 12. The course covers all theory, practical operating skills, and regulations required to pass the General Class exam. The course fee is \$40 and the class size is limited to the first 15 registrants, so contact the IPFW Division of Continuing Studies (260-481-6619) today if you are a licensed Technician wanting to upgrade.

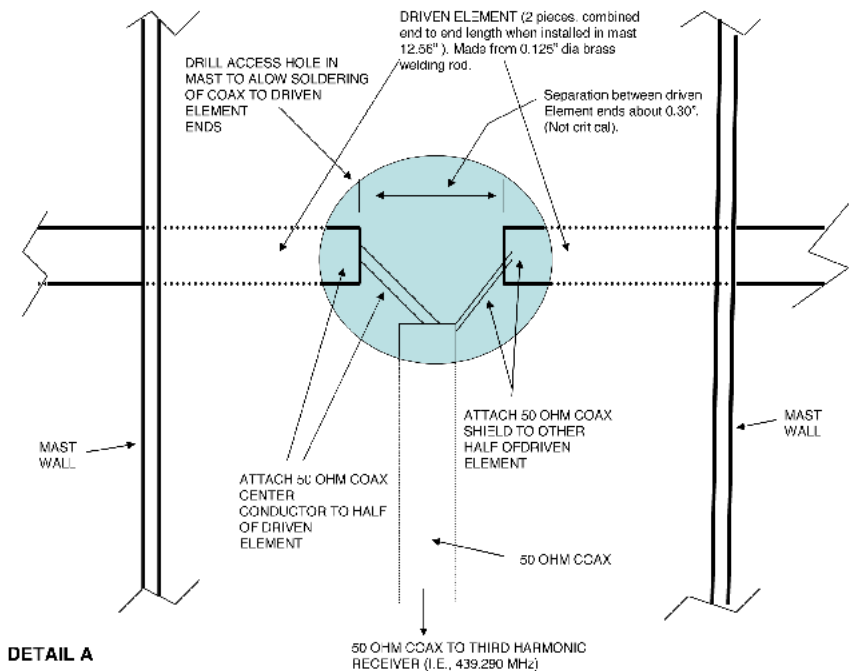
Portable Foxhunt Antenna



Here are drawings for the construction of a foxhunting antenna that can be used for locating the Fox while on foot. The antenna is a four element Yagi tuned to the third harmonic of the fox, i.e., 439.290 MHz, and is used with a handheld tuned to the third harmonic. It consists of two directors, one reflector and one driven element. It is reasonably small and thus easily handled when tromping through the undergrowth. It is optimized for front-to-back ratio and thus should show sharp directivity when pointed at the fox.

Construction materials should be available from most any hardware or farm supply store. Note that 0.125" dia. brass welding rod can be substituted for the specified 0.19" dia. aluminum rod if necessary. Route the 50 ohm coax (RG-58 works fine) up through the PVC mast pipe and solder the center conductor and shield to the two ends of the driven element as shown in Detail A. It is recommended that the ends of the driven element to be soldered are pre-tinned to minimize the amount of time that heat needs to be applied to the joints to avoid melting the PVC where the driven element pieces transition the mast.

Good luck and good Foxhunting,
 73, de WB9SSE



Test Your Metric Abbreviations Knowledge

Which of the following is correct and why are the others wrong?

1. Forty meters
 - a. 40 M
 - b. 40 m
 - c. 40m

2. 24.8 gigahertz
 - a. 24.8 GHZ
 - b. 24.8 Ghz
 - c. 24.8 GHz

3. 3580 kilohertz
 - a. 3580 KHz
 - b. 3580 khz
 - c. 3580 kHz

4. 24 millimeters
 - a. 24 mm
 - b. 24 Mm
 - c. 24mm

5. 24 microfarads
 - a. 24 µf
 - b. 24 µF

6. 120 gigabytes
 - a. 120 Gb
 - b. 120 GB
 - c. 115 GB

Useful Ham Related Web Sites



<http://daycounter.com/Calculators/> — This is a collection of useful electronic calculation engines that may be of use for Ham Radio Operators. [NOTE: this URL is case sensitive!]

http://www.timesmicrowave.com/cable_calculators/ — This is a very useful cable loss calculator for all types of coax, all frequencies.

<http://www.k0bg.com/> — Much information on mobile installations.

Quiz Answers

1. b
The abbreviation for meters is a lower case m. Also, always put a space between the number and unit.
2. c
The abbreviation for hertz is Hz. The prefix for giga is upper case G.
3. c
The abbreviation for hertz is Hz. The prefix for kilo is lower case k.
4. a
If you chose b you would be off by a factor of 10⁹! A lower case m is the prefix for milli (10⁻³). An upper case M is the prefix for mega (10⁶).
If you chose c, shame on you. You didn't read question 1.
5. b
6. b and c
Since lower case b is the abbreviation for bits and uppercase B is for bytes (8 bits = 1 byte), the second answer is what you will find printed on the outside of your hard drive. However, your operating system will report the capacity as 115 GB since manufacturers use base 10 arithmetic and operating systems use binary. For a more in depth explanation download the following paper: <<http://www.wiebetech.com/whitepapers/BillionEqualBillion.pdf>>
A few references:
<<http://abacus.bates.edu/~ganderso/biology/resources/writing/HTWabbr.html>>
<<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hertz>>
<http://www.engineeringtoolbox.com/electrical-units-d_454.html>



Test Points

03-May-2008

Sponsor: W5YI VEC - ALLEN COUNTY

Time: 9:00a.m. (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: JULIAN F FRANKE (260)484-1728

VEC: W5YI VEC

Location: ANTHONY WAYNE AREA COUNCIL/BOY SCOUTS COUNCIL HQ
8315 W JEFFERSON BLVD
FORT WAYNE, IN 46804



28-Jun-2008

Sponsor: UNSPONSORED

Time: 2:00 p.m. (No walk-ins)

Contact: STEPHEN J KOUTS (419)238-5560

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: VAN WERT COUNTY EMA
1220 OLD LINCOLN HWY
BUSINESS US 30 EAST
HOMELAND SECURITY BUILDING
VAN WERT, OH 45891

10-Jul-2008

Sponsor: GOSHEN ARC

Time: 7:00 p.m. (Walk-ins allowed)

Contact: PAUL F COREY (574)262-4414

Email: K9MV@ARRL.NET

VEC: ARRL/VEC

Location: WWW.GOSHENARC.ORG/VE_TESTING.HTML

GREENCROFT BLVD
GREENCROFT RETIREMENTCOMMUNITY
HOMAN BUILDING
GOSHEN, IN 46525

26-Jul-2008

Sponsor: W5YI-VEC -- WHITLEY COUNTY ARC

Time: 9:00 a.m. (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

The estate of Lloyd Dawson, KD9GJ has the following items for sale:

- Yaesu FT-757GX HF Transceiver with speaker, microphone and manual.
- Amp Supply Co. LK-500ZA Linear Amplifier.
Amp Supply Co. AT-3000 Antenna Tuner
- Zetagi SWR-102 Forward-Reflected Power meter.
CDE Ham IV Antenna Rotator with control and manual
- Rohn BX self supporting tower, 48', needs to be taken down.
- Yaesu FT-208R Handheld Transceiver



This equipment is located in Ossian, Indiana. If interested contact:
Bessie Smith, 260-758-9252

2008 Foxhunt Schedule

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

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



Regional Hamfests

Date	Location	Contact Phone	URL or E-mail
11 May 2008	Bucyrus, OH	419-834-0887	w8dzn@arrl.net
16-18 May 2008	Dayton, OH	937-276-6930	http://www.hamvention.org
1 Jun 2008	Chelsea, MI	734-945-1915	http://www.wd8iel.net
7 Jun 2008	Grand Rapids, MI	616-698-6627	http://www.w8hvg.org
8 Jun 2008	Wheaton, IL	630-963-4922	http://www.qsl.net/k9ona
12 Jul 2008	Indianapolis, IN	317-261-6658	http://www.indyhamfest.com
20 Jul 2008	Van Wert, OH	419-238-2812	http://www.w8fy.org/

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



**The Foxhunt Chronicals
April 2008 - Al Burke, WB9SSE**

The third FWRC foxhunt for 2008 was held on the 6th of April and occurred on a Sunday with beautiful spring weather (finally). Once again three eager foxhunting teams appeared at the starting point, the Off Track Betting Parlor parking lot near Meijer’s on Lima Rd. Team one consisted of Carl & Renee Thomas, WB9YBI/KC9KTG. Woody Woodbury, KC9CGN formed the 2nd team, and Steve Nardin, W9SAN formed the third.

Jim & Annie Pliett, WB9YYI/K9OMA, and Carole & Al Burke, WB9RUS/WB9SSE served as the ever evasive fox. The fox’s first taunting transmission caused the hunters to scurry to the west as the fox was hidden

Year to date team member points through April are as follows:

HUNTER:	K9OMA	KA9YYI	WB9SSE	WB9RUS	W9SAN	KC9CGN	WB9YBI	KC9KTG
POINTS:	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5	3.5	6.5	5.5	5.5

under a concrete road barrier in the Fortmeyer’s parking lot at Coliseum and Goshen Rd. Woody Woodbury was the first on the scene but the Thomas’s were the first to find the fox (actually Renee found it first... all the females present started shouting “Girls Rule” in a loud voice). Woody Woodbury was next to find the fox followed closely by Steve Nardin.

Following the hunt, all of the team members plus the fox retired to the truck stop restaurant at Fortmeyer’s for a well deserved reward of dessert and other goodies

The Thomas’s will serve as the Fox for the May hunt which is planned to occur on Monday May 5th starting at 6:30 p.m. Mark it on your calendars and join in on the fun (and dessert afterwards).



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

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

Fort Wayne Radio Club Dues

- Regular membership \$15.00 / year
 - Family membership ¹ \$21.00 / year
 - Student membership ² \$6.00 / year
 - Associate membership ³ \$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

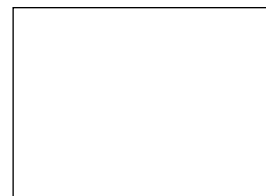
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- IMO:** meets nightly at 6:30 p.m. on 146.88-
- Tri State Two Meter Net:** meets daily at 7 p.m. on 147.015+
- 21 Repeater Group:** meets each Wednesday at 9 p.m. on 147.150
- Help and Swap Net:** Mondays at 9:00 p.m. 146.94(-)
- 6 Meter SSB/AM Net:**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

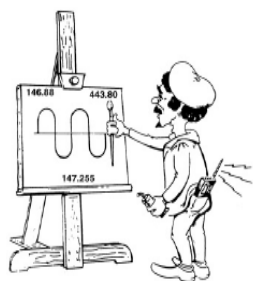
Miscellaneous Nets

- Allen Co. ARES Training Net:** Tuesdays at 9:00 p.m. on the 146.94 W9TE repeater.
- 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:** Wed. 9:00 p.m. Indiana time, 1966 kHz, Wednesday 3866 KHz. Everyone welcome! Contact Larry Temenoff, KB9OS for more info.
- Little Red Barn Net:** M, W, F @ 8:30 a.m. on 3820 kHz. Net control is K9ODF

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Activities Calendar

W9INX/R

Date	Time	Event	Place
5/5/08	6:30 p.m.	foxhunt	off track betting parking lot, Washington Ctr. & Lima Rds.
5/9/08	6:30 p.m.	FWRC Spring Banquet	GSUMC
5/10/08	9:00 a.m.	FWRC repeater maintenance work session	Robison Park site
5/13/08	7:30 p.m.	ACARTS Board Meeting	Salvation Army Center
5/16-18/08		Dayton Hamfest	Dayton, OH
5/20/08	7:30 p.m.	ACARTS General Meeting	Salvation Army Center
5/23/08	7:00 p.m.	ARIES meeting	ACPL Mail Library Rm. C
6/2/08	6:30 p.m.	foxhunt	off track betting parking lot, Washington Ctr. & Lima Rds.
6/6/08	---	deadline for June ACHN items	
6/10/08	7:00 p.m.	FWRC Board Meeting	GSUMC
6/10/08	7:30 p.m.	ACARTS Board Meeting	Salvation Army Center
6/14-15/08		ARRL VHF QSO Party	QTH of KB9OS
6/20/08	7:00 p.m.	FWRC Meeting	GSUMC
6/24/08	7:00 p.m.	ACARTS General Meeting	FW Wizards baseball game
6/28-29/08		FWRC Field Day	Girl Scout Camp
7/4/08	---	deadline for July ACHN items	
7/7/08	6:30 p.m.	foxhunt	