

Allen County HamNews

Fort Wayne Radio Club

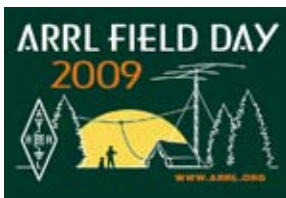
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FWRC Field Day - Steve, W9SAN

It is that time of year again! Of course we are talking about Field Day, the most popular operation event for amateurs in North America. Join thousands of stations across the US and Canada, for an operating blast!



This year we are changing our location from the Girl Scout Camp to the northeast corner of the IPFW campus in Fort Wayne. Dates are June 27th and 28th. We go to work setting up at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday; take-down is approx 3:00 p.m. on Sunday afternoon. There will not be a hog roast this year, but please join us for the evening carry-in meal, with entertainment from Chad Beech, W9GGA, as he performs his "Chad show" for us. It starts around 6:00 p.m. on Saturday. Talk-in on the 146.94 machine.

Jim, KB9WWM, will be running the GOTA stations again this year. If you are an experience Field Day'er, you know how much fun this can be. If you have never been to FD, now's the time to give it a try! We will be running CW, SSB, and digital modes, as well as weak signal VHF on 6 and 2 meters. This site is very accessible to the public, so we are hoping for a good turnout. All hams are welcome as well.

Interested? Then join us on Thursday night at 9:00 p.m. on the 146.94 repeater for planning activities, and to see how you can help be part of Field Day. See you at IPFW! (see map on pg. 3)

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ARRL June VHF QSO Party - Steve, W9SAN

The Fort Wayne Radio Club will be participating in the upcoming 2009 ARRL VHF QSO Party on June 13th and 14th. Location for the event will be held at Riverside Park in Leo-Cedarville, IN, near the intersection of Schwartz Road and Grabill Road, near the bridge over the St. Joseph River. Setup will be after breakfast in Grabill, approx 9:00 a.m. The contest begins at 2:00 p.m. Tear down will be approx 3:00 p.m. on Sunday. The club call, W9TE, will be used for the weekend. Last year, the FWRC won the title of 1st place in the Limited Multioperator category for the state of Indiana. We hope to equal that finish again this year.

If you have never experienced weak signal VHF/UHF contesting, come out and join us! If you already know the fun of working with microvolt signals, join us, or work us on the bands. See you there! Planning meetings are part of the Thursday night FD meetings at 9:00 p.m. EDT on 146.94 repeater, Fort Wayne. (see map on pg. 3)

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**Deadline for the July issue is Friday, 7/3/09.
Please do NOT send anything in all caps!!**

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<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/FWRC/>

ACARTS: <http://www.acarts.com>

Ft. Wayne DX Assoc.: <http://www.qsl.net/fwdxa/>
ARES: http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Allen_Co_IN_ARES/
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President's Corner



If you missed it, May was the annual Fort Wayne Radio Club Spring Banquet and as always everyone had a good evening of food and fellowship. The turnout was excellent and there was plenty of food

left over. If you haven't been to one of our banquets, make sure you attend the next one. It is a great way to sit down and really get to know some of your fellow club members.

The June General Meeting will be held Friday June 19th at 7:00 PM at the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church. This month's meeting is going to be a little different. I will be out of town traveling on a business trip so we are going to forgo the business portion of the meeting. The first half of the meeting will be the final Field Day planning session, more about that a little later. Then after the break Adolph Wozniak, WA9WTJ, will be presenting on the subject of coaxial transmission lines and Maxwell's Equations. If you are interested in feed lines and antennas this will be a "must see" presentation. Adolph is incredibly knowledgeable in this area and he will be able to answer your questions.

Well as I already mentioned June has arrived and as you probably know by now, the Fort Wayne Radio Club board of directors voted to move Field Day to the campus of IPFW this year. The Girl Scout camp has worked very well for us over the last several years and both sites have a number of advantages as well as disadvantages. The one advantage that we want to capitalize on is that the IPFW site will be easier to find and more accessible and inviting to the general public.

We have been discussing that the Field Day move to IPFW will present a number of new challenges that we have not had to face for Field Day for awhile. We will not be able to do a Hog Roast in the traditional sense that we have for the last

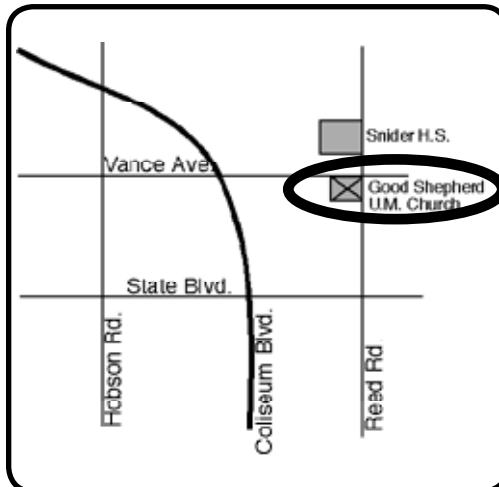
ten years because we are not able to charge for an event held at IPFW. We will be working on an alternative meal. Shelter and antenna supports will also offer different challenges at IPFW. As I mentioned we will be discussing these details in the first half of the general meeting. So make sure you are there to voice your opinion on the best way to make this change successful.

We are also continuing to raise money for the 146.91 repeater project. We need to raise money to get the "91" back to general operation with Echolink capability. The club will be matching the money raised up to \$3000 and we will know by July how much money we will have for this project.

Don't forget the June General Meeting, Friday June 19th at 7:00 PM at the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church. This is a meeting you won't want to miss!

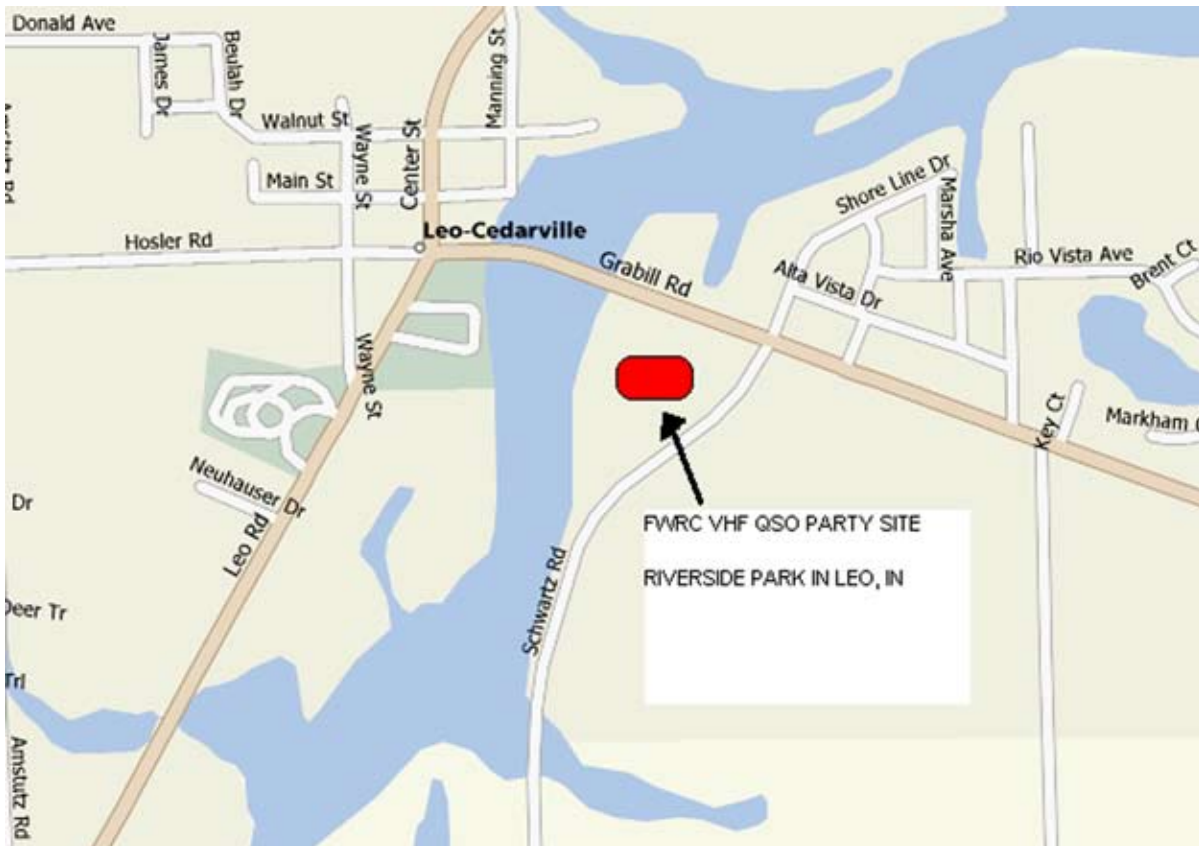
Tom / N9TB

FWRC Meeting
June 19, 7:00 p.m.
Program: Field Day
prep plus coax trans-
mission lines





FWRC Field Day site



FWRC VHF QSO Party site

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President's Message



Can you believe that it is June already, and the year is half over. Where has the time gone. It won't be long before November is here and another Hamfest.

I would like to thank Al Burke, WB9SSE, and Jim Pliett, K9OMA, for last month's program. They gave a talk about Fox Hunting. They showed pictures of some of the fox hunts and told some hunting stories. They also brought along some antennas that they use in hunting. But, those antennas did not compare with the antenna on Jim's hunt van. The program for this month will be about ARES and RACES. It will be presented by Joseph Lawrence, K9RFZ. If you are interested in emergency communications, come to the meeting. Joseph will explain how ARES and RACES work, and the requirements to participate.

From the "Green Thumb" front my garden is in and growing. I was able to get things planted on May 13th. This is the first time in several years that I have been able to get it in this early. The last few years has been cold and wet in May and I had to wait until mid June. This means I will have tomatoes and peppers in time for the Family Picnic in August. Maturity date is usually 65 days from planting. The weeds are growing too and that means a never ending battle of pulling weeds. I have a serious problem with Canadian Thistle, and have had a hard time getting rid of it. If you look at where it is, it is all in a straight line. This particular weed sends out tubers from which the weed grows up. It is also deep. When you pull up on the weed, you may have a shoot as long as 12 inches or more. The best way to get rid of them I have been told is to get them as they sprout. It is a get on your hands and knees with a small paint brush. You use straight full strength Roundup and paint the leaves. Pulling them out does not get to the tubers. It may take several years to fully get rid of them. Oh what fun it is. NOT !!! I almost forgot, I picked some strawberries already.

ACARTS Program

The program for June will be about ARES and RACES. It will be presented by Joseph Lawrence, K9RFZ. If you have an interest in emergency communications, Joseph will explain how ARES and RACES work, and what is required to participate.



73,
Vic, KA9LTV

Meeting Schedule

General Meeting: 6/16/09, 7:00 p.m., Program: ARES & RACES by K9RFZ

Next Board Meeting: 6/9/09, 7:00 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend.



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From "Computer Man" a short report. My internet connection recently slowed down for some reason. I am signed up for Comcast "Blast" which gives me 16 mbps download, and 10 mbps upload. I went to a website that tests your speeds, and I was barely getting 5mbps down and 768 kb upload. I called tech support and they confirmed that I was signed up for Blast. The tech tried to ping my computer and confirmed the slow speeds that I was getting. He said it is possible that my modem was no longer supported for high speeds, and suggested getting one that is rated for higher speeds. I bought a new modem and connected it. It also required a call to tech support to get it to connect. They had to change my MAC and Serial numbers for the new modem. Everything works fine now and my speeds are where they should be.

A reminder of future dates. There will be no meetings in July. The Family Picnic is our August program. That is all I have for this month. See you at the meeting.

73,
Vic, KA9LTV

May 2009 ACARTS Board Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Vic, KA9LTV.

Vic announced that the May General Meeting would be a presentation on fox hunting by Al Burke, WB9SSE, and Jim Pliett, K9OMA.

Jim, KB9IH, stated that he had attended the Community Disaster Operations Panel presentation at the Anthis Career Center on April 25th. The panel was made up of representatives of community organizations and local government agencies and addressed the language and cultural barriers present during emergencies and disasters. Jim said that the presentation was interesting but was poorly attended by the public.

Tom, N9TB, of the Fort Wayne Radio Club told about the proposed move of their 146.91 repeater from Robison Park to IPFW. The idea of locating the ACARTS APRS transceiver and possibly the 147.255 to Robison park was discussed. The idea of ACARTS donating one of their old antennas and feedline to FWRC was also discussed. An action plan of providing the frequencies and power levels to AEP for evaluation and checking the condition of the ACARTS antennas was developed.

Tom also invited all ACARTS members to the FWRC Field Day site at IPFW this year.

No other business was discussed.

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

Submitted by Dave Lindquist, W9LKH

May 2009 ACARTS General Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Vic, KA-9LTV.

Vic announced that he would try to get Joseph Lawrence, K9RFZ, to give a presentation on Emergency Communications and the Allen County ARES and RACES operations for the June program. He added that there would be no meetings in July and that the August General meeting would be the club picnic.

Jim, KB9IH, stated that the club's APRS radio and the spare do not work and would have to be fixed before any move was made.

After refreshments, a interesting presentation was made by Al Burke, WB9SSE, and Jim Pliett, K9OMA, on the local fox hunts and the equipment necessary.

Submitted by Dave Lindquist, W9LKH

ARRL Field Day Tips And Techniques That Everyone Can Use

from *The ARRL Letter* - Many amateurs treat ARRL Field Day (June 27-28) as a contest, even though it isn't one <<http://www.arrl.org/fieldday>>. But if your idea of Field Day fun is to go for the highest score possible, ARRL Contest Branch Manager Sean Kutsko, KX9X, offered the following suggestions at the ARRL Field Day Forum at the 2009 Dayton Hamvention.

1) You will get many more stations in your log by calling CQ than by tuning the dial and answering CQs; however, if you're calling CQ and not getting any replies, keep calling. Most major contesters call CQ for several minutes at a time before giving up. Giving up after three or four CQs is giving up too soon.

2) Keep your CQs short and to the point: "CQ Field Day, CQ Field Day, Whiskey-One-Alfa-Whiskey, Field Day." Wait about 5 seconds between CQs -- this gives stations enough time to answer you.

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Cycle 24, Where Are You?

- Carl Luetzelschwab K9LA



Ft Wayne DX Association

The following appeared on the Space Weather Prediction Center website (www.swpc.noaa.gov/SolarCycle/index.html) on May 8, 2009.

Solar Cycle 24 Prediction Update

The Solar Cycle 24 Prediction Panel has reached a consensus decision on the prediction of the next solar cycle (Cycle 24). First, the panel has agreed that solar minimum occurred in December, 2008. This still qualifies as a prediction since the smoothed sunspot number is only valid through September, 2008. The panel has decided that the next solar cycle will be below average in intensity, with a maximum sunspot number of 90. Given the predicted date of solar minimum and the predicted maximum intensity, solar maximum is now expected to occur in May, 2013. Note, this is a consensus opinion, not a unanimous decision. A supermajority of the panel did agree to this prediction.

This is a major departure from earlier predictions. Prior to this, the Solar Cycle 24 Prediction Panel was split on whether Cycle 24 would be greater than average (a pre-

diction for a smoothed sunspot number of around 140) or slightly below average (a prediction for a smoothed sunspot number of around 90). The new prediction is in the accompanying figure, showing a maximum smoothed sunspot number of 90 in early 2013.

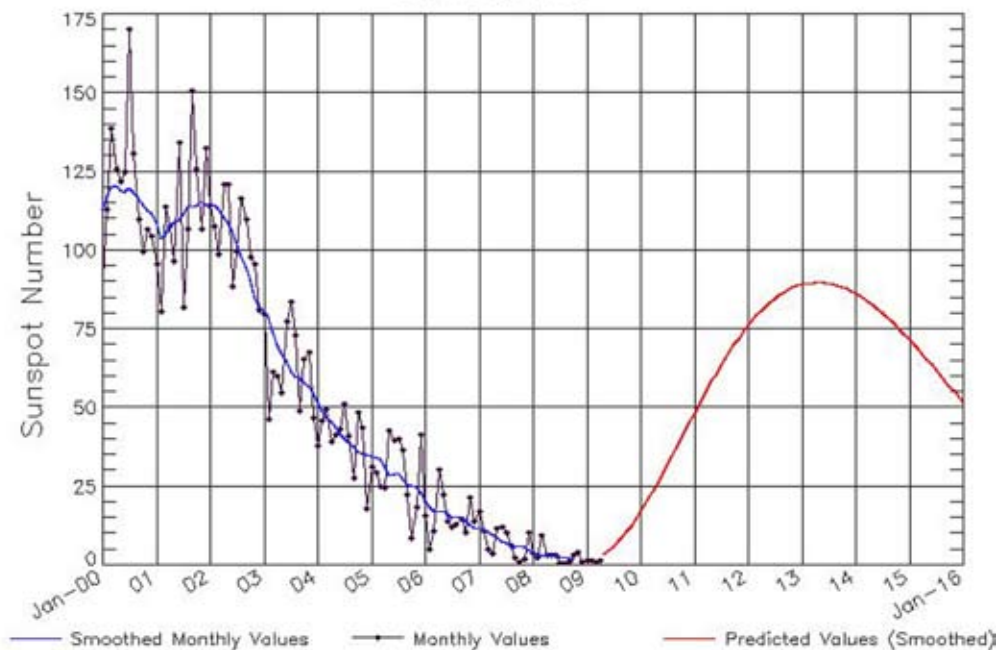
The fact that we are experiencing an average or slightly longer-than-average solar minimum period appears to have swayed some of the high prediction people over to the low prediction side. The reason for this comes from analysis of historical data. It shows a very good correlation between the length of a solar minimum period and the maximum smoothed sunspot number of the next solar cycle - the longer the solar minimum period (like we're experiencing), the lower the next solar cycle.

So it's beginning to look more and more like Cycle 24 will not be a big one. This is certainly disappointing for higher band enthusiasts (and this won't help 6m F2 propagation, either), but there's nothing we can do about it. We'll just have to take advantage of whatever comes our way.

What this also means is the higher bands to Europe won't be back as early as previously predicted - which was later this fall. Now I suspect we'll have to wait until the fall of 2010 to really have some consistent F2 region openings to Europe on 15m, 12m, and 10m. Looking on the bright side, we have another year to get our high band antennas ready!

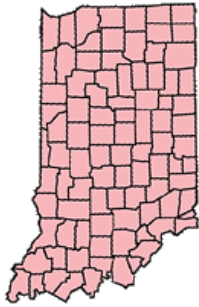
ISES Solar Cycle Sunspot Number Progression

Data Through Apr 09



Updated 2009 May 8

NOAA/SWPC Boulder, CO USA



Monthly Indiana Section News Summary

David Berry, N9QP and I had the opportunity to attend the hamfest at Peru, which was a good one this year. Their VE testing had a 45 percent passing rate. We met a lot of Hams and had good conversations with all of them. I do believe that they should think about having it on Saturday, as

that way they would not be competing with church.

Amateur Radio License Plates

David, N9KT did lots of research and got over a hundred e-mails from hams. Many talked with branch managers or personally knew the BMV people they talked to. His two point summary is this:

A. Currently, the easiest way to get your ham plates is by mail. When BMV mails out your AR reservation in the fall, make sure you follow up on it in order to get your plate made. When the BMV mails out your registration renewal a month or so in advance of your current plate expiration date, make sure you mail it back by the deadline in order to get your new AR plate before the old one expires.

B. Our AR plates are only \$8. The surrounding states are \$30 or more. If we complain too much, they might just lump us in with the Personalized License Plate program and make us pay \$40.

Indianapolis Police Test for Amateur Radio License. Here is Dave Wendt's, KA9OOH report: "21 Candidates - 14 New Techs -No retakes or upgrades. The whole session went very well once we got the paper flowing, but then we had 13 veteran VEs. We tested 15 in the first session; all officers scheduled to go on shift at 1 PM, then after the break, tested 6 more coming off shift. There were no problems at all, and the whole session was very cordial. Several candidates who didn't pass expressed interest in making one of the regular monthly sessions for retakes, and the same IMPD district has tentatively scheduled another special session for the other shifts. That session will be handled through the Indianapolis Radio Club VE team. (Our Johnson County Club, MID-State ARC, handled this one because the IRC's new VE head, Dovid Ofstein, N9APE, hadn't handled a session before.) I know that there was some concern in ham circles about the possibility of some of the officers using their new licenses for the same kind of on-air activity that brought this about, but I believe that between our people and the IMPD, that won't be a problem. All the new hams are aware of what caused the problem initially and seemed ready to operate legally. The problem originated in a different district of the IMPD, and we emphasized that local hams would be watching the new hams very carefully, and that the FCC would not treat a recurrence lightly. All those we talked with today seemed to realize this and are looking forward to their new privileges."

Training for ARES Operators

There has been some discussion on the ARES yahoo group

about required training. It is our hope that all ARES operators are trained to not only handle ARES duties, but also to step in when the government calls for RACES to handle the communications. In order to do so, you must have some FEMA training to be utilized. The training is a free online, self study course offered at the following links.

IS 700 <http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/IS700a.asp>

IS 100 <http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/IS100A.asp>

IS 200 <http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/IS200A.asp>

IS 800 <http://training.fema.gov/EMIWeb/IS/IS800b.asp>

I believe that Kent Winkler, the Gibson County EC said it great in his email:

"I feel the following question and answer from FEMA on their NIMS webpage sums up the need for the training.

To whom does NIMS apply?

NIMS is applicable to State, tribal and local governments, private sector organizations, critical infrastructure owners and operators, nongovernmental organizations and other organizations with an active role in emergency management and incident response. Elected and appointed officials, who are responsible for jurisdictional policy decisions, must also have a clear understanding of their emergency management roles and responsibilities to better serve their constituency.

Basically if you want to be involved in an incident, you are required to have this training. If you do not have it, you will be turned away. To work with upper command staff in a support role, such as communications, the level of training is IS-700, IS 100, and IS-200."

Thanks Kent for the great insight into the training needed.

Lastly, here is a quick word about interference.

Where ever I go hams tell me that they wished people would not tune up on top of a station or the listening frequency and on repeaters not to kerchunk over and over again. Remember when you transmit, even if it is just to see if the repeater is on and most of them are on all the time, you must ID your station.

Some people enjoy going from repeater to repeater just kerchunking one machine after the other. This gets old fast and can be tracked down by the Technical Specialists and Official Observers usually pretty quick. So, don't just kerchunk, give out your call.

Rules are rules, and if we want to keep our call signs we must play by them. If we don't, the OOs will file a report letting the FCC know who they have found that is doing it. Trust me they do find out.

Line Noise is another problem that we must work on with our electric company. Patience and politeness are the two most important attributes one must have when wanting someone to trace down a noise that is causing you trouble. Don't go yelling at them and telling them they are going to fix the

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For Sale & Wanted

For Sale - Cleaning out the shack!

- 1) Icom AT-160 Automatic Antenna Tuner. New in box, never used. \$150.00
- 2) Yaesu 140=520 MHz SWR & power meter. \$40.00
- 3) 1 Kenwood & 1 Cobra FRS radios. Sold together only. \$25.00
- 4) VHF/UHF dual band HT antenna, 15.5" long. \$10.00

All items in excellent condition, prices firm.
Call Ron, WB9AA, 747-3816 after 4:00 PM.

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For Sale:

QST collection: 1954 through 2006. All issues, plus some random 73 and Ham Radio magazines. Asking \$25.00 Call Steve, W9SAN, 260-482-4039 or W9SAN(at)ARRL.net. Includes early BYTE magazine collection, plus Microcomputing.

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Free: Various pipes and rods for antenna experimenting and repairs. Several 10' lengths of 1.25" dia (I think) steel pipe, several 10' lengths of 3/8" solid aluminum rod, about a dozen elements from a beam with plastic insulating mounts in the center of each one, and other various pipes and rods. Free to whoever wants to haul it away.

Don Gagnon WB8HQS,
260-484-3317
don(at)digiwonders.com

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For Sale:

Tower (Rohn HDBX-48 – some rust)
Cushcraft 11 element 70cm beam (A449-11)
Cushcraft 20 element dual phase beam (A148-20T)
Comet 146/443 Mhz 8.5/12 dB gain collinear antenna (GP-9)
Cornell-Dubilier CDE HAM II rotor (now HyGain)
Discone antenna (50-1200 Mhz)
4 - approx 120 foot runs of Beldon 8214 equiv low loss coax
2 – approx 120 foot and 1 70 foot run of RG8X “mini” RG8 coax
1 - approx 120 feet of R&L 8 conductor (2/16 6/18) rotor cable
Cross boom for 70 cm beam antenna
Cross boom for discone and inverted V longwire
Estimated 15 foot very heavy duty mast pipe out of the rotor
In the air now - I will tilt over, you disassemble and haul away. - \$1100

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Indiana Section News, continued

problem or else.

Simply explain the problem and tell them what you have done to prove it wasn't anything in your house. Also let them know if you trace some of the noise to a certain pole or transformer.

Then asked them to please come out and search your town and around your area to see if they can find all the hot spots.

I did this a year ago and they found several hotspots around Knox. After repairing some of them, I told him the noise was indeed better, but not gone. They finally found it a half block from my house, a loose wire on a nightlight pole. The moment they tighten it up, my noise was completely gone.

However, like some of you after this hard winter, I have some back again. It is time for me to send an e-mail to the power company's RFI guy again and ask for another search.

Until next month, enjoy the spring weather and get outside, its antenna weather. Oh, and of course garden time must be worked in to please the XYL.

73
John, W3ML



Field Day Tips, continued

3) Use standard phonetics. “Cute” phonetics don't always get through and they can confuse newer operators.

4) When working a station, you should give your exchange information only once and keep it simple. “Whiskey-One-Alfa-Whiskey, copy three Foxtrot Connecticut, QSL?” If they didn't get all of the exchange, they will ask for a repeat.

5) If you are running a pileup: Once you have pulled a call out of the pileup, give your exchange information first. Here's an example: “Whiskey-One-Alfa-Whiskey, copy 3F Connecticut, QSL?” Don't ask for the calling station's information first -- this will reduce any sense of rhythm and timing in the pileup.

6) If you get a pileup of stations and can't make out an entire call, listen for one letter and ask for it specifically: “The station with Delta only, go ahead.”

7) When you get the other station's information, keep your acknowledgment simple. “QSL, thanks, QRZ Field Day from Whiskey-One-Alfa-Whiskey.”

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Test Points

23-Jun-2009

Sponsor: GRANT COUNTY ARC
 Time: 5:00 PM (No walk-ins)
 Contact: JAMES C DAVIS
 (765)664-9848
 Email: DAVIS@COMTECK.COM
 VEC: ARRL/VEC
 Location: MARION COMMUNITY SCIENCE AND TECH BUILDING
 135 N BRANSON ST
 MARION, IN 46952

27-Jun-2009

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

09-Jul-2009

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

25-Jul-2009

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
 WWW.WCARC.ORG
 COLUMBIA CITY, IN 46725

28-Jul-2009

Sponsor: GRANT COUNTY ARC
 Time: 5:00 PM (No walk-ins)
 Contact: JAMES C DAVIS
 (765)664-9848
 Email: DAVIS@COMTECK.COM
 VEC: ARRL/VEC
 Location: MARION COMMUNITY SCIENCE AND TECH BUILDING
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01-Aug-2009

Sponsor: W5YI VEC-ALLEN COUNTY
 Time: 9:00AM (Walk-ins allowed)
 Contact: THOMAS C BAKER
 (260)747-2714
 Email: N9TB@ARRL.NET
 VEC: ARRL/VEC
 Location: BOY SCOUT HQ-ANTHONY WAYNE AREA COUNCIL
 8315 W JEFFERSON BLVD
 FORT WAYNE, IN 46804



25-Aug-2009

Sponsor: GRANT COUNTY ARC
 Time: 5:00 PM (No walk-ins)
 Contact: JAMES C DAVIS
 (765)664-9848
 Email: DAVIS@COMTECK.COM
 VEC: ARRL/VEC
 Location: MARION COMMUNITY SCIENCE AND TECH BUILDING
 135 N BRANSON ST
 MARION, IN 46952

22-Sep-2009

Sponsor: GRANT COUNTY ARC
 Time: 5:00 PM (No walk-ins)
 Contact: JAMES C DAVIS
 (765)664-9848
 Email: DAVIS@COMTECK.COM
 VEC: ARRL/VEC
 Location: MARION COMMUNITY SCIENCE AND TECH BUILDING
 135 N BRANSON ST
 MARION, IN 46952

26-Sep-2009

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

2009 Foxhunt Schedule

Jan.	No Hunt	13 July	6:30 p.m.
8 Feb.	1:30 p.m.	3 Aug.	6:30 p.m.
1 Mar.	1:30 p.m.	14 Sept.	6:30 p.m.
5 Apr.	1:30 p.m.	4 Oct.	1:30 p.m.
4 May	6:30 p.m.	1 Nov.	1:30 p.m.
1 June	6:30 p.m.	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
20 Jun 2009	Midland, MI	989-828-6657	http://www.qsl.net/w8kea
20 Jun 2009	Milford, OH	513-831-6255	http://www.w8mrc.com
21 Jun 2009	Wheaton, IL	708-485-5481	http://www.k9ona.com
21 Jun 2009	Monroe, MI	734-242-9487	http://www.mcrc.org/hamfest.htm
11 Jul 2009	Indianapolis, IN	765-985-2811	http://www.nci-hamfest.com
19 Jul 2009	Van Wert, OH		http://www.w8fy.org

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



**The Foxhunt Chronicals
May 2009 – Al Burke, WB9SSE**

The 4th FWRC foxhunt for the 2009 season was held on Monday the 4th of May 2009 with temperatures in the 60's, and with, for once, a dry, pleasant evening.

The May hunters consisted of four teams including Jim & Kim Machamer, KB9's DOT & DOS, the team of Charlie Ward, KC9MUT & Phil Hooper, AB9IZ, the team of Carl & Renee Thomas, WB9YBI & KC9KTG, and the team of Jim & Annie Pliett, K9OMA & KA9Y-YI and Al & Carole Burke, WB9's SSE & RUS.

The role of the Fox was provided by J. Welsh, KC9AFE and his helper "T", and her K-9 helper Lori, K9WOOF. They were located alongside a large retention pond near State Route 14 and I-469 and were getting a little fishing in while serving as the Fox. The Fox itself was an ADI cross-band HT and was sneakily ensconced in a "puppy backpack" that Lori was wearing.

The hunt started promptly at 6:30 p.m. with the hunters stationed at the Off-Track Betting Parlor at Lima and

Washington Center Roads. J. started radiating a few watts from his mobile R/T and was not clearly heard by all of the teams. So it was follow the leader east until everyone started hearing J's mobile rig.

Charlie Ward and Phil Hooper were the first to find the fox. Translation, they were brave enough to rummage through Lori's backpack without knowing for sure her temperament. (She was a sweetheart, and she told me, based on their looks, she was very dubious about taking a bit out of them regardless how much she wanted too). Jim & Kim followed Charlie and Phil, and they were followed by the Pliett/Burke team and then Carl & Renee Thomas.

Following the hunt everyone relocated to the Steak-N-Shake at Maysville and I-469 and proceeded to chow-down on various goodies including desserts.

The June hunt is planned for Monday, 1 June starting at 6:30 p.m. from the OTB parking lot. Charlie Ward and/or Phil Hooper will serve as the fox. Hope to see you there.

Al Burke, WB9SSE

Year To Date Foxhunt Scores

K9OMA	KA9YYI	WB9SSE	WB9RUS	W9SAN	KC9CGN	WB9YBI	KC9KTG
7	7	7	7	1	5	7.5	5
KB9DOS	KB9DOT	KC9AFE	KC9MUT	AB9IZ	K9WOOF		
7.5	7.5	7	7	4	2		



Ernie Blazer, AA9NL, SK

Ernest Blazer [AA9NL], 76, passed away on Friday, May 15, 2009, with wife, Sara and daughters, Julie Fields and Jean Bieszke by his side. Born Aug. 1, 1932, he was a stock car racer, builder and roofer, but most of all, a loving father and husband. He was previously married to Patricia Blazer for 35 years. He enjoyed computers, ham radio, fixing cars and helping others. He is survived by wife, Sara; brother, Albert; three daughters; one son; and many grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his brother, Eugene. "Love you more Dad and Grandpa." Published in Fort Wayne Newspapers on 5/17/2009

Field Day Tips, continued

- 8) Find a comfortable pace for you and maintain that pace. You will tire quickly if you are screaming into the microphone or trying to work stations too quickly. This leads to inefficiency.
- 9) Use a headset with a boom microphone and a foot switch -- this frees up your hands to log QSOs. Writing or typing with a mike in your hand slows you down.
- 10) Go for as many bonus points as you possibly can. Numerous opportunities exist, from copying the Field Day message to sending traffic to using natural power for QSOs.

These tips should help maximize your score on Field Day. Remember: No matter how you choose to enjoy Field Day, maximize your fun, however you define it.

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 \$17.00/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 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 \$17.00 / 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
- 145.530 (s) W9INX-1 Digipeater and Node

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

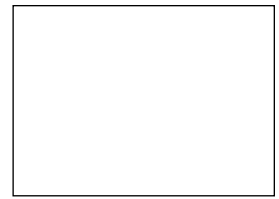
- (please submit any changes or corrections to the editor)
- IMO:** meets nightly at 6:30 p.m. on 146.88-
- Tri State Two Meter Net:** meets daily at 7:00 p.m. on 147.015+
- 21 Repeater Group:** meets each Wed. at 7:30 p.m. on 147.150
- Help and Swap Net:** Mondays at 9:00 p.m. 146.94(-)
- 6 Meter SSB/AM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

- Daily Indiana Traffic Net** 3.910 @ 8:30 a.m. & 4:30 p.m. local times
- Daily (QIN) Indiana Section CW net** 3.535 @ 9:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m. local times

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 8:00 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 +
- 160 Meter "No-Name" Net:** Sun. 8:00 p.m. Indiana time 1966 kHz., Wed. 9:00 p.m. 3866 KHz., Cross-band link on 146.49 MHz. 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
- Northeast Indiana Packet Net:** Sunday at 9:00 p.m. on 145.530 @ 1200 baud. We use unconnected converse mode to communicate for a roundtable net setting. Use your "UNPROTO" command or equivalent to set Digi path(s) through the strongest station(s) needed between you and your destination. Only use those that are necessary! Have all your "Monitor" settings on so you can see everyone.

Allen County HamNews
 PO BOX 10342
 FORT WAYNE, IN 46851



TO:



Activities Calendar

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Place</u>
6/13-14/09		VHF QSO Party	Riverside Gardens Park - Schwartz and Grabill Rd.
6/16/09	7:00 PM	ACARTS General Meeting	Salvation Army Center
6/19/09	7:00 PM	FWRC Meeting	GSUMC
6/27-28/09		Field Day	IPFW
7/3/09	--->	deadline for July ACHN items	
7/7/09	7:00 PM	FWRC Board Meeting	GSUMC
7/13/09	6:30 PM	foxhunt	off track betting parking lot, Washington Ctr. & Lima Rds.
7/17/09	7:00 PM	FWRC Meeting	GSUMC
8/7/09	--->	deadline for Aug. ACHN items	
8/11/09	7:00 PM	ACARTS Board Meeting	Salvation Army Center
8/11/09	7:00 PM	FWRC Board Meeting	GSUMC
8/15/09	1:00 PM	ACARTS Family Picnic	TBA
8/21/09	6:00 PM	FWRC Tailgate Hamfest	GSUMC parking lot
8/28/09	--->	deadline for Sep. ACHN items	
9/8/09	7:00 PM	ACARTS General Meeting	Salvation Army Center
9/8/09	7:00 PM	FWRC Meeting	GSUMC
9/14/09	6:30 PM	foxhunt	off track betting parking lot, Washington Ctr. & Lima Rds.