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## PLANS FOR ARRL FIELD DAY

**Date:** June 22 after 3 p.m. (Friday). Operation of "QRP night" that evening plus early set up of several Field Day station locations.

**Location:** Dolnick Learning Center on the far Northeast side of the IPFW campus, just east of Canterbury Green Apartments, off of St Joe Road in Fort Wayne. (See map.)

**Time:** June 23 and 24. Full FD setup begins at 8 a.m. on Saturday morning. Contest starts at 1 p.m. and runs to Sunday at 1 p.m. Take-down from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Look for our site on the ARRL Field Day locator to be found at [www.arrl.org](http://www.arrl.org).

### Last meeting

We had the following hams in attendance:

AB9PC, W9BGJ, WB9ZQG, KC9UHU, AC9BE, WB9DLC, W9GT, K3HZP, N9WLW, K9FMX. KC9TRM responded via e-mail.

We discussed many subjects, including the following:

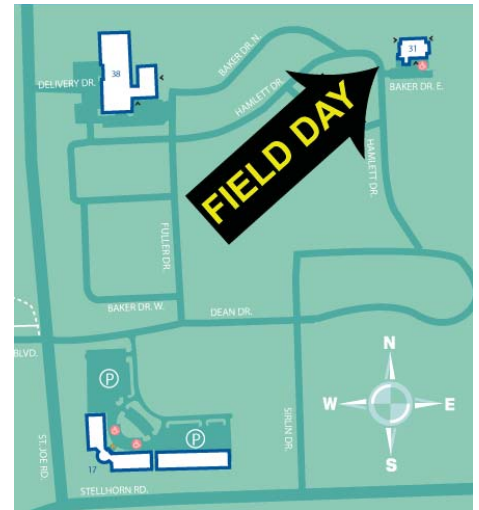
**Computers:** for logging at Field Day, several expressed the opinion that the computers NOT be networked unless we can work out any bugs prior to the FD event. Several hams volunteered to

test out the systems including KC9UHU, AC9BE, and KC9EZP. I made the assumption that KC9MUT would also help out, as he worked on them last year. It would be great if these individuals would get together and make sure everything is working properly with these computers as we don't want a repeat of last year's problems.

**PR:** Brian, W9BGJ, volunteered to again work as a PR agent to send out information to locale media sources. AC9BE also volunteered to contact local Girl Scout leaders to spread the word.

**Food:** Linda, W9LAN, is looking for help with the food preparation for the Saturday dinner at the Field Day. Several have volunteered so far. (WB9ZQG; KB9LOF; KB9DOS) Any other takers? We will be looking at a possible alternative to Jamison's as we get started with food planning. Also, we are thinking about a Sunday "Brunch" as a possibility to feed the troops. Comments; suggestions??

One thing that I would like to propose is that someone take on the task of building a "noise shield" for the club generator. The generator is approx a 30 inch cube. I am thinking of a five sided box about 36 inches on a side that could be easily



erected over the generator to subdue the drone of the engine. This would "knock down" and store in the trailer. Anybody game to give this a try?

We are looking for helpers to plan and organize the following activities at Field Day:

Possible volunteers for:

- 1.) run GOTA station
- 2.) coordinate station location
- 3.) organize station antennas

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The deadline for the each issue is the first day of the month.

# Hamsplatter

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## THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Our club activities continue to ramp up for spring. On May 5th, we participated in the Indiana QSO party from the Dolnick Learning Center on the IPFW campus. This was a good dress rehearsal for our upcoming Field Day and QRP night this month, and gave us a first look at how our new trailer would perform. It all went off without any major issues. The new trailer is light years easier to unload and reload, plus it did double duty as an operating position as well. Our effort in the QSO party brought over 150,000 points, so we were very pleased with the outcome. And everyone enjoyed the pizza as well!

For the month of June, we have already worked the ARRL VHF QSO Party from the top of garage 1 at the IPFW campus. Too bad the propagation did not co-operate! Usually the start of the VHF Sporadic "E" season provides some real fun on 6 meters, but that was mostly absent the first day. We will be working on some antenna and feed line improvements for Field Day and future VHF contests.

Speaking of contests, the big daddy of them all, Field Day, is also set for this



month at the Dolnick Learning Center, site of last year's FD effort, with some added "improvements". It seems that about four buildings were taken down since last year, and that will make it easier to spread out in the mandated 1000 foot circle that all operating must take place in. Also, we will be starting setup on Friday afternoon this year, to get a jump start on the work load. QRP night should be even better this time around with some of the bigger antennas in place. As usual, the Saturday meal will be a hog roast, at \$10 per person, and it always a tasty treat. Any thoughts on a possible Sunday "brunch" to be added to the menu?

This month's meeting, on June 15th, is focused on the Field Day final planning, and will include a presentation on contest operating from Jay, W9LW, as well. Be sure to attend, and give your inputs to our planned Field Day exercise. I am looking forward to a great weekend. See you at the meeting and on the air!

Best Regards

Steve, W9SAN



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### June 15: Field Day planning.

Unless otherwise scheduled, all meetings are held at the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church, 4700 Vance Avenue, Fort Wayne, IN.

## FWRC PARTICIPATES IN INDIANA QSO PARTY

The Indiana QSO Party effort at the Dolnick Learning Center was great! This was a fitting shakedown run for the new club trailer. It was great unloading and reloading a trailer that didn't require stooping or back breaking twisting. And the trailer served double duty as an operating position as well. Both towers were put into use for holding 4 dipoles. For 20 meters, a hamstick dipole was used on CW. Dinner was fun with some good pizza and pop. Operation was almost the full time, quitting just before 11 pm. We do not have a total score just yet, but over 60,000 is almost certain. Great effort!

Tom, KU8T provided a video for the FWRC web page.



## ARRL FIELD DAY

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- 4.) planning for food.
- 5.) computer networking and resources (have people already)
- 6.) safety
- 7.) QRP night on Friday
- 8.) PR work (Brian is organizing this activity: thanks Brian!!)

See a satellite map of the Dolnick area with a 1000-foot-diameter circle. This is a good start for planning antenna locations.

The next meeting is this coming Thursday night at 7:30 pm on the 146.76 repeater in Fort Wayne. If you can't make the meeting, but want to help out, please send me an e-mail at the address shown below.

This promises to be a great summer for the Fort Wayne Radio Club!

## FROM THE EDITOR

The newsletter is a bit late this month. You have my sincerest apology for that. I turned on my PC a couple of weeks ago and instead of it booting up to the Windows desktop like it usually did, I just got what has come to be known as the "blue screen of death." I removed the C drive and connected it to my notebook PC as an external drive and tried to read it with some hope of fixing whatever was wrong. Nothing. The drive spun up and clicked regularly but the notebook PC did not recognize it.

It would normally take me a couple of days to recover from a disk drive failure. I believe in backups. But we are in the process of moving and some of my PC stuff is here and some of it is 300 miles away. Plus we are spending more time there than here. So instead of a couple of days it took more like two weeks to get everything up and running again.

I replaced the conventional hard drive with an all solid state drive (no moving parts). I'm hoping that it will be more reliable. It is significantly faster and uses much less power. I have a solid state drive in my MacBook and it has worked flawlessly for a couple of years now.

Of course, something unexpected always happens. I'm glad that I backed up the newsletter files and other items last month. I've probably lost a few things including some email. If you sent me something for the newsletter and you don't see it in this issue then please send it to me again. It probably fell into the bit bucket when my hard drive crashed.

This is your newsletter, I'm just the editor so if you have something you would like included then please email it to me at ab9zd (at) arrl.net. I'll make sure it is included. I appreciate all of the inputs but especially the photographs of club events that members send to me.

73

Ken AB9ZD



## Say Again?

"Dear Mr. President: The canal system of this country is being threatened by a new form of transportation known as 'railroads' ... As you may well know, Mr. President, 'railroad' carriages are pulled at the enormous speed of 15 miles per hour by 'engines' which, in addition to endangering life and limb of passengers, roar and snort their way through the countryside, setting fire to crops, scaring the livestock and frightening women and children. The Almighty certainly never intended that people should travel at such breakneck speed."

*Martin Van Buren, Governor of New York, 1830*

# State of the Arts

Allen County Amateur Radio Technical Society

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## ACARTS PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope that all of you that went to the Dayton Hamvention picked up all of the bargains that you were looking for and met up with old friends. Now that the summer season has arrived, I am sure that many of you have plans. I hope that some of the plans include amateur radio.



ings in July. The august meeting will be the annual picnic.

I wish to thank Carl Luetzel-schwab, K9LA, for his excellent presentation on 10 meters at the May meeting.

I hope that you all have a good summer.

73,  
Dave Lindquist, W9LKH

The June ACARTS program on June, 19th, will be a presentation by Jim Boyer, KB9IH, on the EZNEC antenna modeling program. ACARTS will not have any meet-

## MAY 2012 ACARTS GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Dave Lindquist, W9LKH.

After introductions, Dave announced that the June program would be a presentation by Jim, KB9IH, on EZNEC antenna modeling software.

Jim, KB9IH, said that he had had Hamfest flyers printed and would take a quantity to the Dayton Hamvention for distribution.

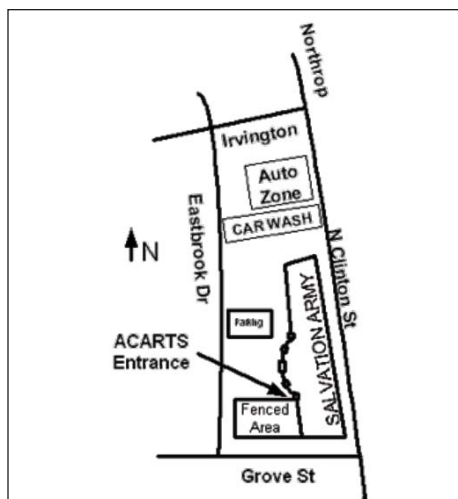
Carl Luetzelschwab, K9LA, gave a pre-

sentation on 10 Meters - Now's the Time. He showed charts of the number of 10 meter contacts in recent contests and stated that the peak of the current sunspot cycle for 10 meter activity is either now or will be next year, depending upon which forecast is used. He showed a simple 10 meter antenna that can be built with parts available at your local hardware store. He explained several iterations of the antenna construction.

Submitted by Dave Lindquist, W9LKH

**June 19:** EZNEC antenna modeling program by Jim, KB9IH.

Unless otherwise scheduled, all meetings are held at the Salvation Army Center, 2901 N. Clinton Street, Fort Wayne, IN.



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## MAY 2012 ACARTS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Dave Lindquist, W9LKH.

Dave announced that the May program would be a presentation by Carl Lutzelschwab, K9LA, on taking advantage of 10 meters, including the construction

of a simple 10 meter antenna with parts available at your local hardware store.

Jim, KB9IH, said that he would give a presentation on EZNEC antenna modeling software.

No other business was discussed.

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

Submitted by Dave Lindquist, W9LKH

### ACARTS CALENDAR

The schedule for the rest of the year is as follows:

July – No meetings.

August, 7th – Board Meeting

August, 18th – Annual Picnic

September, 11th – Board Meeting

September, 18th – General Meeting

October 9th – Board Meeting

October, 16th – General Meeting

November 13th – Board Meeting

November 17-18 – Hamfest

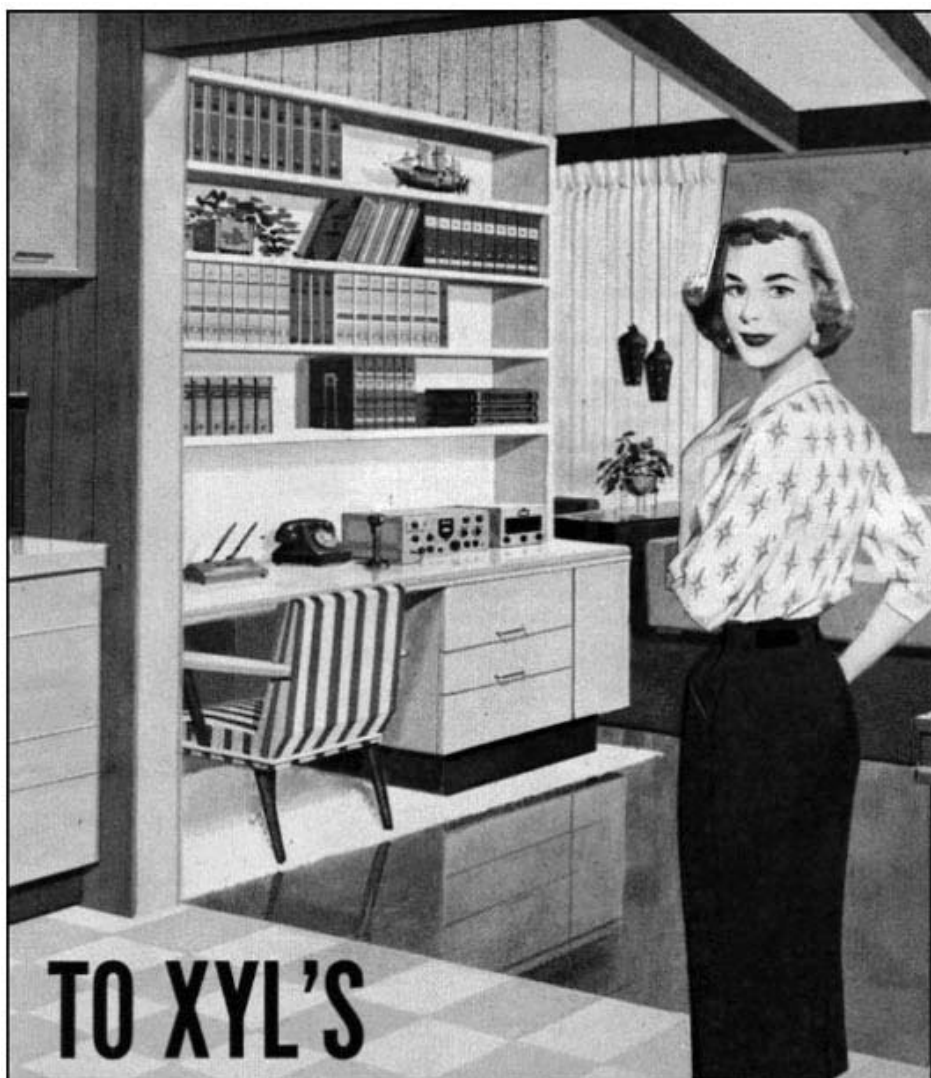
December, 11th – Board Meeting

December, 18th – Christmas Dinner

### Say Again?

“Radio is just a fashion contrivance that will soon die out. It is obvious that there never will be invented a proper receiver!”

*Thomas Edison*



# TO XYL'S

# ONLY

Does your OM's ham-shack resemble a surplus store? Are you afraid to clean "that corner" for fear the vacuum cleaner will inhale cables, spare tubes or crystals? For your own future peace of mind why not describe Collins compact KWM-1 to him: small enough to fit neatly into the bookshelves in the living room, 175 watts of input power (SSB-PEP), a

super-sensitive receiver, outstanding frequency stability and calibration, 14-30 mc frequency range — and, when he is mobiling in the family car, it makes a neat installation, easily removable, not a "shin bumper." Cost? Through the years it will cost him less than anything else he can build or buy. Tell him to call his Collins distributor for the facts about the revolutionary KWM-1 mobile transceiver. Available on easy terms.

*Collins* CREATIVE LEADER IN COMMUNICATION 

Even the Collins ads in QST displayed a little humor when April 1 came around.

# FWDXA

Fort Wayne DX Association

## WELCOMING A NEW ARRIVAL

### Carl Luetzelschwab K9LA

I belong to Chapter 36 of the QCWA (Quarter Century Wireless Association). Chapter 36 is in northwest Indiana. Why so far away? Well, I grew up in Hammond and it's the closest chapter to Fort Wayne. Vicky and I try to make some of the meetings (especially when they're held in Porter or LaPorte counties), but the two-hour drive there and two-hour drive back takes its toll on the weekdays.

In early April, Stan W4SV (Chapter 36 President) reported of the estate sale of WT9W (who lived in Pennsylvania). Dave N9FI in Westville drove to Pennsylvania to bring back what was left. Included on the list of gear brought back were a Hallicrafters HT-40 transmitter, a Hallicrafters SX-140 receiver, and a Hallicrafters HA-5 VFO. At first I resisted, but after several days I decided these would be a nice addition to my small collection of "radios I grew up with".

A quick call to N9FI secured the three old pieces of gear, and I picked them up on the way to the April 26 QCWA meeting in Chesterton (the meetings are eating-

meetings at various restaurants in north-west Indiana). I also brought back three 40-Meter QRP rigs that Larry W9LL (formerly K9VFE) purchased from the estate sale. Mike WB9NOO accompanied me to the meeting.



So what were these three old pieces of Hallicrafters gear? They're of the early 1960s era, and they made a very nice Novice station using crystals for frequency control (per the FCC rules at the time). The VFO turned the HT-40/SX-140 pair into a nice beginning General station.

The HT-40 covered the 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, and 6-Meter bands (there were no WARC bands back then). It was a CW and AM phone rig. The design was fairly standard for the day: an oscillator, a buffer, and a final amplifier (6DQ5). AM phone was accomplished via screen modulation (no big modulation transformer needed). The input power was 75 Watts (the Novice limit at the time).

The SX-140 covered the same bands as the HT-40. It was not a general coverage receiver – it was a ham-bands only receiver. The big advantage it had over many other relatively inexpensive receiv-

ers of that era was the inclusion of an RF stage. This improved the sensitivity on the higher bands to where many more signals could be heard. My first receiver was a National NC-60. It was kind of deaf on 15-Meters and above due to the lack of an RF stage, and this limited my operating on the prime 15-Meter Novice DX band.

The design of the HA-5 VFO was straightforward, using a tunable oscillator, a crystal oscillator, a mixer, and an output amplifier. Moving from crystal control as a Novice to VFO control as a General was a very big step back then. Although I received my General in May 1962, it wasn't until late October of that year that I acquired a VFO (a Knight Kit V-44). Having a VFO really opened up the bands for me, especially to traffic handling with QIN, 9RN, and CAN on 80-Meters and to DXing on 20-Meters.

I've used the SX-140 since acquiring it, but not the HT-40 or the HA-5. The SX-140 appears to work well, considering it's an early 1960s design. I had no problem listening to CW, AM, and SSB signals. I hope to use the three of them in the ARRL's Straight Key Night this coming New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. And who knows, maybe I'll play with it on 15-Meter CW – something I didn't do much when I was a Novice.



*Just a little side note, my first job after graduating from the University of Illinois was with Hallicrafters which, by then, was a subsidiary of Northrop Corp in Rolling Meadows (NW Chicago suburb). They were no longer in the radio business by then (1974). My boss enjoyed telling stories about how their radios were used in WWII. Editor.*



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# Classified Ads

Items for Sale

Want to Buy

If you have something you would like to have listed in the classified section then please send an email to the newsletter editor at [ab9zd@arrl.net](mailto:ab9zd@arrl.net).

## For Sale:

MFJ-941-D 300w Versa Tuner II \$75  
Kent Electronic Keying Head \$75  
Amcom Clear Speech Base noise filter \$75  
6 meter Moxon 2 element beam, April 2004 QST, \$45  
Insignia NS-DXA1 digital to analog TV converter \$35  
B&K Model 1470, 5 inch Precision scope, \$45  
HP model 614A, UHF signal gen, 800-2100 MHz, \$45  
Balentine 323-01 true RMS voltmeter, sensitivity to 170 MHz, \$25  
Measurements Corp 560 FM, signal gen, bands to 960 MHz, calib uv, \$95  
Kenwood R-2000 General Coverage Receiver \$295  
25 element 440 MHz yagi \$45  
25 element 1.2 GHz yagi \$25  
LP gas, gas log \$50 used in camper  
Office desk, easy assembly, orig \$99, sale \$45  
Nice 52 inch ceiling fan \$25  
Large quantities of electronic parts available, all kinds new and used  
Gene Fisher, w9mzh (at) frontier.com 385-9959 cell

## AREA HAMFESTS

Missed Dayton? Here are some other hamfests in the area:

### Indianapolis Hamfest

Location: Indianapolis, IN

07/14/2012

Sponsor: Indianapolis Hamfest Association

Website: <http://www.indyhamfest.com>

Steuben County 4-H Fairgrounds

### Van Wert Amateur Radio Club Hamfest

Location: Van Wert, OH

07/22/2012

Sponsor: Van Wert Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://www.w8fy.org>

### Angola Hamfest

Location: Angola, IN

08/04/2012

Sponsor: Land of Lakes Amateur Radio Club

Website: <http://llarc.tripod.com/>

### Findlay Hamfest

Location: Findlay, OH

09/09/2012

Sponsor: Findlay Radio Club

Website: <http://w8ft.org>

## 2012 FORT WAYNE HAMFEST

The 2012 Fort Wayne Hamfest & Computer Expo and the 2012 Indiana State A.R.R.L. Convention will be held on November 17th and 18th at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum and Exposition Center, located at 4000 Parnell Avenue in Fort Wayne (at the corner of Parnell and Coliseum Blvd).

The 2012 Fort Wayne Hamfest & Computer Expo, and Indiana ARLL State Convention will be open to the public from 9 AM to 4 PM on Saturday November 17th, and from 9 AM to 3 PM on Sunday, November 18th. Admission is only \$6.00 per person (good for both days), or \$4.00 for just Sunday, and there is plenty of parking in a large, paved parking lot, but please note that the Coliseum charges a \$4.00 parking fee. Children 11 and under are free with an adult.

We will once again be offering VE testing. See the Forums/VE test page for details.

We have several forums each day, on many subjects relating to amateur radio and electronics.

We will also be welcoming several representatives from the American Radio Relay League.



# THE FOXHUNT CHRONICLES FOR MAY 2012

The fourth foxhunt of the 2012 season occurred on Sunday the sixth of May, and the weather was late spring beautiful. The May hunters included the team of Kim and Jim Machamer, KB9's DOT and DOS, the team of Charles Ward and Fred Gengnagle, KC9MUT and KC9EZP, and the team of Mark Berke, Bob Dean and Dave Spence, WA7NXI, KC9UHU and KB9VTK.

Jim Pliett, K9OMA, Annie Pliett, KA9YYI and Al Burke, WB9SSE served as the fox. The fox itself was a cross-band HT situated in the hollow of a log in the piney woods behind Haverhill Elementary School in Southwest Ft. Wayne.

To start off the fox used a yagi mounted on the top of K9OMA's van and about 50 watts to send its siren song to the hunters located in the Off-Track Betting Parlor parking lot up near Lima Rd. and I-69. Ev-



erybody heard it from the get-go and so the race was on. Annie Pliett transmitted from the van for about one hour until we ascertained that fox hunters were in the area. After that Jim and Al started operating the actual fox from their lair deep within the woods.

The team of WA7NXI, KC9UHU and

KB9VTK were the first to localize the fox and then to find it about seventy six minutes into the hunt. They were followed by KB9DOT and DOS who found the fox two minutes later, and then by KC9MUT and KC9EZP three minutes after that. So the hunt was that close.

After the hunt we proceeded to Sara's restaurant for a snack and to trade lies about the hunt.

Based upon recorded mileage and time-to-find data from each hunting team, the points garnered by the participants turned out as follows:

Consequently for the June hunt the duties of the fox will be provided by the Kim and Jim Machamer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Al Burke, WB9SSE

## FOX HUNT YEAR TO DATE POINTS

	WA7NXI	KB9VTK	KC9MUT	KC9EZP	KB9DOS	KB9DOT	W9SAN	W9LAN	WB9BGJ	KB9ZQG	KC9UHU
This Month	652	652	633.5	633.5	657	657	-	-	-	-	652
Total	2481	2481	2186	2186	1866.5	1866.5	1077.5	1077.5	575.5	575.5	1302
	K9OMA	KA9YYI	WB9SSE								
This Month	723	723	723								
Total	2789.5	1979.5	2789.5								

## 2012 Foxhunt Schedule

The following is the planned Foxhunting schedule for 2012. Each start at Trakside, the Off Track Betting Complex, 1820 W Washington Center Rd:

July	07/01/12	1:30 pm	Sunday
August	08/05/12	1:30 pm	Sunday
September	09/09/12	1:30 pm	Sunday
October	10/07/12	1:30 pm	Sunday
November	11/04/12	1:30 pm	Sunday



# ARRL IN ACTION: WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO LATELY?

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This feature -- including convenient Web links to useful information -- is a concise monthly update of some of the things ARRL is doing on behalf of its members. This installment covers the month of May.

The ARRL debuted the digital edition of QST, a new benefit available to League members at no additional cost.

With more than 115 volunteers, officers and HQ staff members on hand, the ARRL EXPO at the 2012 Dayton Hamvention -- complete with the ARRL DIY Stage and DX activities -- was a smashing success.

The ARRL responded to the FCC's request for comments on impediments to Amateur Radio communications.

ARRL Field Day: All 50 states, Puerto Rico, Washington, DC, eight Canadian provinces and one DX station in Colombia have listed their Field Day sites on the ARRL Filed Day Locator.

ARRL President Kay Craigie, N3KN, invited League members to submit ideas and suggestions about how the 2014 ARRL Centennial should be celebrated -- both at the national level and through local radio clubs.

After ballots were counted, two ARRL Sections -- Indiana and Santa Clara Valley -- will be getting new Section Managers in July. A new Section Manager was appointed in the US Virgin Islands Section to fill an unexpired term.

The ARRL Microwave Band Planning Committee released draft band plans for 13 and 33 cm.

The Dayton Amateur Radio Association presented the ARRL with a check for \$25,000 in support of the Teachers Institute on Wireless Technology.

ARRL Chief Executive Officer David Sumner, K1ZZ, Chief Technology Officer Brennan Price, N4QX, Chief Operating Officer Harold Kramer, WJ1B, and ARRL Mar-

keting Manager Bob Inderbitzen, NQ1R, attended the USA Science and Engineering Festival in Washington, DC.

Test equipment in the ARRL Lab passed its calibration tests.

The FCC is seeking to increase the vanity call sign fee to \$15 for Fiscal Year 2013, an increase of 80 cents.

Logbook of the World now has more than 50,000 users.

The winners of the 2012 QST Video Contest were announced.

DXCC News: The DXCC Desk has approved the 7O6T DXpedition to Yemen and the February 2012 6O3A DXpedition to Somalia for DXCC credit.

The winner of the May QST Cover Plaque award is Martin Huyett, K0BXB, for his article "An AFSK Interface for Android Smartphones."

The July issue of QST was released to the printer and the digital publisher.

Publications Now Shipping: The ARRL DXCC List, The ARRL Extra Class License Manual (10th edition), ARRL's Extra Q&A (3rd edition), ARRL's Low Power Communication (4th edition), TravelPlus for Repeaters (2012-2013 edition, version 16.0), TravelPlus Mobile GPS (2012-2013 edition, downloadable for Garmin devices) and The ARRL Film Collection.

Official Observer Desk: ARRL Field and Regulatory Correspondent Chuck Skolaut, K0BOG, handled complaints regarding possible intentional interference to the 7O6T DXpedition, CW signals on 14.108 MHz, interference to a Connecticut repeater from a pirate radio station, improper language on a Mississippi repeater and truckers using 144.100 MHz in North Dakota. He also answered questions concerning IDing on repeaters and IRLP.

## INDIANA ARES NEWS

For the past 18 months, I've worked with some of the most dedicated amateur radio operators around Indiana to improve our ability to make good on the promise "when all else fails". We've made some important progress in the long-term goals of improving working relationships with served agencies, developing better county to county team communication, and moving parochial attitudes toward a unified Indiana ARES mindset. It's easy to get distracted by advances in radio technology, new digital modes popping up every day, Incident Command training to make volunteers speak in professional terms, and mobile communication trailers to carry all our radio gadgets. Above all, we need to remember that emergency communications starts with one person in distress asking another person with resources for help. ARES needs to stand ready to make certain that message gets through.

It is my hope that these improvements will remain in effect as my service ends on June 30. There will be a smooth transition of the SEC role and responsibilities to Larry Jones WB9FHP over the next few weeks and I've offered to answer questions as they arise to help Larry serve Indiana ARES successfully. To all appointees that submit monthly reports using the online form, Larry and I will coordinate so none get lost in the transition. Please give your support to Larry as you have graciously supported me. I will remain active in ARES as a rank and file member in the Allen County team where I started 6 years ago and feel fortunate that I had this opportunity to serve Indiana.

Thanks for all your efforts in the service of your communities and Indiana ARES.

Joseph Lawrence, K9RFZ,

Indiana ARES SEC



# CONTEST CALENDAR

Here are a few of the contests that will be held in the next few weeks. Please refer to the contest Web sites for full rules, scoring information, operating periods or time limits, and log submission information.

Some of the places on-line with information on contest include:

ARRL Contest Corral Web page: <http://www.arrl.org/contests>

WA7BNM Contest Calendar: <http://www.hornucopia.com/contestcal/>

ARRL's National Contest Journal calendar: <http://www.ncjweb.com/contestcal.php>

Contesting On-Line: <http://www.contesting.com/>

HF	Contest Title	Ph	CW	Dig	Exchange & Frequencies (MHz)	Logs Due
VHF+	Dates / Times				Sponsor's Web Site	
1.8-28	<b>ARRL Field Day</b>	X	X	X	Category, ARRL/RAC section or DX	Jul 24
50+	Jun 23, 1800Z - Jun 24, 2100Z				<a href="http://www.arrl.org/contests">www.arrl.org/contests</a>	
3.5-21	CWops Monthly Mini-CWT Test		X		Name and member number or S/P/C	2 days
	Jun 13, 1300Z - See website				<a href="http://www.cwops.org/onair.html">www.cwops.org/onair.html</a>	
7	SARL Youth Day Sprint	X			RS and age	7 days
	Jun 16, 0800Z - Jun 16, 1000Z				<a href="http://www.sarl.org.za">www.sarl.org.za</a>	
1.8	Stew Perry Warmup Contest		X		4-char grid square	30 days
	Jun 16, 1500Z - Jun 17, 1500Z				<a href="http://web.jzap.com/k7rat/stew.rules.txt">web.jzap.com/k7rat/stew.rules.txt</a>	
3.5-28	West Virginia QSO Party	X	X	X	RS(T), WV county or S/P/C	Jul 20
	Jun 16, 1600Z - Jun 17, 0200Z				<a href="http://www.qsl.net/wvsarc">www.qsl.net/wvsarc</a>	
3.5-28	<b>Kid's Day</b>	X			Name, age, location, favorite color	
	Jun 16, 1800Z - Jun 16, 2400Z				<a href="http://www.arrl.org/kids-day">www.arrl.org/kids-day</a>	
	Worldwide EME Contest	X	X		TMO/RS(T) and "R"	Jun 25
5.7G	Jun 23, 0000Z - Jun 24, 2400Z				<a href="http://www.dubus.org">www.dubus.org</a>	
1.8-28	His Majesty King of Spain	X			RS, serial or EA province	Jul 15
	Jun 23, 1200Z - Jun 24, 1200Z				<a href="http://www.ure.es">www.ure.es</a>	

## INDIANA HF NETS

Net Name	Frequency	Mode	Day	Local Eastern Time
Indiana Traffic Net (ITN)	3.910	LSB	Daily	08:30
Indiana Section CW Net (QIN)	3.535	CW	Daily	09:30
Indiana Traffic Net (ITN)	3.940	LSB	Daily	18:00
Indiana Slow CW Net (ICN)	3.535	CW	Daily	19:00
Indiana Section CW Net (QIN)	3.535	CW	Daily	20:00
Indiana ARES Digital Net (IDN)	3.583	OLIVIA/8/5/USB	Wednesday	20:30
Indiana ARES HF Net	3.900		Sunday	17:00

## Membership Application for ACARTS - and/or - FWRC

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Call sign: \_\_\_\_\_ License class: \_\_\_\_\_

Street address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ 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 \$20.00/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  \$20.00 / year

Family membership<sup>1</sup>  \$30.00 / year

Student membership<sup>2</sup>  \$5.00 / year

Associate membership<sup>3</sup>  \$20.00 / year

Mailed newsletter premium  \$20.00 / 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

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 two checks to either club. Payment by check is strongly encouraged!

### ACARTS Voice Repeaters

146.880 (-) General use / Skywarn priority

147.255 (+) General use

443.800 (+) General use

(For autopatch 88 has only speed dial emergency #'s.)

### ACARTS Digital Repeaters (digirepeaters)

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 519521

444.875 (+) General use

ATV: 439.25 In, 910.250 Out, 144.340 Audio & control

### D-STAR

442.99375, Offset + 5.0 MHz, W9TE \_\_\_ B, W9TE \_\_\_ G

Indiana D-STAR net, 1st and 3rd Thursday, 7:30 - 8:30,

Reflector REF024B

### 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:** Wed. at 7:30 p.m. on 147.150

**Help and Swap Net:** Mon. at 9:00 p.m. 146.94(-)

**Daily Indiana Traffic Net:** 3.910 @ 8:30 a.m. & 4:30 p.m. local.

**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:** Tue. at 9:00 p.m. on 146.94-

**Emergency Preparedness Net:** Thurs. at 9:00 p.m. on 146.88-

**Huntington ARES:** Sat. at 8:00 p.m. on 146.685-

**Whitley Co. ARES:** Wed. at 8:00 p.m. on 145.270

(Note 131.8 PL disabled for all nets)

**Whitley Co. Sunday:** Sun. at 8:00 p.m. on 444.550+, 131.8 PL

**"No-Name" Net:** 8:30 pm Sunday and Wednesday nights. 1.965 MHz or cross band on the 146.91 repeater.

**Little Red Barn Net:** Weekdays @ 8:30 a.m. on 3820 kHz. Thursdays at 3826 kHz.

**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.

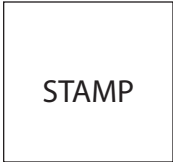
**FWRC YL Net:** Wed. 7:00 p.m. on 146.76-

**FWRC 6 Meter Net:** Tue. 8:00 p.m. on 50.580 USB

**6 Meter AM Net:** Thurs. 8:00 p.m. on 50.580 AM

**FW Area Student Net:** Wed. 9:00 p.m. on 146.91-





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## Activities Calendar



Date	Time	Event	Place
06/03/2012	1:30 PM	Foxhunt	Fort Wayne Off Track Betting Complex
06/05/2012	7:00 PM	FWRC Board Meeting	GSUMC
06/12/2012	7:00 PM	ACARTS Board Meeting	Salvation Army Facility
06/15/2012	7:00 PM	FWRC General Meeting	GSUMC
06/19/2012	7:00 PM	ACARTS General Meeting	Salvation Army Facility
06/23/2012 thru 06/24/2012		ARRL Field Day	
07/01/2012	1:30 PM	Foxhunt	Fort Wayne Off Track Betting Complex
07/10/2012	7:00 PM	No ACARTS Board Meeting in July	
07/10/2012	7:00 PM	FWRC Board Meeting	GSUMC
07/17/2012	7:00 PM	No ACARTS General Meeting in July	
07/20/2012	6:30 PM	FWRC General Meeting	GSUMC
07/28/2012	9:00 AM	Amateur License Examinations	Peabody Public Library, Columbia City