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FWRC Field Day

photos by Vic Guess, WB9UZA



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N9NRO Estate Sale!

Our good friend and Silent Key Carl Rittenhouse (N9NRO) never threw anything out! His collecting can now be your Gold Mine. His XYL Donna is having a ONE DAY sale. Saturday, July 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. only. Carl's larger equipment and higher dollar items are listed on page 8. This is only a partial list as there are too many items to list.

Please stop by early and help Donna out. This is your opportunity to get those gold plated SMA connectors you've been looking for!

address:
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The listing on page 8 is a VERY abbreviated list and only contains some of the high dollar items.

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President's Corner



Thanks to everyone for making Field Day 2008 a great event! The weather was not very promising but in the end we had a great weekend. Turnout for QRP night was a little light, I assume because of the forecast; but, for those that did show up we had a fun time. Saturday morning attendance was still a little light for setup but we eventually got enough people to get our two 40 foot towers up. We made it on the air at 2:00 PM as a 5A club station.

Unfortunately I missed the Hog Roast because of a wedding. (But MaryGrace, KB9VBK, made a beautiful Bridesmaid!) The word I heard was that the Hog Roast was excellent as well. We had at least three CW tents and one HF SSB tent as well as 6 meters and 2 meters in the VHF tent. Gary, KC9GGV, ran a digital station from inside the building.

Phil, AB9IZ, was our GOTA Station coach this year and did an excellent job mentoring some new hams and getting as many bonus points as possible. Thanks to Phil for taking over the GOTA station from Jim, KB9WWM, who was on vacation on the east coast this year.

Our biggest challenge was not the weather but the light attendance for tear down. Taking down those towers is a little scary when you really don't have enough people. As a club we need to find a way to make sure we have sufficient people for the tear down.

I have not had time to figure out our final score yet but I hope to have the results by the July general meeting. With the three CW stations I sure the score will be excellent; but it is more about getting people on the air than scoring the most points.

We are still planning the program content for the July General Meeting so I can't report on that yet. But the August General Meeting will be our annual

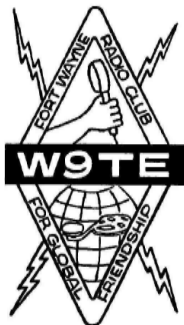
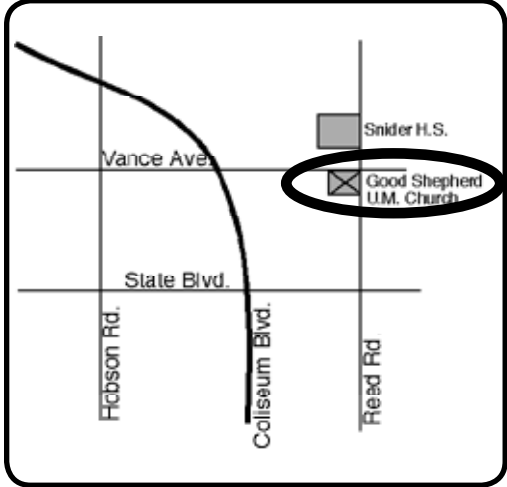
Tail Gate Hamfest in the parking lot of the church. We have traditionally had good weather for this fun event and I am sure that this year will be good as well. We also had Phil's Ham Radio Store at the August Hamfest as well. Remember that there is no charge to sell or buy or just come by and renew friendships. We plan on seeing you there.

Other items to keep in mind is that we need to have another work day at the repeater site to finish the building painting. We also still need a permanent home for the club trailer. Jim, KB9WWM, has had it at his house for the last several years but we really need a secure home with unlimited access to keep the trailer secure but accessible in an emergency.

Remember that the July General Meeting is Friday July 18th at 7:00 PM at the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church at the corner of Reed and Vance in the "Big Three" rooms in the back hallway. Please plan on being there.

Tom / N9TB

July Meeting
July 18, 7:00 p.m.
Program: TBA



Fort Wayne Radio Club Minutes 20 June 2008



The June meeting of the Fort Wayne Radio Club was held at the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church on 20 June 2008 with President Tom Baker serving as the host. There were about 30 persons present.

OLD BUSINESS:

Tom Baker started the meeting by calling all to attention for the pledge of allegiance.

The April minutes were read and there was one correction regarding the date of when the ARES/RACES meeting had occurred.

Bob Streeter presented the June Treasurer's report. As of 20 June 2008 the club had realized a year-to-date income of \$1,507.91, & year-to-date expenses of \$1,122.52. The club had cash on hand of \$116.14 and had \$6,260.38 in checking/savings.

Steve Nardin reported on the club sponsored VHF QSO Party held out at Teminoff Estates on 14-15 June. It ran from 2:00 p.m. Saturday until 11:00 a.m. Sunday and the participants operated on 6 meters, 2 meters, 220 MHz and UHF garnering 50 contacts, 11 contacts, one contact and two contacts each on the respective bands. No one was hurt (other than a few mosquito bites) and everyone ate well thanks to Larry. Steve is working with the logs in preparation of submitting them to the ARRL.

NEW BUSINESS:

Joe Lawrence reported that an ARES drill at local hospitals this past week went well. He said that Brad Witte was preparing a report to the powers-that-be on the exercise and gave kudos to the Ham Radio participation in the drill. He would be recommending that the local hospitals make provisions for external antennas that would allow Hams to work more effectively with personnel in the command centers in the hospitals. He would also recommend that a packet radio capability specifically intended to facilitate intra-county EC communications be developed. Woody Woodbury noted that the Board of Health had asked the FWRC to consider developing a packet capability and that he had brought the issue before the FWRC Board of Directors for consideration. Tom Baker commented that while the club fully supports the idea of the packet system, it is of course struggling financially to support its current repeaters, so that taking on another system would become a real (financial) problem for the club. Dave Lindquist stated that ACARTS had the hardware necessary to put a packet machine on the air and was likewise interested in supporting development of the capability for Allen County

EC purposes. Given it is evident that both FWRC and ACARTS support the initiative, Tom Baker requested that anyone with Packet Radio interest and know-how within the Allen County Ham community consider stepping forward and take this initiative on.

Tom Baker reported that there was a good turn-out for the Robison Park repeater site maintenance day activity in May. The shack roof was painted with a special heat reflective paint and the shack exterior walls received an initial coat of latex enamel that matches the color of the AEP buildings on site. In addition, the existing air conditioner unit was replaced with a high efficiency unit. Another trip to the site will be planned to apply the 2nd coat of paint to the exterior walls.

Al Burke noted that he and Jim Pliett had made a subsequent trip to the Robison Park site and had replaced the malfunctioning vent fan with a larger (& operational) unit. They also installed the newly acquired switching mode power supply which replaces the linear supplies that had been used for the 146.76 MHz, 146.91 MHz and 444.875 MHz machines. It is expected that these changes should help reduce the energy consumption at Robison Park and thus lower our electricity bill (and make Treasurer Bob Streeter a happy guy).

Steve Nardin reported that Mike & Renee Thomas had offered to fabricate four new Field Day signs at cost (\$20 each) to replace the existing battle worn and termite eaten signs that had seen a better day. Steve requested donations to help defray the cost of the new signs.

Carole Burke reported that plans are again in place for the Field Day Hog Roast out at the F.D. site Saturday evening starting at 5:30 p.m. It will consist of pulled pork, a green bean casserole, potato salad & sauer-kraut for the paltry price of \$10.00 per person. Participants are requested to supply their own drinks, and it is suggested that they bring in a dessert.

The meeting concluded following a presentation by Tom Baker and Steve Nardin on Field Day planning and coordination.

Respectfully submitted,
Al Burke, WB9SSE

FWRC May & June new and renewed
members:

K9RYJ, N9FM, WA9WT, N9FNK

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President's Message



A reminder that there are NO MEETINGS this month. We are taking July off. With the holiday and people taking vacations, it makes sense to take a break. Be sure to mark your calendar for Saturday, August 23rd. That is the date of our annual Family Picnic. It will be held at the QTH of Jim Boyer, KB9IH. The club will provide the meats, and drinks. Bring your favorite dish or desert to share.

For those of you who missed the Wizards game, you missed a good time. There were 12 members and guests in attendance. The Wizards started out behind, got the lead in the 5th, and lost the game in the 8th. This is the last year the Wizards will be playing in the Castle, aka Memorial Stadium. A new stadium is being built downtown. This is also the last year that they may be called the Wizards. We had use of the Coliseum's Suite at the stadium. The Coliseum give out the suite and 18 tickets to games for their regular and long time renters. The suite is real nice and has several amenities. It is air-conditioned, and has sofas. It also has a counter, sink, and a cooler. If you watch from the inside, there is a shelf along the windows, and stools to sit on. You can also listen to the game as the radio audio is piped into the suites. We will not be able to do this again next year as the new stadium is owned by the city.

A update from the Green Thumb. My tomatoes and pepper plants are growing taller everyday. Some of the pepper plants have the start of what will be a pepper. The tomato plants have yellow flowers, which is where the fruit will grow from. My strawberries are done for this season. I only had strawberries in one patch. In the rest of the patches the weeds won. I have a big problem with Canadian Thistle in my strawberry and raspberry patches. This type of weed has tubers that grow horizontally underground, and and

sends shoots up vertically. Kind of sounds like a Quad beam where you have horizontal and vertical polarization. You pull up on the weed, but you do not get all of it, as it breaks off and leaves the rest in the ground. You have to get all of the root. The way to do that is to spray it as soon as you see it coming up. And NO, I do not have any antennas up yet. Well, that is all for this month. See you at the picnic in August.

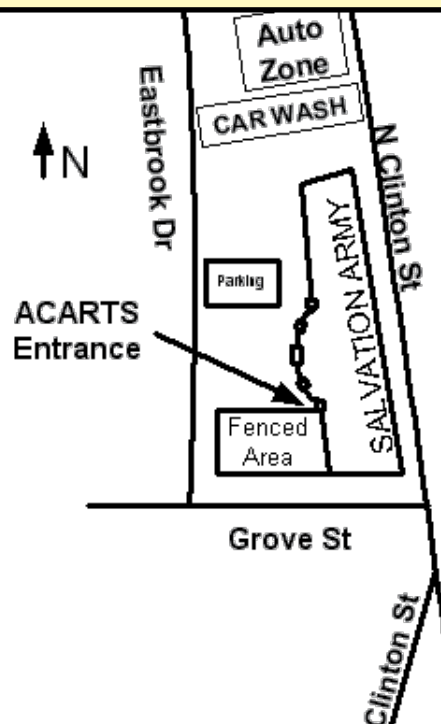
73,
Vic, KA9LTV



Meeting Schedule

General Meeting: No July meeting

Next Board Meeting: Aug 12, 7:30 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend.



ACARTS at the Wizzard's Game

photos by Vic Guess, WB9UZA



June 2008 ACARTS Board Meeting Minutes



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

Vic reminded those members present that the June General Meeting would be the Wizzard's baseball game on Tuesday, June 24, 2008. He added that there would be no meetings in July, and that the August General Meeting would be the picnic on August 23, 2008.

Dave, W9LKH, stated that ARES would like a high profile Packet Digipeater in Fort Wayne/Allen County and that there has been a renewed increase in Packet activity in the area. It was decided that a visit to the repeater shack at WANE-TV would be necessary to determine the status of the club's Packet equipment and what would be needed to place the equipment back in operation.

Joel, KB9RH, said that the weather in the area has been active lately and that there have been several Skywarn activations.

No other business was discussed.

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

Submitted by Dave Lindquist, W9LKH

ACARTS May & June new and renewed members:

K9FMX, K9RYJ, N9UOD



Breaking My First Pileup -

Carl Luetzelschwab
K9LA

FWDXA

Ft Wayne DX Association

Although this is a column about DX topics, the title of this month's column has nothing to do with DXing. That means pileups can occur outside the realm of DXing. Let me explain how that happened to me - and how it helped my DXing efforts years later.

When I received my General in May 1962, I had already met many of the local hams in the north-west Indiana area (Hammond, Munster, Gary, and Highland in Indiana, and Lansing over the state line in Illinois) on the air and in person. One of the locals, Al K9DHN (now K0AD), asked me to cover for him one night in the Indiana 80 m CW traffic net (QIN) since he was going to miss that night's session. That was my introduction to traffic handling, and I enjoyed it enough to continue checking into QIN on a regular basis - along with checking into 9RN (Ninth Region Net) and CAN (Central Area Net). At the time my sister was attending nursing school in Minneapolis, so I originated many messages.

When checking into one of the CW traffic nets, it was customary to send a dit, a dah, or some other short distinguishing burst of CW to get the attention of the net control station (NCS). The NCS would repeat the burst, which was then your cue to check in with full call and message status. You can see that checking into the net was in essence a mini-pileup for the NCS, with many trying to be 'first in line'.

Thus the burst you sent and your timing after the NCS's general invitation to QNI (check in) became very important. The latter technique (timing) is an important issue that carries over to DXing, whether it be on SSB or on CW. So checking into

the various CW traffic nets taught me the fundamental techniques of 'breaking a pileup' long before I started working DX. The big difference, though, is full calls should be used in DX pileups - not an abbreviated version.

Being on the other end of a pileup came soon thereafter. Eventually I was asked to fill an NCS slot with QIN once a week. After going through the general opening of the net, I'd stand by for check ins. There'd be dits, dahs, and short combinations of dits and/or dahs all at once. Your job was to pick one out, repeat it, and then copy the vital information of the station checking in. So being net control for QIN taught me the fundamentals of 'handling a pileup' long before I started DXing. Sure, the number of stations checking into QIN was significantly less than the number of stations that would be calling you if you were at a DX location. But the technique is fundamentally the same - pick out a call or a partial call from the mess and keep things moving. And always remember you are in charge.

Traffic handling also helped with my CW proficiency. Although my Novice and General licenses back then only required perfect copy for one minute out of five minutes, copying and sending messages for relaying to others was not as forgiving. It had to be all correct, so my CW proficiency rose while performing a public service function (and having fun, too!).

The CW traffic nets certainly aren't what they used to be due to cell phones, the Internet, and other technological advances of recent times. But they will always have a special spot in my heart, and I am grateful for the time I spent in them in spite of the seasonal difficulties on 80 m - long skip in the winter months and QRN in the summer months. When you think about it, those tough conditions undoubtedly helped with my later DXing efforts, too.



What Your First Pileup From the DX End Might Seem Like

Severe Weather Notes: It Was Our Turn - Joel KB9RH

After two years of limited activity, severe weather returned to northeast Indiana and northwest Ohio in late May and June.

The first big event was Friday June 6. A line of storms moved through our area, and caused the most damage in Allen, Wells, Adams, Van Wert, and Putnam counties. In addition, a small bookend vortex tornado touched down in Van Wert county. Numerous reports of tree damage and power outages were reported by spotters that evening in Adams and Van Wert counties. This all happened late in the evening when a watch was not in effect.

Monday June 9: A cluster of thunderstorms moved across Adams and Jay counties, then continued through Van Wert, Putnam, and Allen counties in Ohio. Another group of storms moved through the northwest half of Allen County, then re-intensified when they crossed Fulton and Williams counties in Ohio. There was some tree damage, but the unusual amount of cloud to ground lightning caused many power outages, especially in the city of Fort Wayne.

Sunday June 15: Forecasters at the Storm Prediction Center put northern Indiana in a moderate risk for severe thunderstorms. Early that afternoon, a severe thunderstorm watch was issued for our area. Storms that evening resulted in wind damage and power outages.

Friday June 27: More storms moved through Fort Wayne, resulting in mainly tree damage on the northeast side of the city.

There were a couple of other events during the month, but were of short duration.

Many thanks to the numerous (and I do mean numerous) spotter reports during some of these events! We did our job, and we did it well. The operator at WX9IWX made that point over the air.

Some things to think about:

1. As previously noted, severe weather does occur when there is no watch in effect. The concept of "situational awareness" has been mentioned at previous spotter training sessions. Please check the thunderstorm outlooks from the Storm Prediction Center, and do it every single day.

2. During some of the June events, the thunderstorms were the "pulse" type. They intensify very quickly, produce severe weather, then fall apart. This makes the job much more difficult for Weather Service meteorologists,

and that's where we come in. Report anything that meets the criteria - watch or no watch, warning or no warning.

3. Something brought up in a training session a few years ago: if you observe a weather condition that fits the reporting criteria, assume you see nothing... then build your case. If you are not sure, report it anyway and indicate your suspicions. We had a couple of spotters who reported low-hanging clouds, but their visibility was obscured so they were unable to determine if there was any rotation. But they still reported their suspicions. As it turned out, the radar did indeed show rotation in that particular thunderstorm cell...it just didn't reach the ground.

4. For those who have anemometers, check to see if the readout in your unit is in kilometers or miles/hour. During the June 9th event, spotters reported winds of 99 and 117. Those speeds were actually in kilometers, and translated into 62 and 73 miles per hour, which were more consistent with the actual damage.



2009 Advanced Skywarn Training Sat, Mar. 14 in Goshen.

Next ARES Meeting - July 23

The Allen County ARES will meet on Wednesday July 23 at 7:00 p.m. in meeting room C at the downtown public library. The following topics will be discussed;

- 1) Dept. of Health Pandemic Flu drill assessment
- 2) Message handling efficiency exercise
- 3) Coordinating installation of antennas at area hospitals
- 4) Packet radio demo
- 5) State RACES semi-annual drill
- 6) Photo ID's for new members

All amateur radio operators are welcome to attend and learn more about ARES activities. Check in to the weekly ARES net at 9:00 p.m. every Tuesday on the 146.94 MHz repeater for updates about this meeting.

Joseph Lawrence, K9RFZ
Allen County Indiana ARES EC



N9NRO Estate Sale!

CARL RITTENHOUSE EQUIPMENT (Very Partial List)

Part number	Description	Estimated Price
D66	Telequipment Oscilloscope	\$75.00
Type 529	Tektronix Waveform Monitor	\$75.00
Samplex 20-25	Regulated Power Supply 20-25 Amp	\$45.00
Model 43	Bird Wattmeter with 200-500 MHz 5 Watt element	\$110.00
100E	Bird 100 Watt 400-1000 MHz Wattmeter element	\$35.00
1000E	Bird 1000 Watt 100-250 MHz Wattmeter element	\$35.00
100D	Bird 100 Watt 200-500 MHz Wattmeter element	\$35.00
250C	Bird 250 Watt 100-250 MHz Wattmeter element	\$35.00
25C	Bird 25 Watt 100-250 MHz Wattmeter element	\$35.00
100C	Bird 100 Watt 100-250 MHz Wattmeter element	\$35.00
250C	Bird 250 Watt 100-250 MHz Wattmeter element	\$35.00
	100 Watt 25-60 MHz Wattmeter element	\$35.00
	5 Watt 100-250 MHz Wattmeter element	\$35.00
	10 Watt 25-60 MHz Wattmeter element	\$35.00
	2.5 Watt 162-174 MHz Wattmeter element	\$35.00
TS711A	Kenwood Multimode 144 MHz Transceiver	\$200.00
TS811A	Kenwood Multimode 440 MHz Transceiver	\$225.00
DX-70	Alinco 1.8-50 MHz Transceiver	\$440.00
8050A	Fluke Digital Multimeter	\$50.00
HP435A	HP Power meter with HP8481A Power Sensor	\$200.00
AL-51A	Texcan Spectrum Analyzer 4-1000 MHz	\$300.00
1980A	Fluke Digital Counter	\$50.00
MFJ-269	MFJ HF/VHF/UHF/SWR Analyzer	\$250.00
HP-8656	HP Signal Generator .1- 990 MHz	\$100.00
TF-1066B	Marconi Signal Generator	\$150.00
CM-1500	Elenco Multimeter	\$30.00
125-126	American Electronics SWR Meter	\$25.00
V-70	Paco Electronics Vacuum Tube Voltmeter	\$15.00
	Homemade 900 MHz Linear Amplifier	\$25.00
	Hallicrafters CB Handheld radios (2 each) cost per pair	\$10.00
Mod 911	Weston Voltmeter	\$10.00
	Atomic Clock Skyscan	\$25.00
CCD-TR93	Sony Handicam video 8 camera	\$80.00
	Metcal solder station with one tip	\$75.00
	Isotip portable battery powered solder iron	\$20.00
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C108A	Standard VHF fm Handheld radio	\$100.00
C508A	Standard VHF fm Handheld radio w/ monitor receiver	\$110.00
	Drill Index	\$10.00
8080	Bird 25 Watt 50 Ohm Termaline resistor	\$20.00
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	Homemade Power Supply 30V/ 30 Amps	\$5.00
	Mitutoyo Calipers	\$25.00

Test Points

10-Jul-2008
 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



26-Jul-2008
 Sponsor: W5YI-VEC -- WHITLEY COUNTY ARC
 Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
 Contact: ROGER L MC ENTARFER
 (260)503-9008
 Email: N9QCL@ARRL.NET
 VEC: W5YI VEC
 Location: PEABODY LIBRARY
 1160 E STATE ROAD 205
 COLUMBIA CITY, IN 46725

27-Sep-2008
 Sponsor: UNSPONSORED
 Time: 2:00 PM (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

09-Oct-2008
 Sponsor: GOSHEN ARC
 Time: 7:00 PM (Walk-ins allowed)
 Contact: PAUL F COREY
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 Email: K9MV@ARRL.NET
 VEC: ARRL/VEC
 Location: WWW.GOSHENARC.ORG/VE_TESTING.HTML
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25-Oct-2008
 Sponsor: W5YI-VEC -- WHITLEY COUNTY ARC
 Time: 9:00 AM (Walk-ins allowed)
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For Sale & Wanted

Estate sale of Carl Rittenhouse, N9NRO
 Saturday, July 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
 4661 Trier Rd.
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 See article on front page and partial listing on pg. 8.



For Sale:

- 60' Rohn 25g tower already taken down for sale with all accessories
- 6M5X 6 meter 5 element yagi
- 2M5WL--2 meter 5 wavelengths yagi
- 222 5WL 222 MHz 5 wavelengths yagi
- 432 9WL 432 MHz 9 wavelengths yagi

All prices will be given once you contact me.
 indianaham at gmail.com
 Eric KT8O
 Garrett, IN

Wanted: 20 meter beam in good condition
 Contact Rob Railsback, rails_2 (at) yahoo.com

Joel Esslinger, KB9OZE, has a friend with the following ham gear for sale:

- Kenwood TS-520
 - Kenwood Remomte VFO 520
 - Johnson Viking Mathc Box
 - Drake 2-nt xmitter
 - RL Drake 2-B communications receiver
 - Johnson Viking II
 - Tempo One SSB Xmitter
 - Heathkit Receiver HR-108
 - Heathkit CW Xmitter HW16
- (All of this is to be sold as a block for \$250. (condition unknown)
 JEESLINGER (at) INDIANATECH.EDU

2008 Foxhunt Schedule

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
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/
27 Jul 2008	Randolph, OH	330-274-8240	http://www.portagearc.org
3 Aug 2008	Bolingbrook, IL	630-739-3740	http://www.k9bar.org
9 Aug 2008	Hale, MI	989-735-3186	http://W8ICC.com
9 Aug 2008	Lima, OH	419-227-6573	http://www.nwoarc.info/hamfest.shtml
17 Aug 2008	Lafayette, IN	765-446-7747	http://w9reg.org/hamfest/index.htm

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



The Foxhunt Chronicles June 2008

The fifth FWRC foxhunt for 2008 was held on the 9th of June and occurred on a warm Monday evening shortly after a violent thunderstorm blew through the Fort Wayne area. (It rained and blew so hard that the Wizards vs. Dayton Dragons game was cancelled, and your Foxhunt Chronicles editor noted a bull frog wearing a May West, and with an aqualung slung on it's shoulder, holding a sign that read "The end is near").

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 and Renee Thomas, WB9YBI & KC9KTG. Woody Woodbury, KC9CGN formed the 2nd team. The 3rd team consisted of Jim Pliett, K9OMA, and Carole & Al Burke, WB9RUS & WB9SSE. Jim & Kim Machamer, KB9's DOT and DOS, and Clint Stedje, KB9LOF served as the ever evasive fox.

The fox crew were ensconced inside the Coffee Café coffee house in Georgetown North. They took refuge there from the monsoon rains that racked the area just prior to the foxhunt

Year to date team member Foxhunt points through June are as follows:

HUNTER:	K9OMA	KA9YYI	WB9SSE	WB9RUS	W9SAN	KC9CGN	WB9YBI	KC9KTG	KB9DOS	KB9DOT	KB9LOF
POINTS:	11.5	6.5	11.5	11.5	3.5	8.0	9.0	9.0	4.5	4.5	1.5

start time. They started out at high power from their Jeep and then switched to low power HT's and a variety of antennas and locations inside and outside the Café as the hunt progressed. The change in antennas and locations in and around the Café were the result of trying to resolve the problems the hunters were having hearing the fox's signal after it switched to low power. It also caused some profoundly weird DF readings enroute and later when the foxhunters were afoot.

First on the scene were Carl & Renee Thomas and Woody Woodbury. However, as luck would have it, first to find the fox were the team of Jim Pliett and Al & Carole Burke. They were followed by Carl & Renee Thomas. Woody Woodbury suffered a damaged antenna and ultimately gave up trying to localize the fox on this hunt.

The hunters and the Fox team remained at the Coffee Café for a well deserved session of very tasty coffees, slushies and milk shakes.

Jim Pliett & Carole & Al Burke will serve as the Fox for the July hunt which is scheduled for the first Monday in July, i.e., July 7 starting at 6:30 p.m. from the Off-track Betting Parlor parking lot. Mark it on your calendar and join in on the fun (and dessert afterwards).

more FWRC Field Day photos



Membership Application for ACARTS - and/or - FWRC

Name: _____ Call sign: _____ License class: _____

Street address: _____ City: _____

State: _____ ZIP: _____-4 Phone #: (_____) _____-_____ Unlisted? Yes

Email address: _____ ARRL Member? Yes

(ARRL membership helps your club maintain affiliation.)

May we list your name, call & email address in our membership roster and on our club web site? Yes No

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

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- 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:

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PO Box 10342
Fort Wayne, IN 46851

Fort Wayne Radio Club.
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ACARTS Voice Repeaters

- 146.880 (-) General use / Skywarn priority
- 147.255 (+) General use / Autopatch priority*
- 443.800 (+) General use

(All repeaters have autopatch, but 88 has only speed dial emergency #'s.)

ACARTS Digital Repeaters (digipeaters)

- 144.390 (s) APRS - wide

Fort Wayne Radio Club Repeaters

- Voice: 146.76 (-) General use
- 146.94 (-) General use with autopatch
- 146.91 (-) EchoLink connection repeater
Node number 16636
- 444.875 (+) General use
- ATV: 439.25 In, 910.250 Out, 144.340 Audio & control

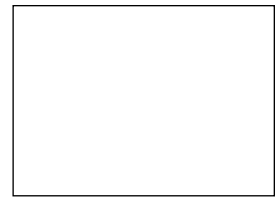
Area Traffic Nets

- (please submit any changes or corrections to the editor)
- IMO:** meets nightly at 6:30 p.m. on 146.88-
 - Tri State Two Meter Net:** meets daily at 7 p.m. on 147.015+
 - 21 Repeater Group:** meets each Wednesday at 9 p.m. on 147.150
 - Help and Swap Net:** Mondays at 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

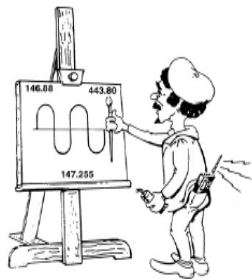
Miscellaneous Nets

- 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

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Date	Time	Event	Place
7/7/08	6:30 PM	foxhunt off track betting parking lot, Washington Ctr. & Lima Rds. No ACARTS board or general meetings in July	
7/8/08	7:00 PM	FWRC Board Meeting	GSUMC
7/18/08	7:00 PM	FWRC Meeting	GSUMC
7/23/08	7:00 PM	Allen Co. ARES meeting	downtown AC Public Library, room C
8/1/08	--->	deadline for Aug. ACHN items	
8/4/08	6:30 PM	foxhunt off track betting parking lot, Washington Ctr. & Lima Rds.	
8/5/08	7:00 PM	FWRC Board Meeting	GSUMC
8/12/08	7:30 PM	ACARTS Board Meeting	Salvation Army Center
8/15/08	6:00 PM	FWRC Tailgate Hamfest	GSUMC parking lot
8/23/08	1:00 PM	ACARTS Picnic	QTH of KB9IH
9/5/08	--->	deadline for Sep. ACHN items	
9/8/08	6:30 PM	foxhunt off track betting parking lot, Washington Ctr. & Lima Rds.	
9/9/08	7:00 PM	FWRC Board Meeting	GSUMC
9/9/08	7:30 PM	ACARTS Board Meeting	Salvation Army Center
9/16/08	7:30 PM	ACARTS General Meeting	Salvation Army Center
9/19/08	7:00 PM	FWRC Meeting	GSUMC